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31 August 2023

Dear [REDACTED],

Freedom of Information request: FOI2023/00623

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 17 August in which you requested the following:

Your request:

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information, if you would be so kind as to share it with me:

- 1) *What do you consider to be 'effective arts leadership' from those working at your organisation?*
- 2) *What influence do you believe strong artistic leaders /role models and/or role model-led community projects will be having upon members of the public? Why is this important?*

Our response:

We do not consider your queries to fall within the scope of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), given that the wording used implies that you are asking for commentary and opinion to answer the questions you have raised, rather than seeking specific information that is held.

We can, however, confirm that UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) and the Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC) do not hold a written definition of the specific term 'effective arts leadership'.

Under Section 16 of the FOIA, the duty to provide advice and assistance, we would recommend that you direct your questions to the AHRC enquiries inbox, enquiries@ahrc.ukri.org.

We do not believe that it is appropriate to answer general questions or requests for comment via a public forum that is set up for Freedom of Information requests. This is in line with [whatdotheyknow.com](https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/help/requesting#focused)'s own guidance, available [here](#)¹.

If you have any queries regarding our response or you are unhappy with the outcome of your request and wish to seek an internal review of the decision, please contact within the next 40 working days:

Head of Information Governance

Email: foi@ukri.org

Please quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are still not content with the outcome of the internal review, you may apply to refer the matter to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the review procedure provided by UKRI. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: www.ico.org.uk.

¹ <https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/help/requesting#focused>

If you wish to raise a complaint regarding the service you have received or the conduct of any UKRI staff in relation to your request, please see UKRI's complaints policy: <https://www.ukri.org/about-us/policies-and-standards/complaints-policy/>

Yours sincerely,


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