Nottingham Civic Exchange

making a difference with the skills and knowledge of our network

# Values

NCE ascribes to NTU’s value statements:

We change lives, are bold, and do the right thing.

# Vision

## By June 2026 NCE:

* Is a recognised brand in the policy landscape.
* Routinely commissions work to positively shape important debates in the social, civic and economic health of places.
* Is a vibrant community of impact and knowledge exchange professionals, colleagues, and students.
* Is a facilitator, storyteller and connector of people, ideas and challenges using our skills in research, knowledge exchange, impact and policy development to focus our attention on making a difference.

# Mission (purpose statement)

How will NCE meet its 2026 vision.

* Works collaboratively with colleagues in the Social Sciences and beyond to shape thinking and action to improve society.
* Commissions work aligned to NCE’s Values and Themes to meet the strategic objectives.
* Transforms research focused on addressing the needs of individuals, communities and organisations into policy and practice impact and engagement.
* Supports and showcases how researchers can engage with partners, policy makers and communities to affect change.
* Offers a think-tank like experience for students on exciting and relevant topics to them and their subjects.

# Strategic Objectives

* Deliver three projects per year across three strategic themes
* Increase the staffing to a team of four with individual responsibility for delivering on each impact theme
* Publish two practice or academic outputs for each impact theme
* Secure £50k worth of external funding against each impact theme alongside at least one research council funding grant by 2026.

# NCE’s Strategic Themes

* Economic Insecurity, Work and Communities
* Culture and Place
* Practice Pathway Development

# Stop, Start, Continue

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| Stop |
| Undertaking a reactive approach.  Drifitng into the curriculum |
| Start |
| Commission new work, recognising that NCE has a dual role of commissioning new projects and supporting colleagues to transform their research. |
| Continue |
| Support colleagues in the transformation of their research and expertise into action orientated outputs and outcomes. |

# Timeline

Annual review of progress reported in June against objectives and Strategic Objectives.

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| By June 2026 | NCE review undertaken to celebrate successes and plan for the future development. Growth of NCE team established and delivering results. |
| By June 2025 | Five new strategic themes developed and underway following the winter review. |
| By June 2024 | Approval sought for growth of NCE staff team. |
| By June 2023 | Secure one new Research Council project linked to NCE. |
| By June 2022 | Strategic Theme review shared with NCE Steering Group and School Executive Team.  Four new strategic themes up and running with projects mapped to them with established team driving them forward. Funding bids and outputs mapping undertaken and on-track. |