

We welcome this initiative and feel it is a real step forward in forging a common agenda for mental health scientists

At Wellcome, our vision a world where no one is held back by mental health problems. Achieving this vision requires a radical transformation of mental health research. For too long researchers have worked in silos, disempowered voices have sat on the sidelines, and an absence of standardised measures has hindered our understanding of what works for who, how, and why.

We need clearer joint goals and practices to work together effectively, but they can only succeed if they are embedded within global movement for change in mental health science that allows greater learning across localities and specialisms and draws on more [diverse sources of knowledge](#).

If we are to achieve these shared goals we need to embed the key principles to which Wellcome is committed: putting lived experience at the heart of policy and practice, positioning local innovation as a focus for learning and funding, and envisioning [mental health as larger than healthcare](#).

Goal 3 particularly resonates with [Wellcome's commitment](#) to find the next generation of approaches and treatments for youth anxiety and depression. We embarked on our journey in 2020 to try to tease out the ["active ingredients"](#) of interventions- those elements – which might range from the cellular to the societal - that really make a difference in preventing and treating anxiety and/or depression in young people worldwide and will be announcing more funding to advance our understanding in this area in the coming months and years.

We look forward to working with the wider mental health community- whether they be funders, researchers, those with lived experience, advocates or policy makers - in advancing shared goals in our mission to find next generation treatments and approaches that will help create a world where no one is held back by mental health problems.