

CollFACTs



Short Name

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Formal Name

A collaborative journey from fictions to facts

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Grandma's advice and TikTok trends under the microscope! Let's co-create a tool to distinguish fiction from facts together.



Summary

We are a group of science communicators who have observed that many of us tend to believe in folk wisdoms or outdated beliefs that influence our daily choices, often without understanding their validity. Our curiosity about the truth behind these beliefs has led us down an intriguing path. We realised we need the assistance of intergenerational citizen scientists to help us differentiate between fiction and facts.

As we began our investigation, we discovered that we often prefer to accept fabricated ideas that resonate with our values, family, and community traditions rather than adhere to factual information. While we suspect that some folk wisdom may hold truth, we also recognise the existence of numerous misconceptions. Therefore, this summer, we aim to collect as many folk wisdoms as possible and assemble a team of intergenerational citizen scientists to aid us in distinguishing fact from fiction.

Together with these citizen scientists, we will co-create a tool designed to fact-check and collaboratively investigate selected wisdoms. Join us on this exciting exploratory journey!