



Centre for People's Justice Annual Report

1st May 2025 - 30th April 2026

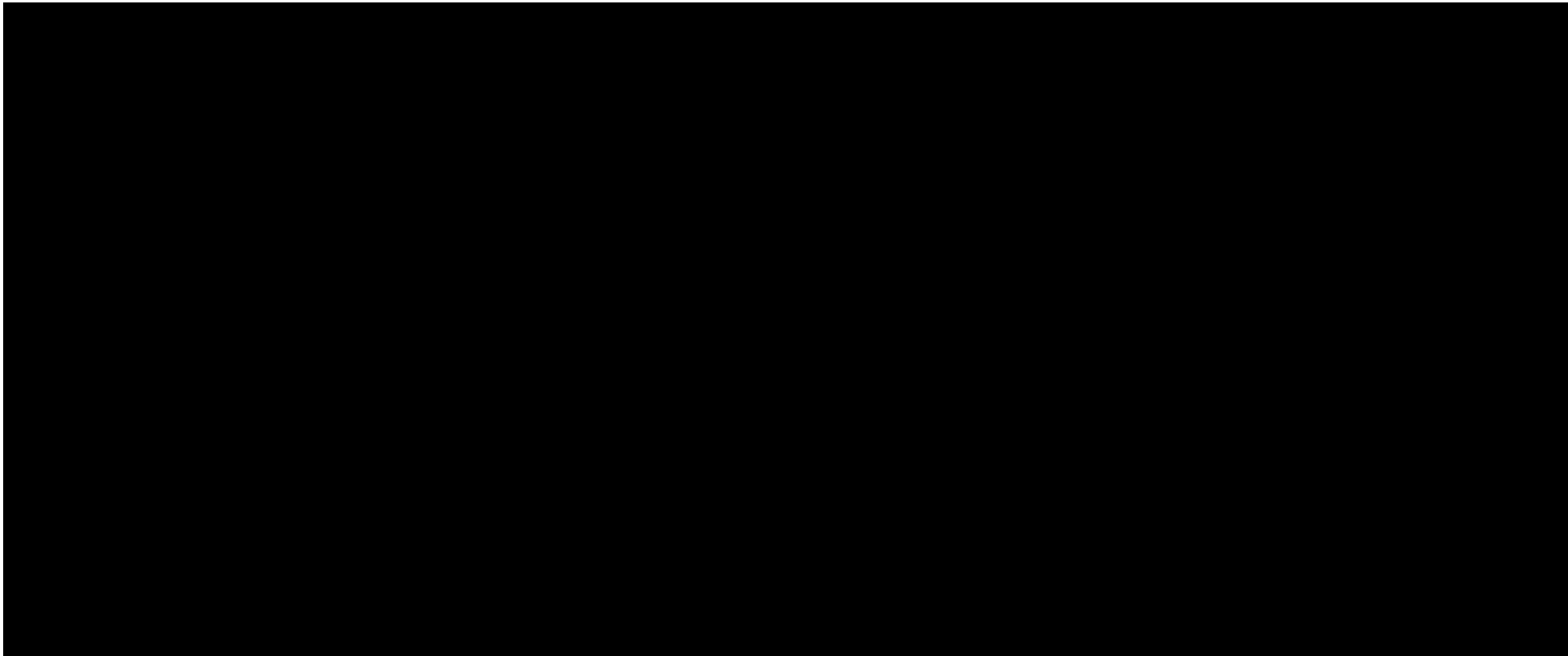
At a glance



Benefits and impacts – Tracker

Please briefly indicate which of the following benefits you've made progress against this year and whether the progress made was in line with your plan.

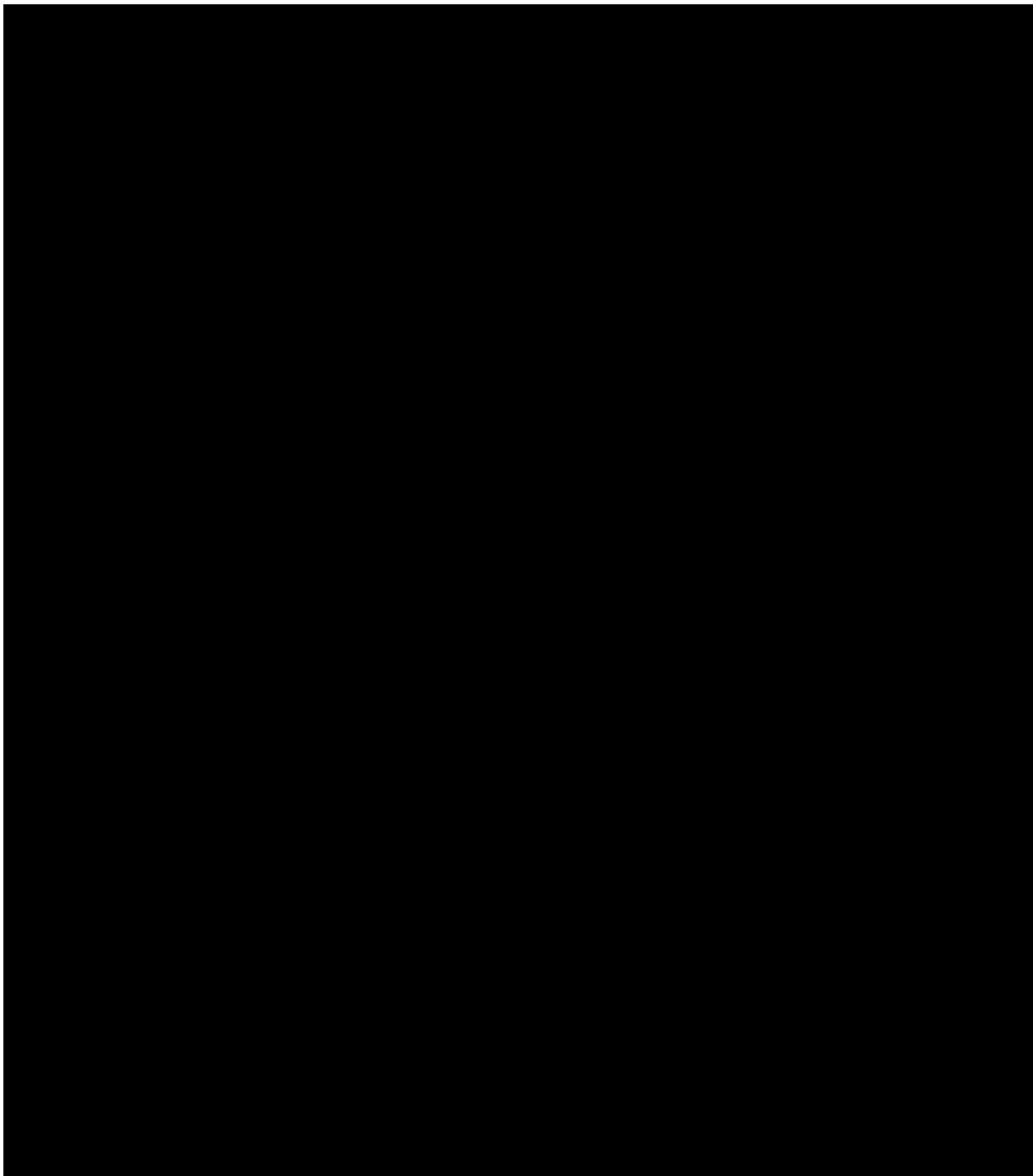
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Cross-cutting benefits				Centre has exceeded expected progress to realising this benefit through further opportunities created through Nuclear Justice [REDACTED] projects.

