



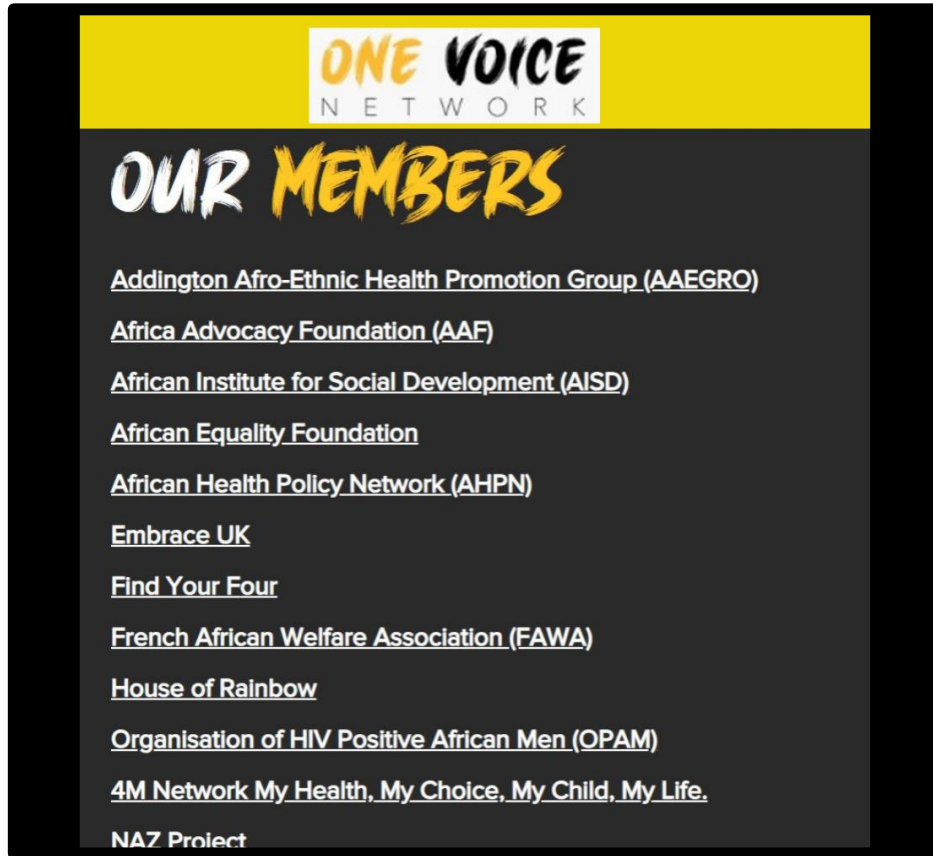
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Black Community Representation in HIV Research, Ethics and Practice

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About us



- OVN is an independent collective of Black-led community organisations and allies, seeking to improve the health and wellbeing of Black communities in the UK who are affected by HIV.
- Aims to drive health equality and improve outcomes for black communities in the UK and particularly those affected by the HIV epidemic.
- Provides clear vision and strategic leadership and a unique platform for Black communities to play a more active role in HIV policy and practice.

