

Knowledge Exchange

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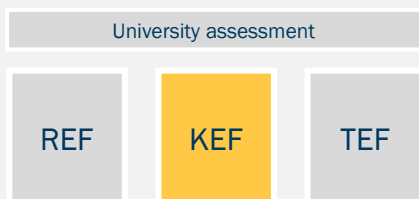
Knowledge Exchange (KE) is a **two-way flow** of skills, expertise, technology and information, between the University of Sussex and the **outside world**. It is any **collaborative** endeavour that translates knowledge and research into meaningful impact that improves **society**.

What are the benefits of KE and what is the ESW KE Strategy?

Throughout the University, KE enhances our collective capacity to contribute to **social** and **economic growth**. In the School of Education and Social Work, we aim to invest in KE activities that help us work towards **social justice** in our respective fields and live out our shared values: **Equity, Collegiality, Collaboration, Transparency** and **Inclusivity**. Our strategy aims to increase the visibility and accessibility of our research to non-academic research users; to expand our capacity for KE and generate new and creative cross-disciplinary collaborations; to contribute to a supportive environment and healthy research culture and to find ways to functionally become more systematic in creating and capturing KE and impact'.

How is KE measured?

Research England currently measures KE via the **Knowledge Exchange Framework (KEF)**. The KEF measures our performance as a whole university against the 7 perspectives and this dictates how much Higher Education Innovation Fund (HEIF) we receive.



What is the purpose of the KEF?

UKRI says the purpose of the KEF “is to increase efficiency and effectiveness in the use of public funding for knowledge exchange and to further a culture of continuous improvement in universities. It will allow universities to better understand and improve their own performance, as well as provide businesses and other users with more information to help them access the world-class knowledge and expertise embedded in English HEPs.”

How is KE reported?

The KEF consists of data taken from the **HE-BCI survey**, along with narrative pieces on public and community engagement and local growth and regeneration. The IBP team submit this information annually.

Unlike REF impact, which reports a selection of the most significant and far reaching impact case studies every 6 to 7 years, KEF reports on the university's annual income (and in some cases activities) within the 7 perspectives. Alongside this, the KE Concordat helps universities to improve the systems and processes supporting KE.

The results are published on the [UKRI website](#) where we are benchmarked against similar UK universities.