**Centre for People's Justice (CPJ)
Project Board Meeting**

**Thursday 22nd June 2026
10:00 – 11:30**

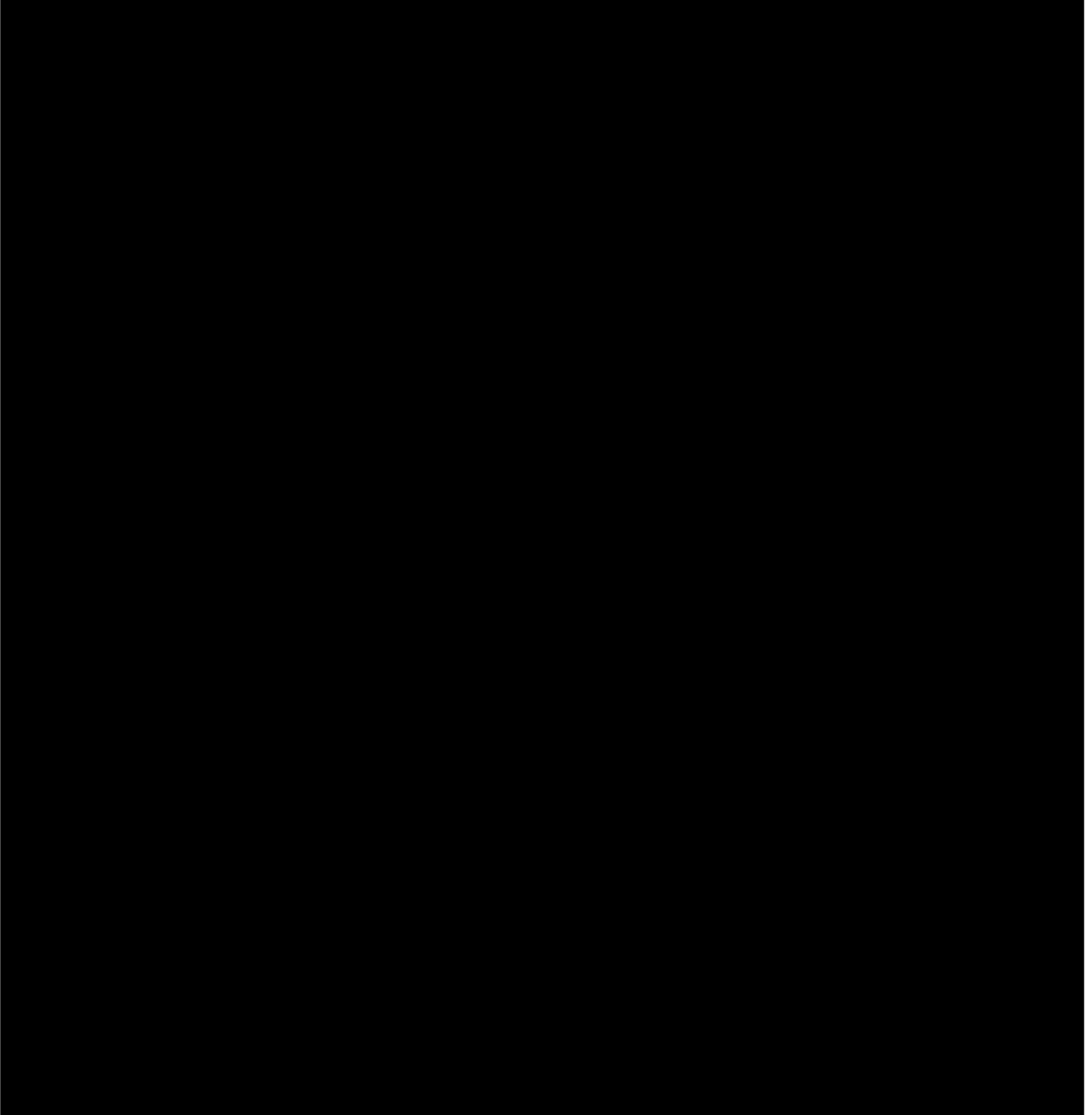


1.2. Minutes and Actions from Previous Meeting (Paper 1)

- Minutes were agreed and taken as read.
- Previous meeting actions were addressed:
 - Conversations are ongoing [REDACTED] regarding Nuclear Justice co-funding.
 - [REDACTED] to follow up with [REDACTED] regarding sending [REDACTED] a list of areas/themes within the criminal justice thematic research.
 - All other actions resulting from the last meeting were discussed and considered complete.

