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The Vona du Toit Model of Creative Ability Foundation UK: a platform to develop OT practice and education, building on African success.

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Introduction: The Vona du Toit Model of Creative Ability (VdTMoCA) Foundation (UK) is a not-for-profit community interest company serving OT practitioners/educators with an interest in the VdTMoCA.

The VdTMoCA originates from South Africa and was first introduced into the UK in 2003, since then there has been a growing interest in the model. UK OTs overwhelmingly report the positive impact the African model has made to practice and role identity. Training in the model is difficult to attain in the UK due to limited practitioners with expertise in the VdTMoCA and a lack of research.

Objectives: The purpose of the Foundation is to lead the UK development of the VdTMoCA, recognise and respond to training needs, liaise with international experts, act as guardians, develop research, enable networking and access to resources/literature.

Approach/Method: Directors steer and carry out the Foundation objectives. They link with the VdTMoCA community through the Foundation website/emails, surveys, publications and Foundation events.

Results: Foundation activity is responsive to the demands of its' growing community; the website provides access to resources, Foundation publications, literature catalogue and general guidance and support. It has established two Centres of Excellence, who now offer twice-yearly Open Days sharing good practice.

Conclusion: The VdTMoCA guides OT practice; without training opportunities and support, UK practitioners often are unable to implement the model (lack of access to experts and limited means to consolidate and extend basic training). The VdTMoCAF(UK) provides opportunities for practitioners to be part of a community, where support and resources promote success.