Lancashire Research Institute of Citizenship, Society and Change
3 Research Themes:

- Social justice and sustainability
- Relationships, risks and safety
- Community and the public realm
Strong Trans-disciplinary Rationale

- **New and bigger thinking** - critical mass in powerful research strands
- **Sustainable citizenship** - individuals, communities and civil society
- **Social innovation** - culture, health, welfare, security, education
- **Answering profound questions** - austerity, Brexit, migration, environment, terrorism, governance, social polarisation
- **Working across disciplines** - generating new fields of enquiry, questions and responses
A clear and inspiring vision

- High quality research for urgent societal problems
- Responsive to new political and global contexts
- Dedicated to wellbeing, public good, civil society, democracy and sustainability
- Focus on impact and action
- Accommodates both established and innovative methodologies
Building from the ground up

- Over two months of continuing discussion and development
- Collaborations initiated, contacts and networks extended
- 40 individual contributions
- 10 Schools, 4 Faculties, 12 Centres
- Themed working groups
- Large meetings up to 30 people
- External collaborations: local authorities, business and community, key institutions
Centres of excellence

• Connect Centre for International Research in Interpersonal Violence and Harm (Connect)
• Psychosocial Research Unit (PRU)
• The Centre for Children and Young People’s Participation (The Centre)
• Centre for Citizenship and Community
• Healthy and Sustainable Settings Unit
• International Institute for Sign Languages and Deaf Studies (ISLanDS)
• Centre for Mental Health and Wellbeing
• Child Computer Interaction Group (ChiCI)
• Energy and Society Research Group
• International Research Institute for Sport Studies (IRiSS)
• Institute for Research into Organisations, Work and Employment (iROWE)
• Applied Policy Sciences Unit (APSU)
Track record and Assets

- Academic, social and cultural capital
- Partnerships and collaborations
- 4* outputs – 90+ (from 30 staff)
- Grant capture – £6.5m
- Strong and developing impacts…
- Collaborative team – already writing bids…
We aim to achieve:

- Year on year growth in transdisciplinary research activity, grant capture, quality outputs and impact
- International academic recognition, by 2020, as an Institute for addressing urgent questions regarding the future of society
- International influence on policy and practice, by 2025, to achieve effective implementation of strategic solutions we have identified
- A rich research environment that facilitates the growth of PhD students, post-doctoral researchers and early career researchers
- Added value enhancing student experience and community engagement
Existing Staff

- 11 Chief Investigators
- 23 Research staff from 10 different schools
- 29 Research students
Governance Structures

• 4 Directors - Professors Stanley, Zeshan, Froggett and Dr Whitton – Director and Deputy rotate every 6 months
• Co-ordinator – meets regularly with Directors, manages RFs
• Institute Research Management Committee (IRMC) - meets twice a year (at awaydays)
Seedcorn Funding

• To support development of interdisciplinary bids and marketing and impact initiatives
• Use for buying in specialist expertise eg statistician; small-scale pilot studies and consultations; equipment or software; training and travel costs
• Transparent and fair process for allocation
• Bids to be justified, linked to outputs and supported by a Chief Investigator
Activities

• Building a transdisciplinary research culture
• Generating new transdisciplinary research proposals
• Awaydays to produce work plans for bid development, with timelines and named leads
• Transdisciplinary publications for return to REF 2021
• Chief Investigators to provide a peer review process to strengthen and support interdisciplinary research bids
• Mentoring for all staff below professorial level