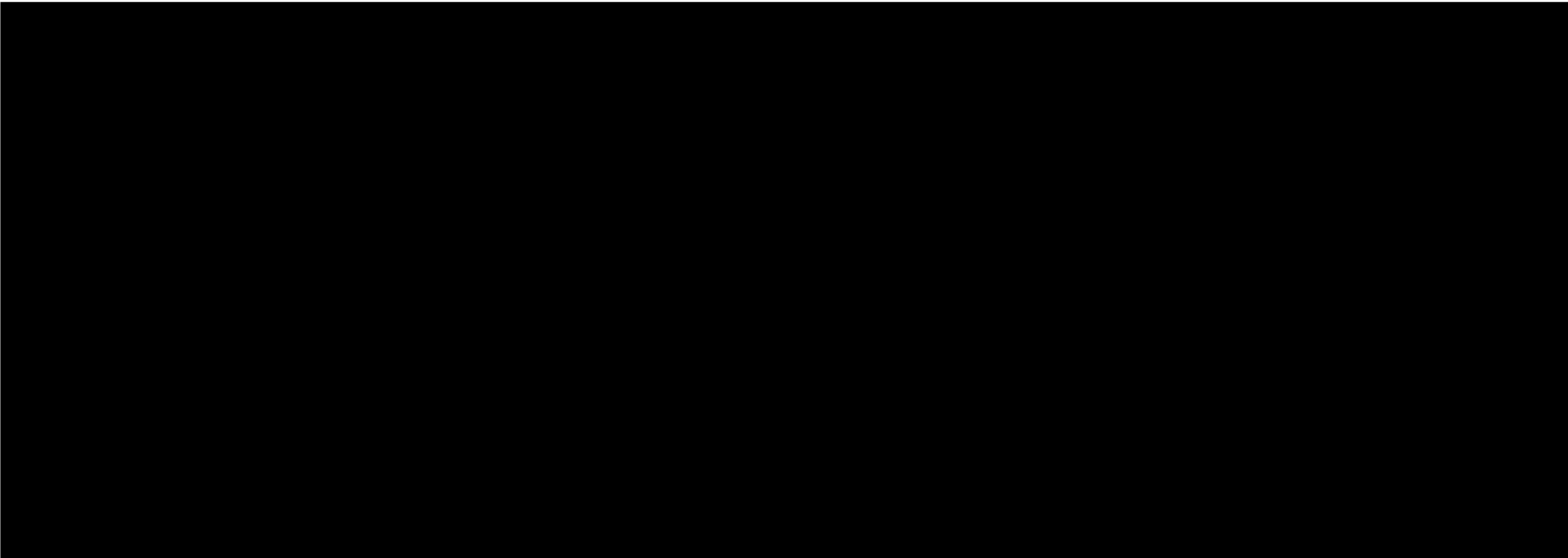
2. Items for Discussion

2.1. Update from the Centre including progress and upcoming milestones

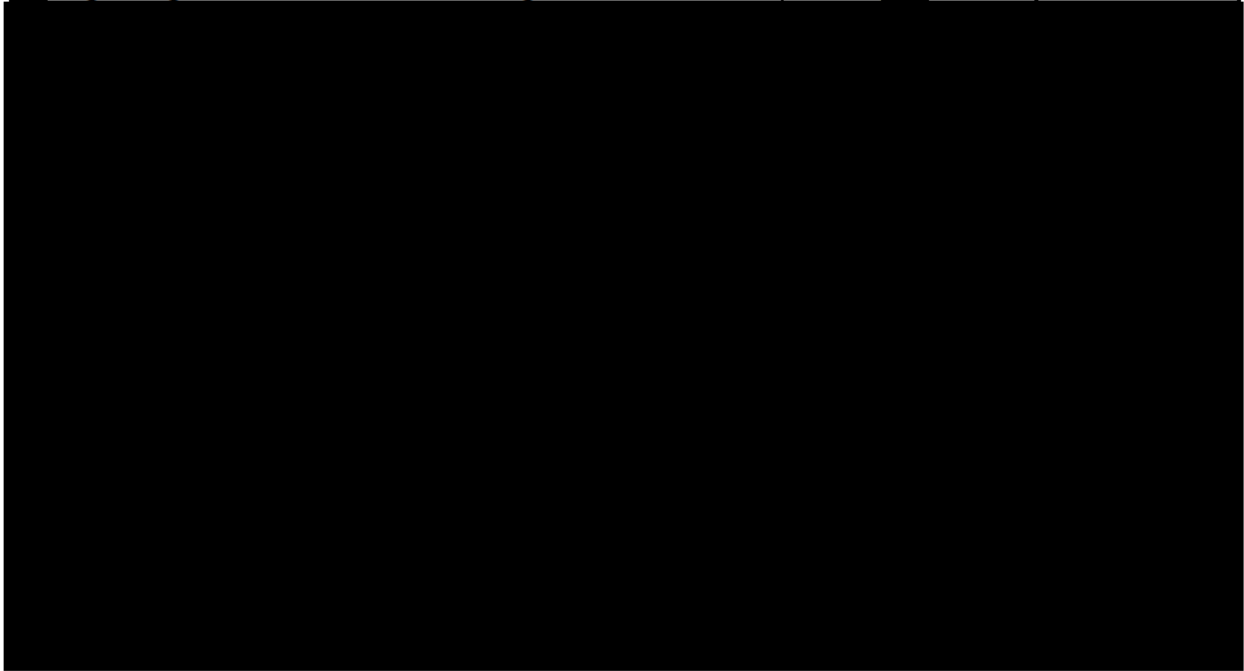
- Update of the outcome of the centre's funding round.
 - One project was funded through the first round. It brings together six organisations and will focus on access to dental care. It will develop a 'People's White Paper' as part of an innovative methodology to improve both public understanding of legislative language and the creative tools used by Parliamentarians. The project is currently being supported by the Centre to develop its ethics approval.
 - Two further projects were unfunded at this point: one around physical punishment of children and one around the impacts of temporary accommodation. The Centre will be supporting these to further develop and possibly resubmit, including by running events to bring in additional perspectives to shape their research agendas.
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2.7. Changes to Finance.

- Question raised about whether only funding one project impacted planned expenditure. Centre assured no significant impact.
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Actions resulting from meeting	Assigned	Status
Conversations are continuing between the Centre and [REDACTED] regarding Nuclear Justice co-funding	Centre ([REDACTED]) → AHRC ([REDACTED])	Ongoing



**Centre for People's Justice (CPJ)
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**Thursday 23rd April 2026
13:30 – 15:00**

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Previous Meeting's Actions

Actions resulting from meeting	Assigned	Status
Provide summary proposal and timelines for Nuclear Justice co funding discussion	Centre (██████████) → AHRC (██████████) / ██████████	Open
Confirm ESRC attendance at funders workshop	ESRC (██████████) / ██████████	Open

2. Minutes and actions from previous meeting.

2.1. Minutes were agreed. [REDACTED] noted there will be subsequent changes, which will be shared during today's update from the centre.

2.2. Previous meeting actions were addressed:

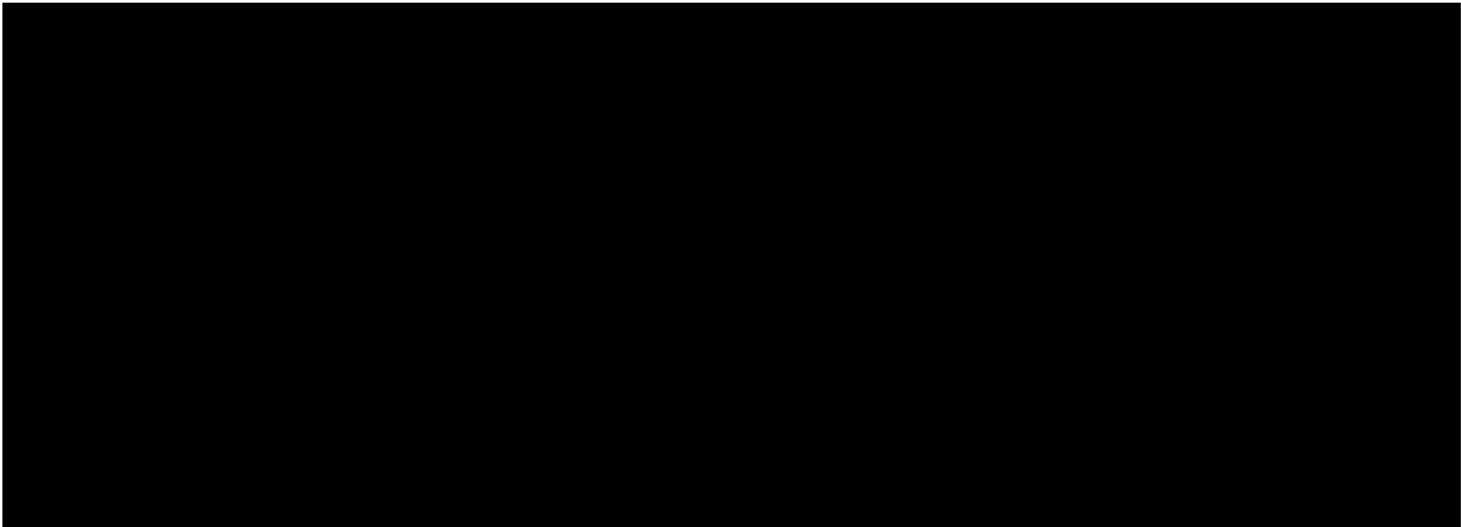
- Conversations are continuing between the Centre and [REDACTED] regarding Nuclear Justice co-funding.
- ESRC attendance at funders workshop confirmed as [REDACTED] ESRC – [REDACTED]

