What's Next?

FUTURES - Social Innovation Forum was not just a two-day event. It was the bringing-together of a special group of people. People from diverse backgrounds, with different skills, knowledge and experience, all united under a vision of making 'business a force for good'.

During the two days we challenged old paradigms, we debated about what it all means, and we went through a 'disruptive' process. It wasn't always easy. No change is easy. But in the end, we realised the importance of understanding the social issues from multiple perspectives, we learned the new models of doing business, we saw a glimpse of the future, and we pledged our commitment to build on our innovative ideas to create 'Social Impact'.

The British Council will strive to continue what we started with the support of our partners. Already people have started to 'act' on their ideas. Let's work together. We invite everybody to join this forum. Share ideas. Help each other. Make Social Innovation happen.



Call it what you want, but

make sure you create

social impact.

comes with scale,

scale comes with

partnership.

collaborate.



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Presentations were followed by a panel discussion.



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We can't wait any longer. These issues must be solved urgently.

Nobody can solve these =

issues alone. We need to

Social Entrepreneurs Community/ Consumer Groups Academic/Research Institutions **Government Institutions** Non Governmental Organisations

(Total 150 Participants)

Private

Building futuristic scenarios

Social Innovations need to be sustainable. Scenario building is essential for making future-proof solutions.

Designing innovative solutions

effective when done in collaboration.

their ideas to working solutions.

Social Innovations need to primarily create Social Impact, and are

After brainstorming ideas, the participants screened them

to select the most efficient social innovations using several

criteria. They then pledged their commitment to develop

The participants created future scenarios under each sector, beyond the year 2020 leading to 2050.

This event was free from plastic water bottles and paper usage was minimal



Scenarios were drawn using an online, collaborative diagramming tool.

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Change as usual



Social Innovation starts by analysing the problem in detail through multiple stakeholder perspectives.

Working in groups in world cafe style activity, the participants did a cause-and-effect analysis for different social issues under each of the social sectors.



Fish-bone diagrams were drawn using an online, collaborative diagramming tool.

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