

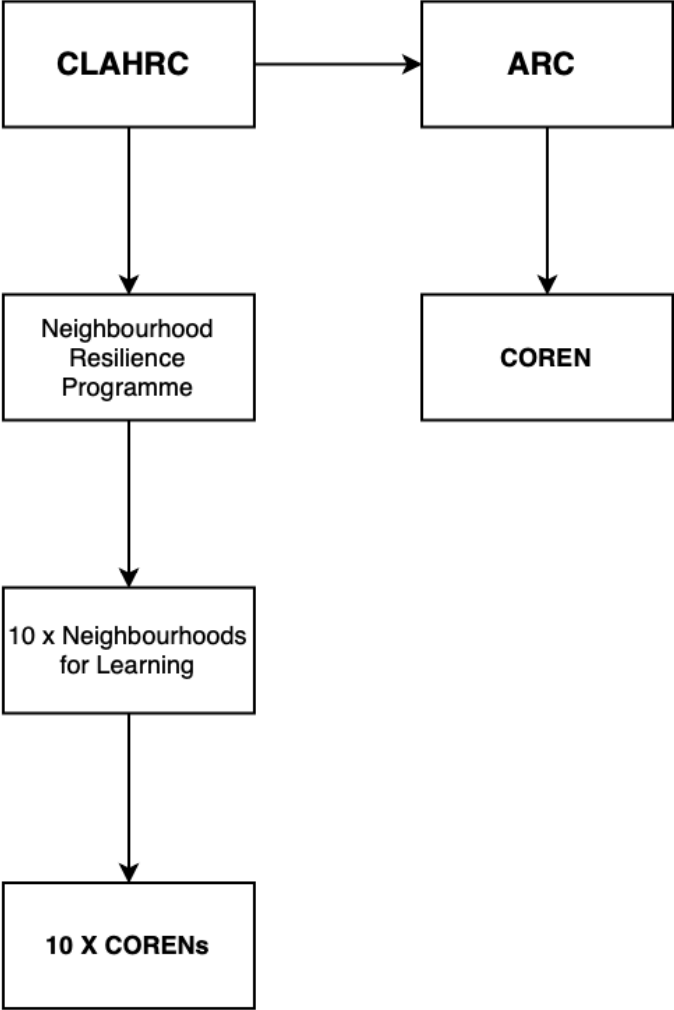


# Community Research and Engagement Network (COREN) – connection communities and researchers

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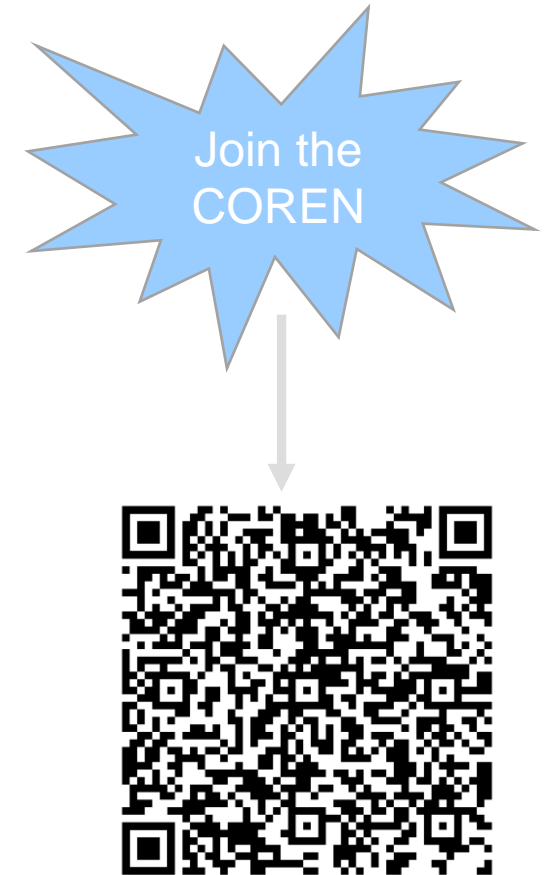
# History of the COREN



# ~~COREN 1.0~~ Hello COREN 2.0

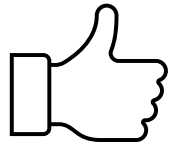
- Obviously it's sad, but good things come to an end.

|       | <del>COREN 1.0</del>                                   | COREN 2.0 (“COREN 1.0 is excellent but so am I”)  |
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| What? | Networks to help elevate community voices in research. | Network to connect researchers/academics/ARC staff with community ‘third sector’ organisations and other key partners |
| Why?  | People know their communities!                         | Organisations know communities and use research!  |

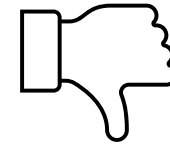


# COREN 2.0

To create a platform for research to be developed and disseminated through working together and sharing our knowledge and expertise



Symbiosis, mutually evolving, mutually beneficial relationship between researchers and community organisations



Researcher “ I need [insert one-sided need here] I’ll go to x organisation they’re a charity after all”



# The co-ordination group



Third sector representatives  
Public advisors  
COREN Manager  
Academic lead



# Work of the COREN

| Ongoing work                                  | Examples/explanation  |
|---|---|
| <b>Sharing information across the network</b> | <p>Opportunities for:<br/>Funding<br/>Involvement in research projects<br/>Contributions to and positions on boards.</p> <p><b>Support from co-ordination group with following these up.</b></p> <p>Opportunities to<br/>Attend events/workshops/seminars, for example on<br/>community insight</p> |
| <b>Encouraging engaged research</b>           | <p>Involving VCFSE organisations in the very early<br/>days of projects<br/>Better more equitable research<br/>More relevant outputs</p>  |

| Forthcoming                      | Examples/explanation  |
|----------------------------------|---|
| <b>Knowledge exchange events</b> | Introduction to the 'third' sector for researchers<br><br>Introduction to some of the work our third sector organisations are involved in and into their insight into communities |

**For the future....**

### **Facilitating 'engaged research'**

Regular meetings – 'take it to the COREN' - community insight/research need, or 'early doors' research ideas from ARC staff

Programme for small pieces of research – e.g. pairing up students with organisations

Research training for 'third sector' organisations

