

Introducing the IRC

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WHY THE INNOVATION & RESEARCH CAUCUS?

- Innovate UK, ESRC and UKRI Strategy share similar evidence needs
- Much of the existing evidence is not focused on funders, their systems and processes, and their horizon-scanning needs
- Social sciences offer approaches that can help provide challenge, insights, thought leadership, and evidence

UKRI needs access to a robust and actionable evidence base. It also needs to bring together people with different skillsets and experience... The Innovation and Research Caucus will have a vital role to play in providing powerful insights into what works, where and why.



Professor Dame Ottoline Leyser
UKRI Chief Executive



BRIDGING THE GAP



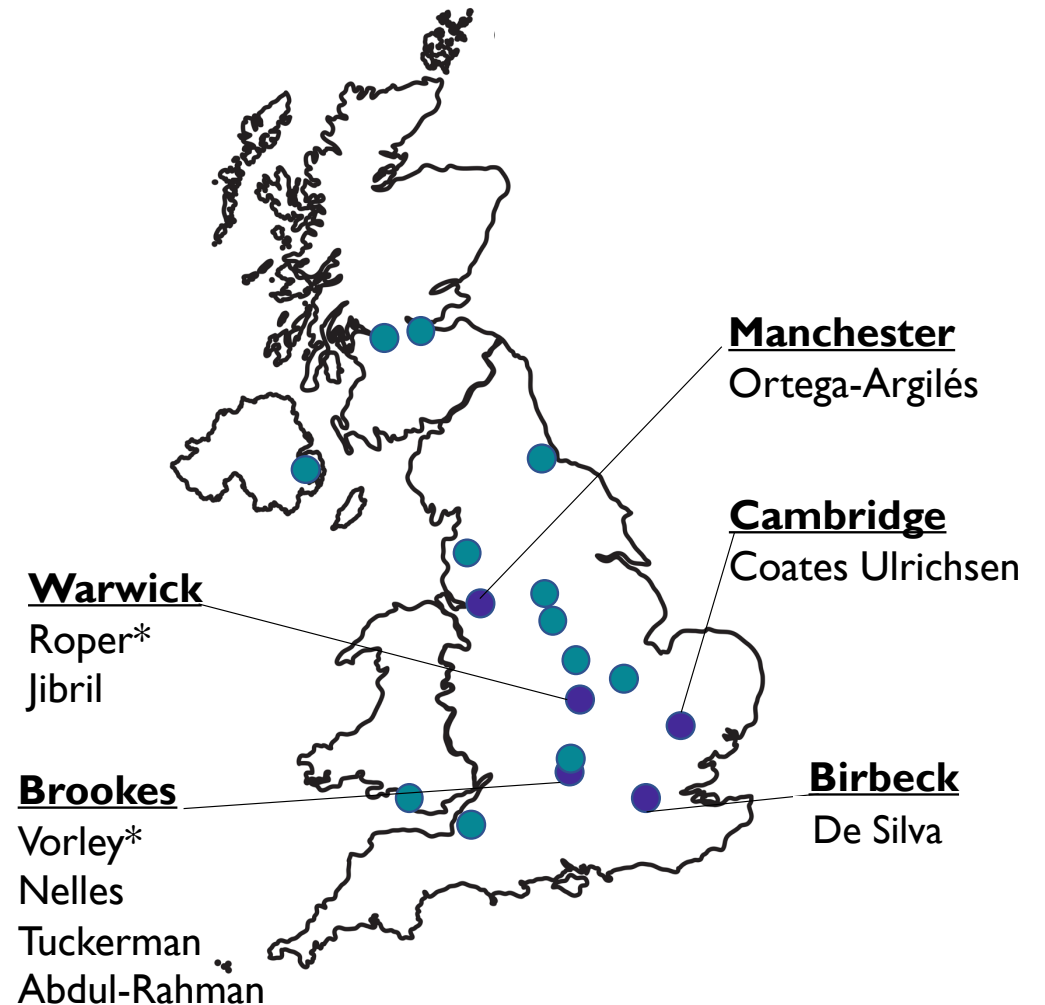
FUNDERS CURATING IN
THE R&I SYSTEM



ACADEMICS RESEARCHING
THE R&I SYSTEM

OBJECTIVES

- To work with UKRI partners to increase the use and influence of robust evidence, insights and thought leadership
- To build a community of actively engaged experts who proactively and responsively work with UKRI
- To provide responsive evidence, insight and thought leadership to the R&I system.
- To establish the I&R Caucus as a world-leading centre of excellence on innovation and research funding



CURRENT PROJECTS

FECs in
innovation
ecosystem

Co-creation
and grand
challenges

Alternative
PhD
provision

Who are
the
innovators

FECs in
innovation
ecosystem

Promoting
Interdisciplinary
Research

R&D
investment and
place-based
outcomes

Commercialisation
of social science

PhD
career
trajectories

Innovation
skills
framework

Innovation
Infrastructure

Business
support &
IUK Edge





**GET INVOLVED
WITH THE IRC**



WHAT NEXT

- Raising awareness and building the IRC network
- Official launch event on 28th September 2023
- Website live in August 2023
- Initial SOTAs to be published in September 2023

Range of Activities:

- Strategic & responsive projects
- Listening events
- Thematic workshops / Master classes
- Round-table discussions
- Placements and staff





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