

Defining Network Activities

Focus Meetings

These will be in the form of two-day strategy meetings enabled by professional facilitators. Invitations will be extended to the whole network community to identify the technology/knowledge gaps within each Research Theme. This will be achieved by establishing working groups guided by each of the Theme Leaders. Opportunity will be given to allow Network Partners to work across several themes.

Outcomes will be the establishment of priorities for future Sandpit funding events.

Sandpits

The Sandpits will be intensive, multi-disciplinary, residential workshops. They will be enabled by independent facilitators and guided by expert mentors, in order to drive lateral thinking and develop novel approaches to research challenges.

A variety of outcomes are possible, ranging from a single large research project, to several smaller projects, feasibility studies, and networking activities. Outcomes are not pre-determined, but are defined during the sandpit.

Each Sandpit will have an open call application for participants. All Network Partners will have the opportunity to apply.

Hackathons

Hackathons will be intensive, collaborative events held to address identified challenges through technological innovation and disruptive change. Working groups, supported by mentors will use these events to drive change by inspiring advanced solutions underpinned by technology.

Outcomes will take the form of technology focused feasibility projects which contribute to addressing the recognised challenge.