9. Changes to Finance.

9.1. The centre confirmed that studentship timelines have been resolved. Resource implications for the exhibition have been resolved due to its September end date.

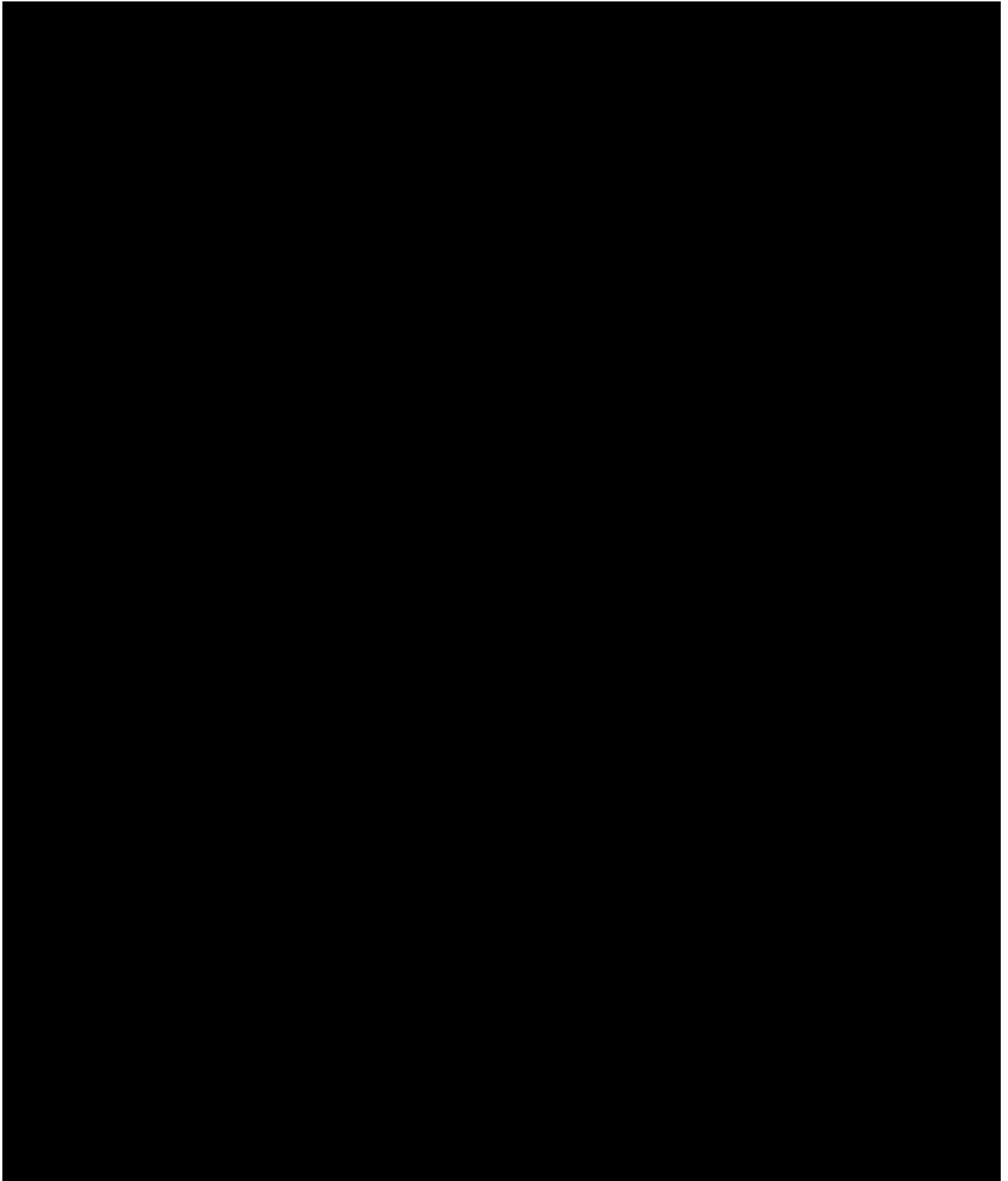
9.2. A brief discussion was had regarding benefits and outcomes,

ACTION: [redacted] to arrange a meeting with the centre to further discuss benefits and impact measures.



Actions resulting from meeting	Assigned	Status
[redacted]		
[redacted] to arrange a meeting with the centre to further discuss benefits and impact measures.	AHRC [redacted] → Centre	
[redacted]		

CPJ Project Board Meeting
13th February 2026
5 March 2026
10:00am–12:00midday



2. Items for discussion

2.1 Centre Update – Research Projects and Pilots

- **Merlin Files & Nuclear Justice**

A significant bid has been submitted to the Office for Veterans' Affairs (OVA), with potential co-funding opportunities being explored. AHRC invited the Centre to share a summary proposal and timelines. This is following close collaboration with veterans, campaign groups, students, oral historians, and the University's digital innovation hub.

ACTION: [REDACTED] to provide summary proposal and timelines for Nuclear Justice co-funding discussion.

2.5 and 2.6 Risks and Finance

No new major risks were raised.

The Centre noted:

- Ongoing finance dialogue with AHRC has been extremely helpful.
- Clarification regarding PhD studentship timelines will support planning.
- Touring exhibition planning, though highly beneficial, have resource implications beyond initial expectations.

