

[UK News](#)[World News](#)[Health News](#)[Politics](#)[Opinion](#)

EXCLUSIVE

[News](#) [Politics](#)

## DO THE WOKEY COKEY Govt squander £8BILLION fund on projects like TikTok dancing, 'queer animals' & pro-trans robots in latest waste outrage

Read on for 10 oddball schemes funded with YOUR tax money



**A DANCER shows off hip-hop moves as part of a university study into TikTok videos – the latest example of woke government spending that has outraged taxpayers.**

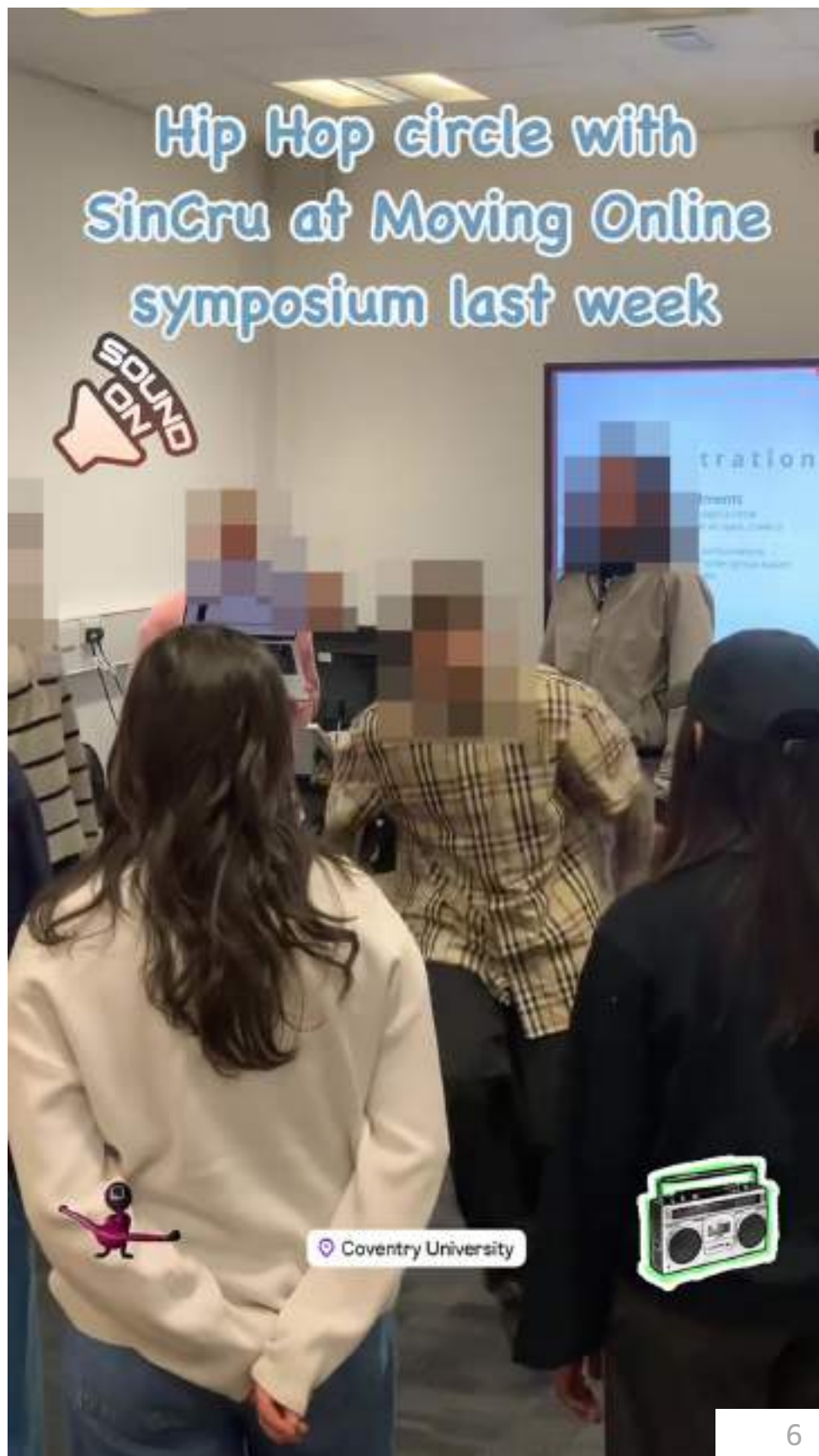
Other projects include research on “queer animals” and using AI [robots](#) to make firms pro-trans.

