

Ontological Security Advisory Group (OSAG) –Terms of Reference

1. Purpose

The Ontological Security Advisory Group will provide expert guidance to the uNHIDDEN Foundation on issues of psychological, social and cultural resilience in relation to disruptive or paradigm-shifting discoveries, particularly concerning non-human intelligence and anomalous phenomena. Its role is to ensure that uNHIDDEN's research, communications, and policy engagement are grounded in the best available insights into cultivating resilience from wider individual, societal and public health relevant disciplines (e.g. recovery from traumatic experiences, pandemic planning, disaster recovery, etc.).

2. Objectives

- To advise on how individuals and societies maintain ontological security – a sense of continuity, trust, and meaning – in the face of disruptive information.
- To review and guide uNHIDDEN's programmes of research, public engagement and health-related initiatives.
- To recommend practical frameworks and interventions that can enhance societal resilience, reduce stigma, and support mental wellbeing.
- To contribute to and oversee a report on *Building psychological security and societal resilience ahead of paradigm-shifting revelations*, intended to be published in 2026. These will be in a similar style to the Mental Health White Paper and the Health Effects Report.

3. Composition

- Members will be drawn from academia, clinical practice, public policy and applied psychology.
- Initial membership will be 8–12 individuals.
- Members serve in a personal capacity, not as representatives of their institutions.

4. Membership Responsibilities

- Contribute expertise and insights at meetings, and through correspondence.
- Review draft reports, papers, or position statements as requested.
- Act as ambassadors for the Foundation's work in their networks.
- Uphold the Foundation's values of professionalism, compassion and open-mindedness.
- The OSAG will act as a parallel expert advisory group to the current Medical Advisory Board.
- The group is expected to meet 3-4 times a year (online), with occasional input on draft papers by correspondence.