

Enact Pathfinders Early Adopters Programme Expression of Interest (EOI)

The Enact Pathfinders Programme forms part of our co-design approach to establishing Enact - giving practice researchers and your teams the opportunity to share your knowledge of creative practice research and proactively contribute to the development of Enact.

This will include:

- Bringing knowledge and/or experience of creating, collecting and/or sharing creative practice research.
- Bringing academic practice researchers and experts who work with practice researchers to help share their research process/outputs/data - which could include (but is not limited to) repositories, research data, curation, metadata, licensing, intellectual property, copyright, research management, impact.
- Getting early access to the Enact Repository, providing feedback to inform its development.
- Contributing to the creation of Enact documentation.
- Contributing to other parts of the programme such as the development of a skills and training programme.

There are three types of Pathfinder: Pilot, Early Adopter, and Challenger.

Up to 5 Early Adopter Pathfinders will make a major contribution to Enact between May-August 2026 involving a commitment from members of your team to actively contribute to a number of sessions during this time.

This will give you the opportunity to:

- Bring a research project that has significant amounts of extant materials which include shareable assets.
- Provide access to at least some of those who contributed to the research project (academic and associated experts).
- Contribute to the review of the PR Voices metadata schema that underpins the Enact Repository.
- Contribute to the initial build of the Enact: Core Repository.
- Input into plans for skills development and training.

You and your team will have the opportunity to continue to contribute as mutually agreed on an ongoing basis for the remainder of the project after this time.

The Enact Early Adopters EOI call will close on Friday 17 April at midnight British Summer Time.

The information below will help you to understand what you and your team are committing to by expressing your interest in becoming an Enact Pathfinder Early Adopter.

1. Please provide the name, job title and email address of each individual who would be participating as part of your team and indicate who is the main contact person. Please note that at a minimum there needs to be a mix of academic practice researcher and domain experts (e.g. repository, research data) to be eligible for consideration as an Early Adopter Pathfinder.

Please also confirm who would be the primary and secondary contact for this team. *

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2. Please list the organisations and/or institutions (their type e.g. higher education institution, independent research organisation, community organisation) and their geographic location (including town/city and country) who would be represented in this pathfinder project. *

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3. Please confirm that you have a project that has significant amounts of extant material that can be used to participate in the Early Adopter Programme. The project should include shareable assets, and there should be access to at least some of those who contributed to the project. For an idea of what types of material could be included please see the [Enact Blog Pathfinders page](#). *

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4. Please indicate the subject and/or discipline/s within which your project is based. *

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5. Please confirm that there has been at least some AHRC funding associated with the project at some point and include a link to the grant ID and/or project information. *

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6. Please confirm that two members of your team (one practice researcher and one repository/metadata/research data) can join each of the following online sessions *

Schema introduction and review session - (one afternoon 15.00-18.00 on either 6 May or May 2026) (hybrid)

Yes

Schema implementation online discovery session 18 and 19 May 15.30-17.30 (online)

Yes

User Experience online discovery session (June-July 2026) (online)

Yes

Directed User Acceptance testing (June-July) - flexible sessions (online)

Yes

7. We will be hosting two Enact in person events - a soft launch on 20 May in the afternoon and one in November for a sector-wide launch. This is to check availability - we will be able to fund travel costs for two people per pathfinder team - however we welcome others if available.

Enact Soft Launch - University of Westminster 20th May - 13.00-17.00 - London

 Yes Need travel costs covered

Enact Sector Launch - University of Westminster - November - date tbc

 Yes Need travel costs covered

8. The University of Westminster will process personal data about you to inform our selection of Early Adopter Pathfinders. Your personal information including your name and email address will be processed. This processing of your data is carried out with your consent. Information will be deleted within 6 months after the end of the Enact: PR Voices and SPARKLE Project or when it is no longer needed in line with our retention schedule. For further information about personal data processing and details of how to exercise your data protection rights please refer to our full privacy notice which will be found on the [Enact project blog](#).

Please confirm that you have read this notice by checking the box below. *

I confirm that I have read this Privacy notice.

 Yes