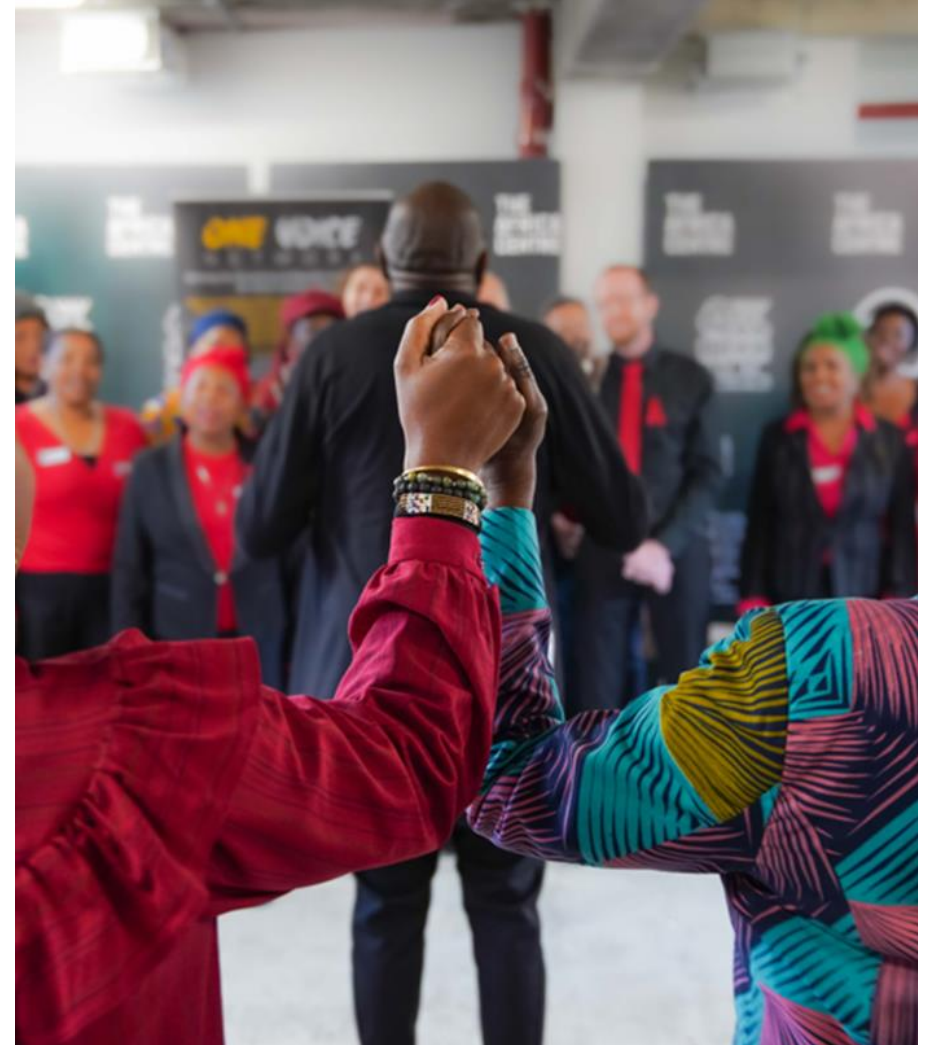
Unheard Voices

- **Unheard Voices is a partnership between One Voice Network and National AIDS Trust.**
- **The project aims to eliminate structural inequalities by empowering Black communities affected by or at risk of HIV to hold decision-makers accountable, influence actions, and actively participate in the decision-making process**
- **We seek a health and support system that provides equitable care for Black communities, ensuring they are not disproportionately affected by HIV or related stigma and discrimination.**



Ensuring Representation: Black Voices in HIV Research

- **Black communities continue to disproportionately experience disparities in HIV and broader health/wellbeing outcomes.**
- **One Voice Network and the National AIDS Trust recognized the need to enhance equity and involvement in research ethics, protocols, and policies for Black community advocates in health programs and services related to HIV.**



OVN Research Panel: Development & Training Overview

Developed 4 research training modules in partnership with Kings College London (KCL) and National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR) with the following objectives:

1. Research Environment

- Identify various stakeholders involved in research delivery (e.g., ethics committees, KCL, NIHR, sponsors).
- Understand and clarify the roles of each stakeholder in the research process.
- Assess and provide guidance on the appropriate pathways for ensuring good governance in studies.

2. Study Documentation

- Understand the document pack and its role in the governance process.
- Critically appraise the documents to identify relevant information for the study.



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3. Research Ethics and Good Clinical Practice (GCP)

- Understand the connection between research ethics and Good Clinical Practice (GCP).
- Learn the fundamentals of GCP.
- Critically appraise study documents in accordance with GCP guidelines.

4. Critical Appraisal

- Learn to approach a manuscript with a critical perspective.
- Develop confidence in evaluating the science and ethics presented in the final manuscript.



Results from OVN Research Panel Training



- **Developed customized research training modules to inform and equip community research advocates with essential skills, boosting their confidence to engage in health and care research for Black communities in the UK.**
- **Established strong partnerships with research organizations to ensure meaningful engagement with UK Black communities, supporting commitments to inclusivity and addressing gaps in community involvement.**
- **Created a pool of trained community research advocates.**
- **Developed Terms of Reference for both the research advocates and research bodies.**
- **The OVN Research Panel participated in the LATCH study on long-acting injectable antiretroviral therapy for people living with HIV and supported the lead researcher at the Ethics Committee meeting.**

Amplifying Black Unheard Voices in Research

- OVN/NAT launched the first tailored Research Training Program for UK Black community experts in research ethics, protocols, and policies.
- These research experts play a vital role in promoting research equity and enhancing involvement within their communities.



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