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PROGRAMME ADVISORY BOARD

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME ADVISORY BOARD MEETING NOTES AND DISCUSSION ITEMS: 22 February 2017

CS5&6, EPSRC, Polaris House, North Star Avenue, Swindon, SN2 1ET.

Attendees

Chair: Hazel Hall, Edinburgh Napier University
Alan Brown, University of Surrey
Richard Harper, Social Shaping Research Ltd
Andrew Hudson-Smith, University College London
Sian John, Symantec Corporation
Sarah Meiklejohn, University College London
Mary Lumkin, BT Technology
Mark Plumbley, University of Surrey
Alun Preece, Cardiff University
Awais Rashid, University of Lancaster
Clare Reddington, Watershed
m.c.schraefel, University of Southampton
Nicola Searle, Goldsmiths, University of London
Danae Stanton-Fraser, University of Bath
Chris Speed, University of Edinburgh
Gabriel Straub, notonthehighstreet.com
Marko Balabanovic, Digital Catapult
Andrew Chitty, Royal Holloway, University of London

RCUK/Innovate UK Staff:

Claire Tansley, Senior Portfolio Manager, DE Theme, EPSRC
Miriam Dowle, Senior Portfolio Manager, DE Theme, EPSRC
John Baird, Digital Economy Theme Leader, EPSRC
Ruth Slade, Support, DE Theme, EPSRC
Tracy Keys, Portfolio Manager and PAB Secretary, DE Theme, EPSRC
Jason Morgan, Portfolio Manager, DE Theme, EPSRC
Neil Viner, Director, EPSRC
Heather Williams, AHRC
Sarah Burgess, AHRC
Charlotte Dormer, ESRC
Steven Browning, Lead Technologist, Digital, Innovate UK

Apologies:

Peter Cowling, University of York
Peter Waggett, IBM UK Ltd

Introduction

At this one-day meeting in Swindon, the Digital Economy (DE) Theme Programme Advisory Board (PAB) discussed recent and ongoing DE Theme activities via a Theme Update, the recently announced Industrial Strategy, and DE Theme plans. After the main PAB business, a subset of the PAB assessed the proposals received for the Telling Tales of Engagement Competition 2016.

1. Welcome

Hazel Hall (Chair of the DE PAB) welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked those present to introduce themselves.

2. Theme Update

PAB members were invited to raise any points or ask any questions prompted by the minutes of the previous meeting. The PAB was updated on the progress against the action log. A brief summary was provided for each item in the update paper. PAB members were invited to raise any points or ask any questions prompted by these items. Discussion focussed on

- The Content Creation and Consumption call
- The Distributed Ledgers call
- DE Fellowships
- The Intelligent Technologies to Collaborative Care call
- The National Cybersecurity Strategy
- The refresh of the PAB membership
- The ESRC Scoping Review: Ways of Being in a Digital Age
- RCUK and EPSRC Equality and Diversity plans
- The appointment and role of the AHRC's Creative Economy Champion
- The Tackling Global Development Challenges Through Engineering and Digital Technology Research call
- The Telling Tales of Engagement Competition 2016
- The New Approaches to Data Science call
- DE Network+s
- An update on the Digital Catapult
- Centres for Doctoral Training.

3. Industrial Strategy

The PAB was updated on the background and motivation behind the Industrial Strategy Challenge Fund, the associated challenge areas and the 10 pillars of the Industrial Strategy currently identified in the January Green Paper and recent consultation exercises. The PAB was invited to discuss the content of the challenges.

4. Digital Economy Theme Plans

The purpose of this session was to ensure that the meeting participants were updated on initial plans for upcoming activities in the Digital Economy Theme for the 17/18 and 18/19 Financial Years. Discussion was focussed on the shift in balance

between strategic intervention and community-led activities, the implications for the DE theme activity, and strategy for encouragement of community-driven proposals.

5. Any Other Business

The next DE PAB meeting will take place on the 16th June 2017 at the EPSRC offices in Swindon.

Final Meeting Agenda

22nd February

	Time	Agenda item	
1	10:30	<u>Welcome</u>	Hazel Hall
2	10:40	<u>Theme Update</u>	John Baird
3	12:10	<u>Industrial Strategy</u>	Stephen Browning
	13:00	<u>Lunch</u>	
4	13:40	<u>Digital Economy Theme Plans</u>	John Baird
5	15:00	<u>Any other business</u>	John Baird
	15:10	<u>Coffee/tea</u>	
6	15:30	<u>Telling Tales of Engagement</u>	Ruth Slade
	17:00	<u>Close</u>	

Meeting Papers

Paper	Title	Agenda Item
PAB 27 Minutes	Minutes from PAB 27	2
PAB 28-1	Update on Digital Economy Activities	2
PAB 28-2	Industrial Strategy	3
PAB 28-3	Digital Economy Theme plans	4

Supporting Papers

Paper	Title
Actions Log	On-going actions log for DE PAB
PAB ToR	Terms of Reference for DE PAB
PAB Bios	Biographies of PAB members