Sign up for the **Politics** newsletter

Email address

Sign up

Your info will be used in accordance with our [Privacy Policy](#)



6

**Coventry University spent £199,922 on a study into how Covid lockdowns changed online dance, focusing on TikTok and new digital format** Credit: Instagram



6

### The University of Exeter received £247,132 for a project on 'Queer Natures', exploring animals and homosexuality

Credit: Reuters

We told yesterday, below, how £15billion in public cash went on foreign aid projects such as shrimp farms in [Bangladesh and electric cars for Albanian jails](#).

[The revelations follow pressure to raise defence spending](#) and cut NHS waits which has led to calls for a [US-style efficiency department like Elon Musk's](#).

Another £8billion a year is earmarked for UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) grants – but The Sun can reveal - millions was frittered on woke projects.

The [TaxPayers' Alliance](#), which unearthed dozens of egregious examples of questionable research, blasted: “Brits know government waste is rampant – but this takes the cake.”

## READ MORE ON WOKE WASTE



**SQAUNDERFUL  
WORLD UK wastes  
BILLIONS on foreign...**



**EMERGENCY Fury as  
NHS STILL spending  
millions on woke...**

Projects included £199,922 for the Coventry University study into “Ontology and Ownership of Internet Dance”.

It states Covid lockdowns “resulted in new forms of dance, which have raised questions about how online dances are understood, described and exchanged”.

It claims to produce expertise on dance that “occurs online more than ever before, in new and experimental formats” including [TikTok](#).

Questions it seeks to answer include:

## MOST READ IN THE SUN



**WEIGHT A SEC** Inside 'fat jab' black market as stylist sells jab to Sun reporter for £280



**JAB ALERT** Fat jabs linked to 82 deaths as experts issue warning over weight loss drugs



**THEATRE OF SCREAMS** Sir Dave Brailsford questioning what he's got himself in for at Man Utd



**FURY KO'D** Major blow to Tyson Fury as boxing legend's property company is struck off

WHAT kind of thing is an online dance?

IS dance online a different thing to dance offline?

DO the aesthetic and cultural histories of dance forms mean each produces a different kind of thing or are all online dances one kind of entity?

HOW does dance's ontology shape social practices around ownership online?

HOW can ontological understanding support artists when sharing work online?

Last month dancers and students were offered a £150 bursary from the project to attend and perform at a symposium on campus.



0:00

### Foreign aid lunacy revealed as UK wastes BILLIONS on crazy projects while Government dithers on defence spending

Videos shared publicly online show the man's hip-hop routine to cheers from students. Coventry University declined to comment.

Other grants included £1.1million for the University of [Sheffield](#) to probe "Intersectional Inclusion".

Another £1.1million went to Royal Holloway, University of [London](#), to study "Inclusive Histories".

The University of [Exeter](#) was awarded £247,132 for a project on "Queer Natures: Animals, Environment and Modern Sexual Knowledge Production" including attitudes in pre-1930s [Germany](#).

UKRI also funds private-sector research. Software firm Clusivity received £214,330 into using AI robots to help make companies more accessible to non-binary and LGBTQ+ minorities.

TaxPayers' Alliance [investigation](#) campaign manager Joanna Marchong added: "Officials are milking expenses. That reckless attitude is spreading to other public sector spending like university grants.