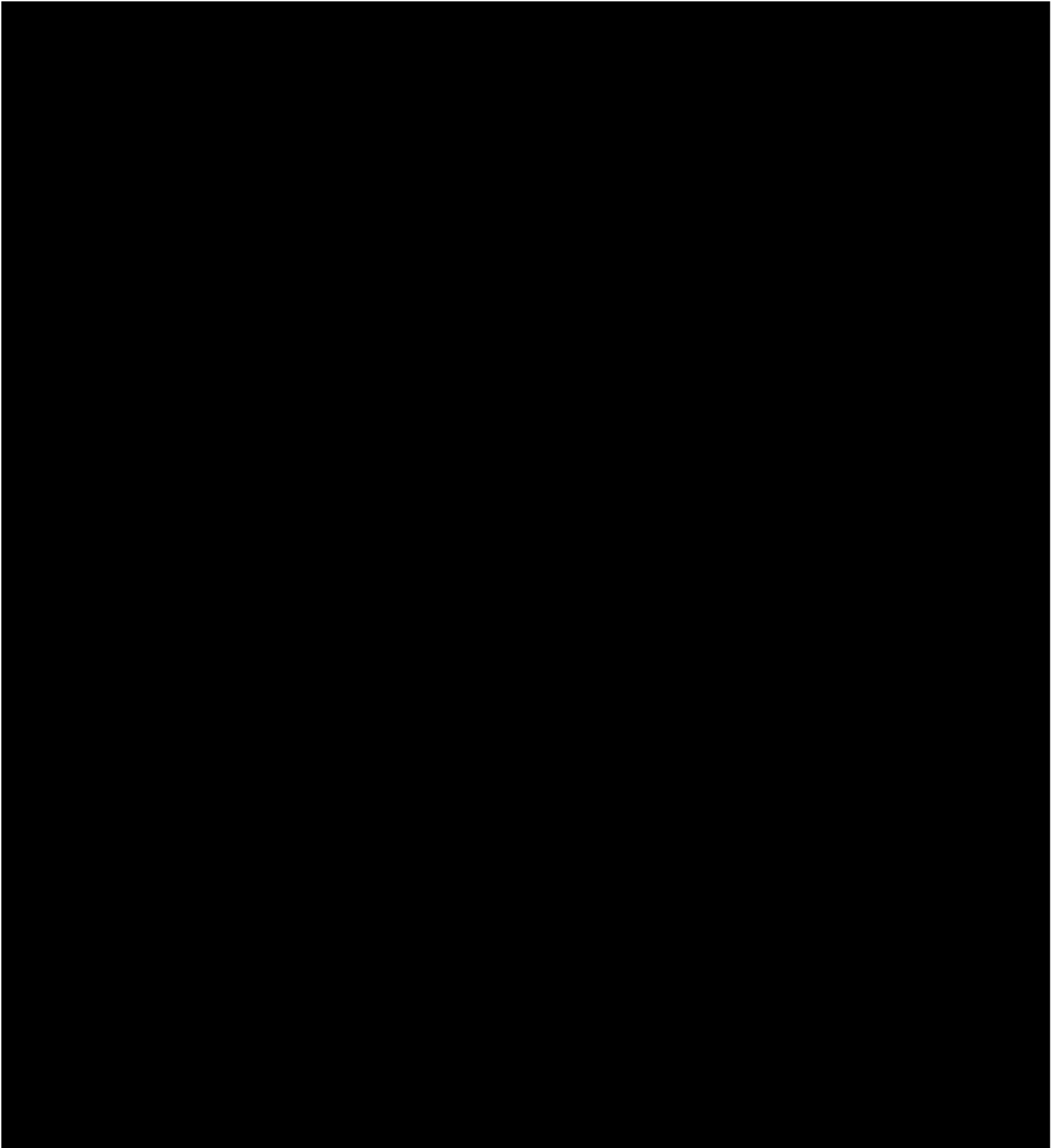
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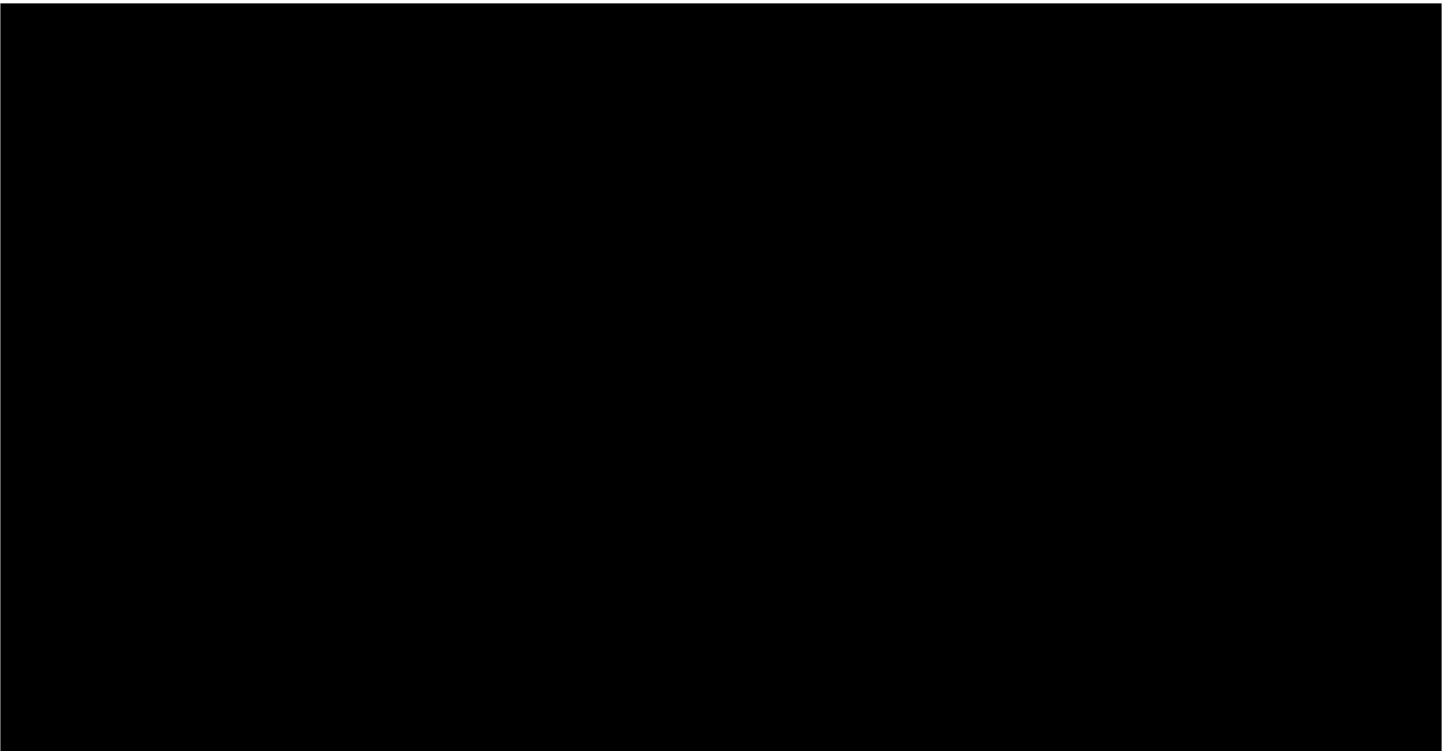
Action	Responsible	Status
Provide summary proposal and timelines for Nuclear Justice co funding discussion	Centre () → AHRC ()	Open
Confirm ESRC attendance at funders workshop	ESRC ()	Open

Centre for People's Justice Project Board

Tuesday 9th December 2025

15.00-17.00





3. Update from the Centre (including time to discuss funding opportunity process)

3.1. ■■■ presented slides that were shared with the board prior to the meeting. It included the mission, strategy and core values and re-emphasised importance of creative, multi-sectoral, co-designed and co-delivered approach the Centre is taking.

