

# University Social Innovation Network

## Preliminary Terms of Reference

- i) For the time being, the Network will be informally governed by a Steering Committee made up of volunteers from the sector.
- ii) Those interested in joining this Committee are invited to complete the form below; it is hoped that there will be representation of different UK regions as well as the different thematic areas (knowledge exchange, entrepreneurship, impact, policymaking, internationalisation, financing and funding etc.). The Network also welcomes representation from other relevant organisations. **If you would like to contribute to the organisation of the Network by sitting on the Steering Committee, please complete [the form on Teams](#) by July 1<sup>st</sup>.**
- iii) The newly formed Steering Committee will devise the agenda for a General Meeting every six months with one face to face meeting per year. The first General Meeting will be held online in September/October.
- iv) In addition to the General Meetings, *special interest sessions* will be held every month, to be organised by a thematic lead. The aim of each session is to focus on shared best practice, explore opportunities for collaboration, highlight challenges. Each session will be chaired by a specialist in the area who will devise the agenda for the session. The first block of six special interest sessions, to be held from September onwards, will be:
  - a. September/October: *Internationalisation of Social Innovation*
  - b. October/November: *Social Innovation and Knowledge Exchange*
  - c. November/December: *Social Entrepreneurship*
  - d. December/January: *Social Innovation as part of Policymaking*
  - e. January/February: *Impact through Social Innovation*
  - f. February/March: *Financing and funding of Social Innovation*

The first session in September/October on Internationalisation will be chaired by Richard Hazenberg from the University of Northampton. Subsequent sessions and their corresponding chairs will be agreed upon by the Steering Committee at the first General Meeting.
- v) A virtual platform has been established on Teams for sharing files, promoting events and opportunities, and communicating between members of the Network. An invitation to join the Teams site is being sent out to all participants of the previous meetings.