"Ministers need to wake up, crack down on waste, and start treating taxpayers' [money](#) with the care it deserves."

## READ MORE SUN STORIES





**WEIGHT A SEC** Inside  
'fat jab' black market  
as stylist sells jab to...



**LIFE SAVER** Watch  
EastEnders' Lacey  
Turner 'save' James...

A Government spokesperson said: “While individual grants are awarded independently from government, we are determined to ensure that taxpayer’s money is supporting our priorities of economic growth, better healthcare and improved living standards.”



6

**Software firm Clusivity received £214,330 into using AI robots to help make companies more accessible to non-binary and LGBTQ+ minorities** Credit: Getty



6

## Coventry University, where almost £200,000 was awarded to academics exploring online dancing trends Credit: Alamy



6

Videos shared publicly online show the man's hip-hop routine to cheers from students Credit: Instagram

Unlock even more award-winning articles as The Sun launches brand new membership programme - [Sun Club](#).

## 10 oddball schemes tax funds

### PROJECTS your money is paying for...

1. Moving Online: Ontology and Ownership of Internet Dance – £199,922
2. Storying Life Courses for Intersectional Inclusion: Ethnicity and Wellbeing Across Time and Place – £1.1million
3. Using AI to Connect the LGBTQ and Arts Communities – £50,000
4. Queer Natures: Animals, Environment and Modern Sexual Knowledge Production – £247,000



5. Critical Dance Pedagogy through Discourse and Practice – £78,000
6. South Asian Dance Equity: The Arts British South Asian Dance Ignores – £83,000
7. The Europe Gay Porn Built, 1945-2000 – £841,000
8. Policy Recommendations to Regain Feminist Losers as Mainstream Voters – £260,000
9. Platform that uses AI to create effective corporate DEI strategies – £214,000
10. Digital Black Dance Ecologies Network – £82,000.



6

### More Woke schemes being funded by British taxpayers

## Streeting shrimps stonewall

By [Jack Elsom](#)

THE Health Secretary yesterday refused to back the shocking examples of foreign aid spending, as revealed by The Sun.

Wes Streeting was challenged on initiatives such as a £133,000 taxpayer-funded study of shrimp health in Bangladesh.

He told Times Radio: “I’m not defending those individual examples, far from it. The Government has been in for several months and in that time has chosen to undertake a thorough review of government spending.”

Sir Keir Starmer’s spokesman said, while foreign aid was important for our own national interest, he was ordering a line by line review of all government spending.

He said: “It will ensure taxpayer money is spent with public priorities at the heart of it.”

## Topics

[Conservative Party](#)[Exclusives](#)[Influencers](#)[Social Media](#)[The Sun Newspaper](#)[TikTok](#)[Universities](#)[Sir Keir Starmer](#)

## YOU MIGHT LIKE







FOLLOW THE SUN

- Sign Up To The Sun

Editorial Complaints

Clarifications and Corrections

Advertising

Commissioning Terms

Topic A-Z

Contact Preferences

Shopping

The Times & The Sunday Times
- About Us

Policies and Ethics

News Licensing

Contact Us

Help Hub

Cookie Settings

Sun Jobs

How our Product Reviews team test our products

Pay to Reject

Group Newspapers' Limited's [Standard Terms and Conditions](#) in accordance with our [Privacy & Cookie Policy](#). To inquire about a licence to reproduce material, visit our [Syndication](#) site. View our online Press Pack. For other inquiries, [Contact Us](#). To see all content on The Sun, please use the Site Map. The Sun website is regulated by the [Independent Press Standards Organisation \(IPSO\)](#).

Our journalists strive for accuracy but on occasion we make mistakes. For further details of our complaints policy and to make a complaint please click this link: [thesun.co.uk/editorial-complaints/..](https://thesun.co.uk/editorial-complaints/)