

Digital Economy NetworkPlus Community Event

3rd July 2017

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Agenda

Time	Agenda item
10:30	Arrival and Coffee/Tea
11:00	Welcome
11:15	Icebreaker exercise
11:30	Digital Economy Network Plus Call - Claire Tansley
12:00	Running a NetworkPlus – Roger Maull and Sarah Sharples
12:45	Well Sorted Results – Claire Tansley
13:00	Lunch
13:45	Facilitated Session on potential NetworkPlus topics
15:00	Feedback from groups
15:30	Coffee/tea
15:45	Further facilitated session
16:15	Q&A and wrap-up
17:00	Close

Objectives of today's event

- To help potential applicants to understand the scope and requirements of the call. Please ask questions!
- To facilitate discussion of potential research areas where a NetworkPlus is needed
- To help people identify and meet potential collaborators
- To share outputs with those who could not attend today

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RCUK DE vision

Rapidly realise the transformational impact of digital technologies on aspects of community life, cultural experiences, future society, and the economy.

- **Applied interdisciplinary research** –e.g. designers working with social scientists, psychologists, economists & computer scientists to solve DE challenges.
- **Strong user engagement and co-creation to address societally relevant issues** (users, society, business and/ or government)

Digital Economy NetworkPlus call

- DE Theme would like to support development of DE research and communities in key emerging areas of national importance through 'NetworkPlus' activities.
- This is a 'community-driven' activity – up to applicants to propose and justify the topic area.

EPSRC staff here today



John Baird	Head of Digital Economy and Cyber Security strand of PaCCS
Miriam Dowle	Digital Economy and Cyber Security strand of PaCCS
Claire Tansley	Digital Economy
Tracy Keys	Digital Economy
Jason Morgan	Digital Economy
Sarah Halliwell	Building Leaders Team
Christopher Rolls	Delivery Support Team
Dolly Parkinson	Events Team

Icebreaker!



What is a NetworkPlus?

- A network which brings together a wide range of Digital Economy stakeholders to share knowledge, build a community, identify research priorities and opportunities and kick-start collaborative research activities
- Why NetworkPlus? More than a standard EPSRC network – includes funding for a wide range of activities

Previous DE NetworkPluses

- **IT as a Utility**, led by Jeremy Frey (University of Southampton)
- **Communities and Culture**, led by Helen Thornham (University of Leeds)
- **New Economic Models**, led by Roger Maull (University of Surrey)
- **Sustainable Society**, led by Cathy Mulligan (Imperial College)

EPSRC DE NetworkPlus Review

- Input from
 - Digital Economy NetworkPlus Investigators
 - Researchfish data
 - Survey of NetworkPlus participants
 - Majority of survey respondents felt all activities were useful or very useful, and many developed new contacts or collaborations.

NetworkPlus Review

- Outputs and outcomes included:
 - Workshops
 - Secondments
 - Pilot projects and seed projects
 - Further funding
 - Publications
 - New contacts across disciplines and stakeholders
 - New collaborations
 - Policy impacts e.g. government reviews
 - Horizon scanning reports and new topics identified
 - Wider dissemination through web, film, talks etc.

NetworkPlus Review: Key messages and lessons learned (1)

- A clear, well-defined topic for the network is needed to focus plans and activities;
- Administrative and Host-University support for the network is vital, in order to support activities such as feasibility studies and dissemination activities;
- Different scales of feasibility study funding are appropriate for different research topics or disciplines;
- Expectation and arrangements for Full Economic Costing of network activities need to be clear across all parties

Key messages and lessons learned (2)

- Long-term plans for the legacy and/or sustainability of the network need to be considered early on;
- Any future networks should consider increased interactions with Catapults and wider use of social media;
- Think about the needs and drivers of the all different stakeholders involved; make sure they can contribute to and get reward from the NetworkPlus;
- Have clear objectives and an active, well-defined plan to progress the Network, and communicate this to all members.

Other EPSRC NetworkPlus activities

- Healthcare Technologies NetworkPluses including:
 - GetAMoveOn: Leveraging technology to enable mobility and health
<https://getamoveon.ac.uk/>
 - Healtex: UK Healthcare Text Analytics Research Network
<http://healtex.org/>
 - NEWMIND – Network for Mental Health Technology
<http://www.newmindnetwork.org.uk/>
- CRECREDIT: Cryptocurrency Effects in Digital Transformations
<http://gtr.rcuk.ac.uk/projects?ref=EP/N015525/1>
- Connected Everything: Industrial Systems in the Digital Age
<https://connectedeverything.ac.uk/>

Aims of the DE NetworkPlus call

- To support the development of DE research and communities in key emerging areas of national importance for DE research
- Community-led activity – applicants to propose and justify the area of focus
- Topics should involve co-creation and implementation of novel, people-centred digital technology solutions which incorporate legal and ethical considerations
- Up to £5M available to support up to 5 NetworkPlus grants
- Awards for 36-48 months duration.

Points to note

- Must be at least half in EPSRC's remit – include expertise in computer and/or mathematical sciences and/or engineering
- NetworkPluses should be highly multidisciplinary and activities UK-wide
- NetworkPluses should complement existing networks and research activities
- Activities proposed can be tailored to the specific NetworkPlus
- Letter of support from Host Organisation will be required for full proposals

ORBIT - Observatory for Responsible Research and Innovation in ICT

- An EPSRC-funded collaboration between De Montfort and Oxford universities
- ORBIT will provide information and resources to researchers
e.g. Self-assessment tool, case studies, training provision, consultancy services, research, online journal
- It will facilitate exchange of information, networking and reflection on ICT research
- <http://www.orbit-rri.org/about-rri/>

Project partners and collaborators

- NetworkPluses will involve a wide range of members
- Those named on the JeS form as a project partner cannot benefit financially from the grant (e.g. they cannot receive support for travel and subsistence for attending a meeting)
- You can explain in the case for support who you will involve and what they will contribute

Assessment criteria

(See page 8 of the call document)

- Fit to call
- Quality of the proposed network
- National Importance
- Ability of the applicant team to deliver the NetworkPlus

- Resources and management
- Pathways to Impact

Process and timetable

Activity	Date
Outline call opens in JeS	4/7/17
Outlines call closes	29/8/17
Invitation to full proposals for successful outlines	w/b 23/10/17
Deadline for full proposals	20/12/17
Interview Panel	February 2018
Funding decision	March 2018

Any questions?

Next steps

- Event report will be published on the EPSRC website
- Further queries:
 - claire.tansley@epsrc.ac.uk
 - tracy.keys@epsrc.ac.uk
- Closing date for outlines is 29th August
- If you decide your ideas are more suitable for a research project, consider standard mode:

<https://www.epsrc.ac.uk/funding/applicationprocess/routes/standardresearch/>