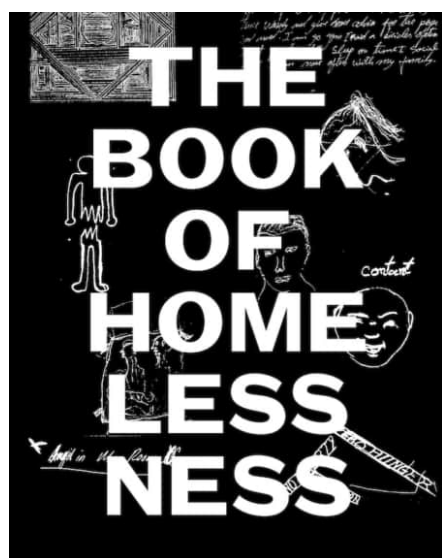


## Project details

Project title	Accumulate
Researcher	<a href="#">Marice Cumber</a>
Start Date	2014
End Date	On-going



Accumulate is a longitudinal social change practice-based research project, comparable in some respects to community action research, that intervenes in situations of homelessness in order to achieve lasting change. The project investigates the benefits for a group of young, homeless people who engage with educational courses delivered by a creative university. Commencing from 2014, in annual cycles, the project has developed both in terms of long-term impact and sustainability, the latter via charity status and the establishment of the Art School for the Homeless.

The research question posed in the project is 'How can the collaboration and involvement of a creative university with the Accumulate creative project and activities positively impact on the homeless and the non - homeless and how can the knowledge and skills gained further improve the homeless participants' lives?'

The project can be explored at [www.accumulate.org.uk](http://www.accumulate.org.uk).

## Funding

- Grants

Simmons and Simmons Law Firm Grant (2019) - £10,000

Nesta Amplified Grant (2019) - £13,000

Morris Charitable Trust Grant (2019) - £3,000

**The Schroder Charity Trust (2019) - £3,300**

**Greenhall Foundation (2019) - £2,000**

**St James Award (2019) - £2,500**

**RSA Catalyst Grant (2018) - £10,000**

**Haringey Council Grant (2018) - £1,260**

**Richard and Siobhan Coward Foundation Grant (2018) - £500**

**George Bairstow Charitable Fund Grant (2018) - £1,020**

**Morris Charitable Trust Grant (2018) - £5,000**

**National Lottery Grant (2017) - £10,000**

**Arts Council Grant (2017) - £8,100**

**Haringey Council Grant (2017) - £1,200**

**Haringey Council Grant (2016) - £1, 200**

**RSA Seed Grant (2015) - £3,500**

**Arts Council Grant (2014) - £4,000**

- **Corporate Funding**

**Burns Owen Partnership Funding (2016, 2018, 2019) - £4,500 in total**

**Nano International Sponsorship of Accumulate Scholarship (2017) - £4,600**

**Brickworks Sponsorship of Accumulate Scholarship (2018) - £4,600**

**Straight Forward Design Sponsorship of Accumulate Scholarship (2018, 2019) - £9,200 in total.**

- **Crowdfunding**

In 2019, Accumulate [succeeded in securing £18,000 via crowdfunding](#). This was to create The Book of Homelessness, graphic novel created by people affected by homelessness.

### **Outputs and outcomes**

### Outputs that communicate Accumulate interventions as a whole

1. [The Book of Homelessness](#)
2. [Video of the presentation given at the Ravensbourne 2020 research conference](#)
3. [2019 Accumulate podcast course](#)
4. [2019 Accumulate - Art School for the Homeless](#)
5. [2017 Accumulate - Using creativity to empower young, homeless people](#)

### Outputs that emphasize the creative activities undertaken by the homeless

1. [2019 Fashion: Somerset House and Levi's](#)
2. [2019 Sculpture: The BBC and Art UK](#)
3. [2020 Accumulate - making of Sound Judgement podcast channel](#)
4. [2019 Accumulate - Fashion Collaboration with Ted Baker](#)

### Outputs that emphasize the creative achievement of participants

1. [2019 Podcast recordings made by Accumulate participants](#)
2. [2016-18 Photographs made by Accumulate participants](#)
3. [2015 Warm Day in Haringey \(made with London Met University\)](#)

### Outputs that emphasize the public communication of participants' achievements

1. [2018 Accumulate Exhibition "Displacement": The Guardian](#)
2. [2016 Accumulate Exhibition "Moving Forward": The Guardian](#)
3. [2014 Accumulate Exhibition at North London YMCA Hostel](#)

### Outputs that emphasize the relevance of the interventions for participants

1. [2018 Participants talking about their work and the impact of Accumulate](#)

### Impact and Recognition

The Accumulate participants have been gaining skills, confidence and well-being through their engagement with the Accumulate workshops and acquiring additional positive learning experiences through Accumulate working collaboration with Ravensbourne, which set it apart from other arts and homelessness projects.

Summary of impact of Accumulate creative workshops can be seen on this [YouTube video](#).

- Awards

2018: Festival of Learning: Highly Commended

**2018: Creative Review: Creative Leader**

**2016: Social Entrepreneur of the Year: Leadership Awards**

**2015: Point of Light Award, Prime Minister's Office**

- **Press coverage**

[The Big Issue \(2020\)](#)

[The Big Issue \(2019\)](#)

[Stylist Magazine \(2019\)](#)

[The National Student \(2019\)](#)

[Verge Magazine \(2019\)](#)

[Accumulate collaboration with BBC and Art UK: BBC website \(2019\)](#)

[BBC London News \(2019\)](#)

[The Evening Standard \(2019\)](#)

[Creative Review \(2018\)](#)

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[Shutterhub \(2018\)](#)

[The Guardian \(2018\)](#)

[The Guardian \(2017\)](#)

[The Guardian \(2017\)](#)

[Wallpaper Magazine \(2017\)](#)

[Creative Boom \(2017\)](#)

[Creative Review \(2017\)](#)

[The Guardian \(2015\)](#)