3.2. The work of the centre spans three interconnected categories of training, education and research, which inform each other and are very practice based.

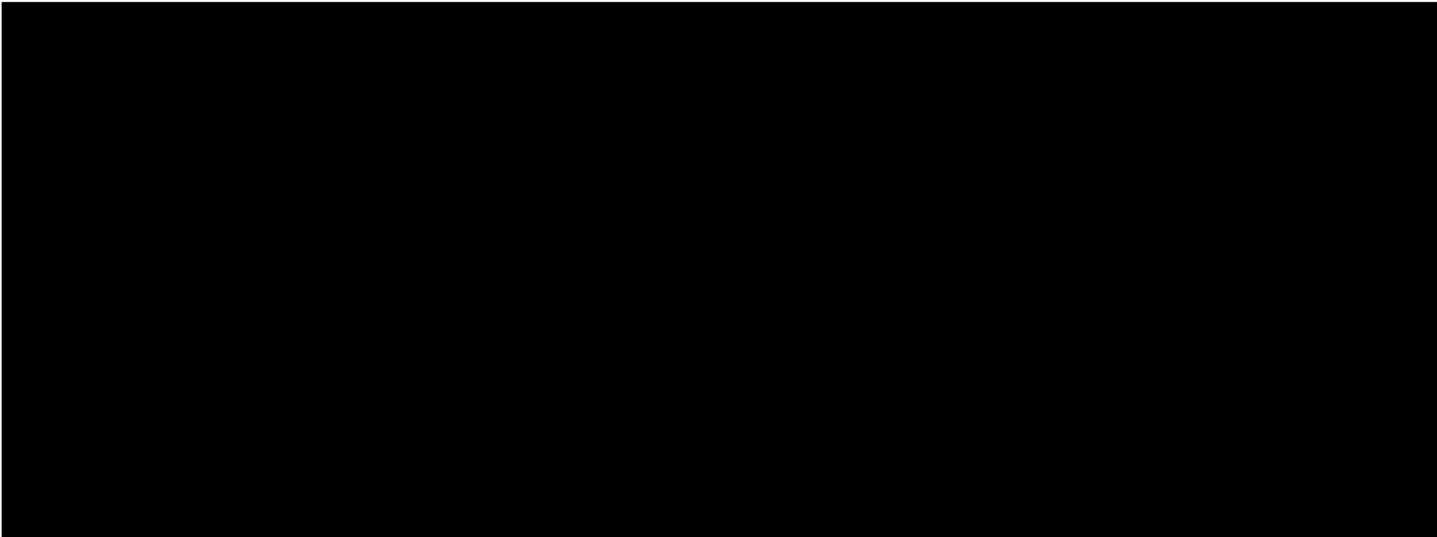
3.3. Centre has continued to develop and test its methodology through the pilot projects and People's Justice Network

3.4. Progress has been made across all pilot projects (Hillsborough Law, Nuclear Justice, Brown Envelope) with each at different stage of development.

3.5. Work on racial justice toolkit has continued.

3.6. Research areas for first funding opportunity were confirmed as temporary accommodation, dental health and physical punishment of children.

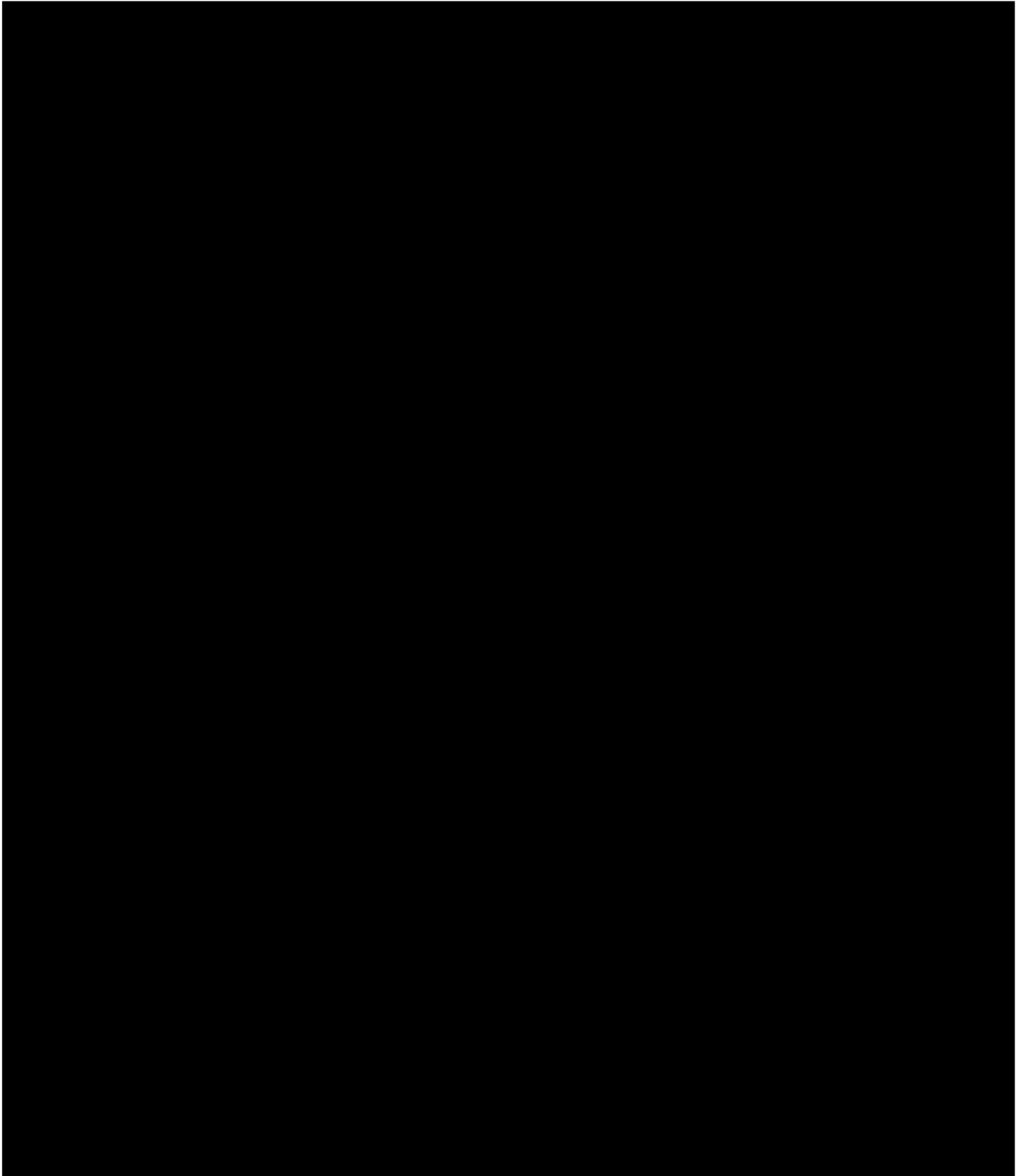
3.7. ■■■ shared the timeline for the development of the People's Justice Network projects that the centre will support, please refer to the shared slides.



