A global network of impact networks
to accelerate collaborative change
WE BELIEVE that when impact networks addressing similar challenges come together to learn, share, and collaborate – we can deliver deeper and amplified impact.
Why Networks?

The challenges the world faces today – from climate change to highly unequal economic and social structures – cannot be solved by one organisation, government or institution alone. We must collaborate to share learnings, scale innovations and build our collective capacity to bring about social impact.

There is a rich and growing body of both lived experience and research demonstrating that collaboration through networks can cultivate learning and awareness, offer encouragement and support, pool resources and widen access to opportunity.

We thus see impact networks as critical to individual and systemic change, whether in education, youth development, gender equality or philanthropy.
Diverse Networks, A Collective Purpose

Public Sector Leadership Networks

Education-focused Networks

Creative Networks

Youth Networks

Female Empowerment Networks

Changemaker Networks
Nexus was founded in 2021 to:

- **Strengthen networks’ capacities** to increase impact in serving their mission.
- **Expand access to knowledge,** support, and motivation by connecting network leaders.
- **Increase financial support for networks** by advocating how network drive social change.
- **Spark collaborative impact** for broad-scale change across diverse impact networks.
75 members, reaching 900,000 individuals across the globe

...and that’s only in the first year
Unlocking Networks to Accelerate Change

100’s of conversations across the globe has revealed a common set of barriers standing in the way of achieving deep social impact through networks

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<th>Capacities &amp; Mindsets</th>
<th>Principles and approaches to coordinate and “weave” networks are hard to come by</th>
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<td>Accessing Resources</td>
<td>Openly accessible structures and techniques for nurturing networks are few and far between</td>
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<td>Collaborating Across Sectors</td>
<td>Working across networks to address larger, systemic issues is complex and challenging</td>
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<td>Demonstrating Impact</td>
<td>Capturing evidence of network impact requires methods not in our collective toolbox</td>
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<td>Obtaining Funding</td>
<td>Most philanthropies aren’t set up to cover the costs and structures of network coordination</td>
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What We Can Achieve When We Bring Impact Networks Together

- **Reduced Costs**
  to accessing crucial networks knowledge and expertise

- **Long-term Learning**
  continually honing skills and capacities for network leadership

- **Greater Innovation**
  cross-pollinating people and places to spark new ideas and perspectives

- **Unlocking Sector Potential**
  reducing silos and duplication of effort by identifying patterns of success

- **Systems Experiments**
  uniting diverse networks to pilot shared strategies for systems change

- **Ripple Effects**
  mobilizing millions of network members to spread systems policies and approaches – and cultivate new cultural paradigms
The International Peer Leadership Network – who brings together supporters in mental health and substance use – is struggling with how to best capture and showcase their network impact.

Y-East – a platform for aggregated social and environmental impact in Eastern India – is stuck on how to financially sustain convening and coordination costs for their network.

ChangemakerXchange – a global community of young social innovators – is asking how to bring youth-led facilitation to other networks in the space.

The Mastercard Foundation’s Scholar Program – who is connecting alumni to advance entrepreneurship and jobs in Africa – is exploring how to best build cohesion and sustain momentum in a network.

Current Nexus Members: What They’re Asking For
What Nexus Offers to Members

OPEN LEARNING
Learning events, curated journeys, materials and guides

PEER SUPPORT
Coaching, 1-to-1 guidance, group troubleshooting

OPPORTUNITY SHARING
Jobs, funding, workshops, and conferences on topics of interest

CO-CREATED TOOLKIT
Database on starting, running, and growing a network

COLLECTIVE ACTION
Cross-pollinating networks to design and run shared projects

SHARED ADVOCACY
Storytelling and campaigns on network models and impact

AGGREGATED IMPACT
Collating data across members to assess collective impact
Network impact
Member engagement
Storytelling
Funding networks
Facilitation
Motivating members
Network leadership
Communicating to members

Sample Topics

What is the BIGGEST challenge you face in your impact evaluation and learning work?

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monthly learning events
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<td>Rich Picture</td>
<td>⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐</td>
<td>Participants visually represent an issue or situation through a drawing</td>
<td>Help participants understand the complexity of an entire situation</td>
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<td>World Cafe</td>
<td>⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐</td>
<td>Groups move along tables to contribute discussions to specific stakeholders</td>
<td>Collaborative dialogue, sharing knowledge, and co-creation</td>
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<td>NetMapping</td>
<td>⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐</td>
<td>Visually map and discuss stakeholders' links by type and geography</td>
<td>Understand situations where many actors influence outcomes</td>
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<td>BrainSketching</td>
<td>⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐</td>
<td>Collectively draw solutions to problem-person-to-person</td>
<td>To solve problems through a collaborative brainstorming process</td>
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<td>Role Plays</td>
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<td>Act out a situation by creating a made-up scene</td>
<td>Better understand a situation or perspectives in-depth</td>
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<td>Ritual Dissent</td>
<td>⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐</td>
<td>Present negative and constructive feedback without tension</td>
<td>Test and enhance proposals or ideas by challenging them</td>
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<td>Open Space</td>
<td>⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐</td>
<td>Discuss many agenda points at once across multiple groups</td>
<td>Deal with urgent complex issues with a diverse group of stakeholders</td>
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<td>Visioning</td>
<td>⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐</td>
<td>Brainstorm, group, and link ideas into one or a collective vision</td>
<td>Generate a common goal, hope, creative thinking, and passion</td>
<td>Visioning, Futuring</td>
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<td>Fish Bowl</td>
<td>⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐</td>
<td>Small group sits in the middle of a larger group for intimate dialogue</td>
<td>Facilitate discussions and sharing expertise on controversial issues</td>
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<td>Free Writing</td>
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<td>Continue writing without stopping for hours on end</td>
<td>Frees the conscious to think about a problem</td>
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for Practitioners and Funders

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collaborative knowledge sharing

member & network opportunities

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Conference
STARTING DATE
23 June 2022
URL
https://idee.org.uk/?codes=action:print

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SUMMARY
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Course
STARTING DATE
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