Centre for Peoples' Justice – Project Board Meeting Minutes

13/11/26 10:00 – 11:30AM

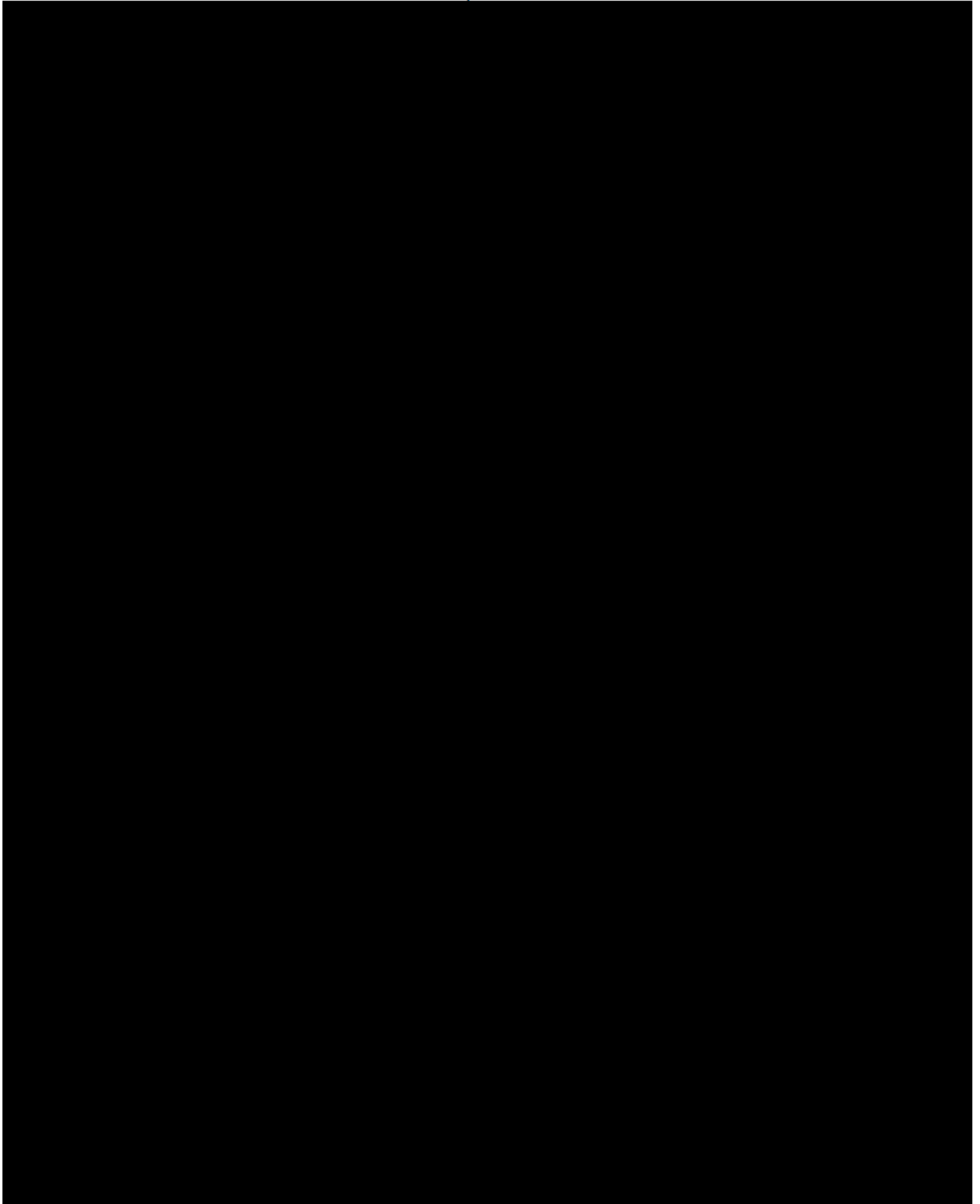
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Project Board Agenda

Date: 16th October 2025 10am-12midday

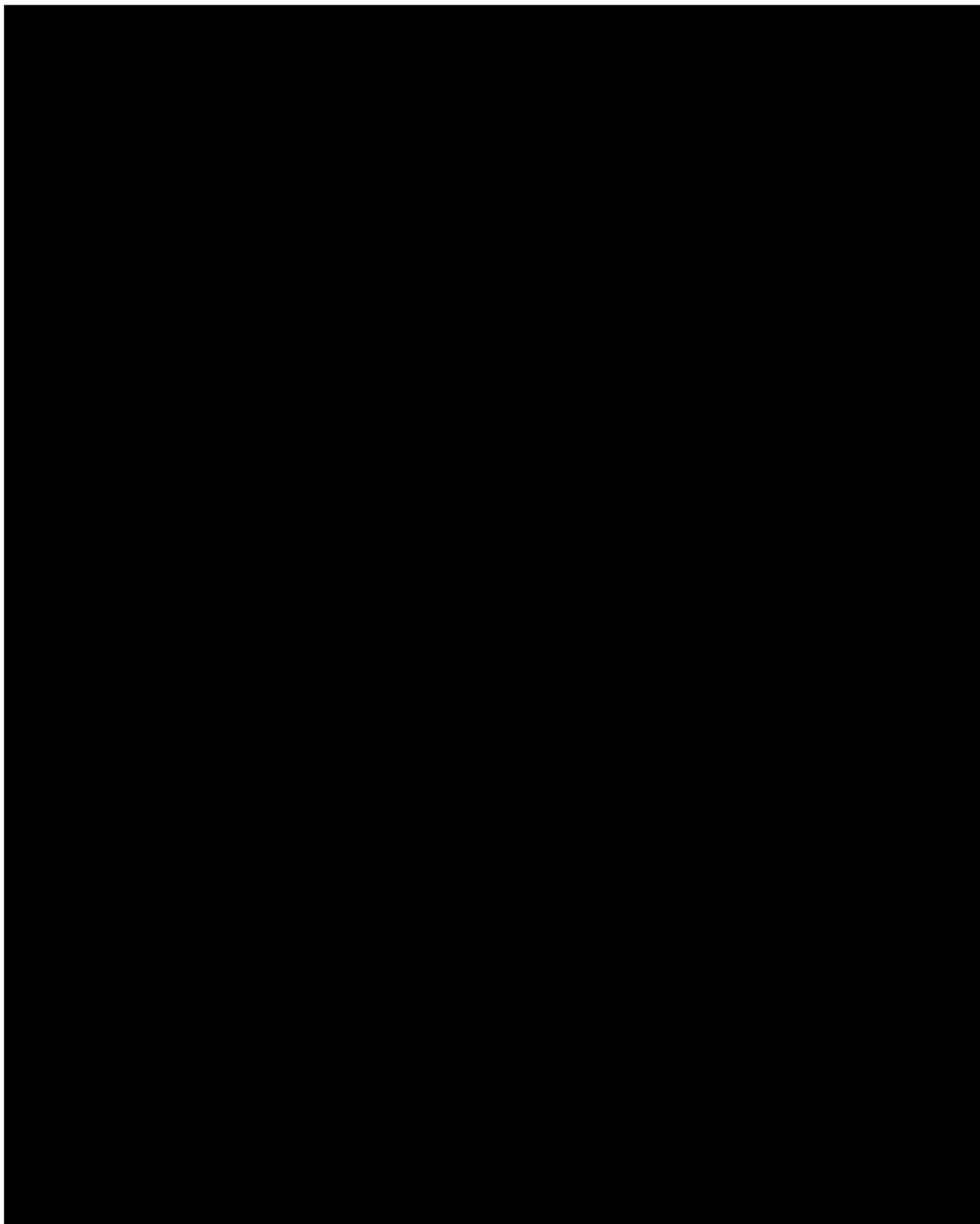


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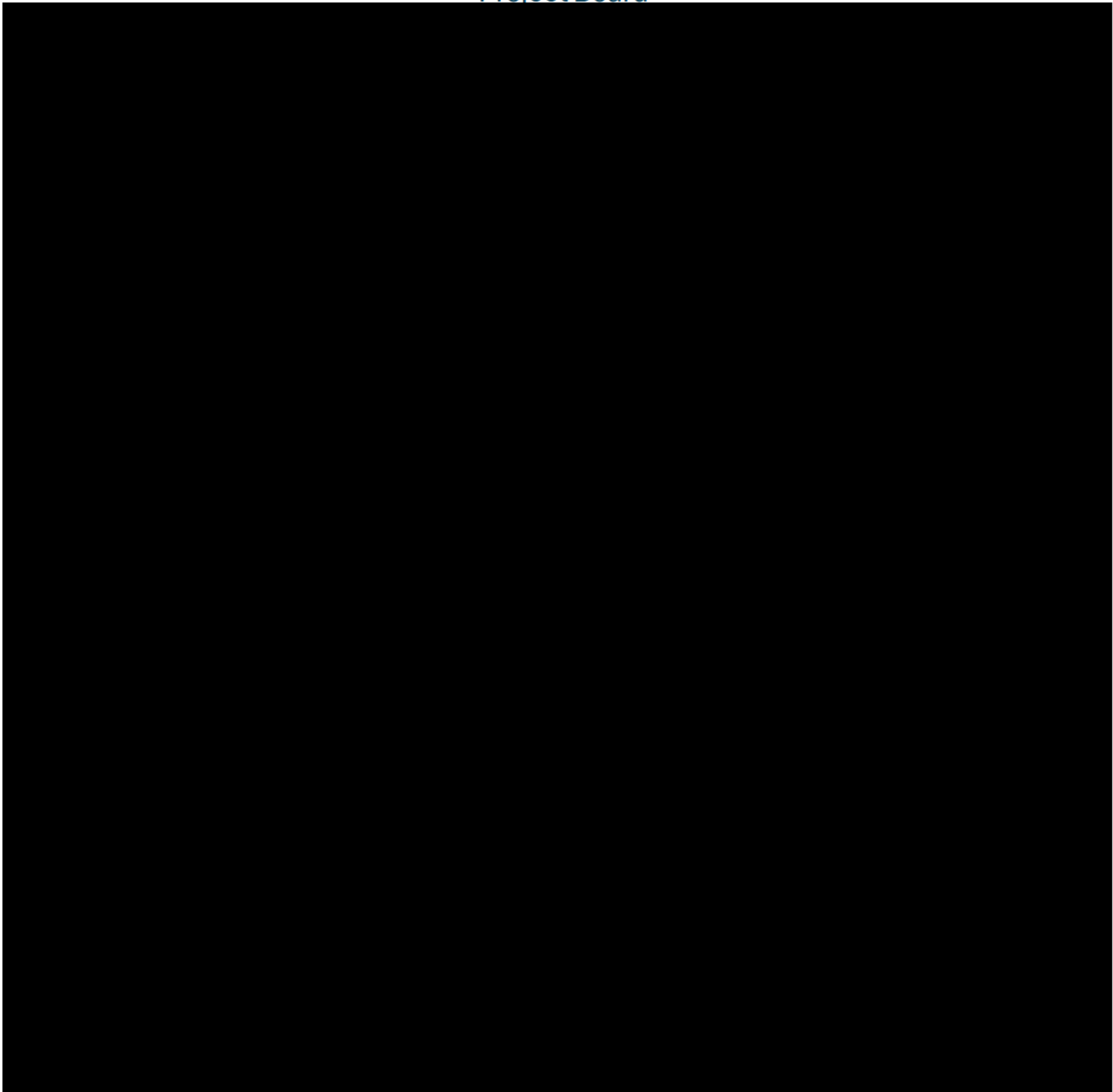
Date: 25th September 2025 2-4pm

Location: Teams



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iii. Nuclear Justice (Legal Legacies)

This focusses on British nuclear test veterans from the 1950s, many of whom are still seeking answers about radiation exposure and its long-term health and hereditary impacts. The Centre will apply methods developed during the Hillsborough inquests to catalogue and make the 28,000+ files from the MERLIN database accessible for legal, historical, and educational use. It will create a public archive for veterans, families, and researchers, organise evidence which could be used for legal proceedings, educate the public on nuclear justice, and scope out a larger research bid currently looking at the Wellcome Trust as a potential funder. The Centre has already applied for

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funding within the university to support this process. To support Centre's focus on interdisciplinarity they will work with students from other disciplines and have already recruited history and politics students to help.

d. First funding opportunity

First research call will launch in November. Centre is working with Community Steering Groups and partners to shape it. Once it launches Centre will mentor applicants to co-produce applications up until March 2026. Call will focus on piloting and refining the methodology and ideas will be developed from the bottom up. Members of the People's Justice Network will be encouraged to work with partners to consider how they might apply the methodology to the challenges identified. Examples of challenges that have emerged from the CSGs and partners include:

- Access to dental services
- Violence against women and girls
- Smacking Ban
- Temporary accommodation and Migrant Families
- Temporary accommodation and access to education

Group agreed that it's important to track how projects develop into and beyond the funding provided by the Centre.

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8. Risks and Finance

Items on risk and finance were combined. No changes to risks were noted and no issues with finance were highlighted.

ACTION: [REDACTED] recirculate the risk register

ACTION: [REDACTED] change agenda items to 'Changes to risks' and 'Changes to finance'

