

## The Impact of Social Sciences and Humanities on Society

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# Roundtable: Enhancing Impact through Intermediary Organisations

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#### What do I do?

- Spin out companies from Humanities and Social Sciences
- Social Ventures
- Director of the ARC Accelerator
- Find investors and business mentors to support the above

## Case study: sOPHIa

- Created in Department of International Development
- Based on econometrics framework for measuring types of poverty
- Helps businesses and governments measure poverty
- Raises money via accreditation, consulting and data



### Emerging pipeline

#### Trade Policy Hub

Providing multidisciplinary research and consulting services on trade to Governments,
Financial Institutions and
Businesses



#### Childcare Cost Calculator

A research based platform that enables local authorities to manage the needs, cost and outcomes of looked after children



#### Pepe, the Social Robot

Using a social robot to nudge people to wash their hands. By creating a 'person' it nudges behaviour to handwashing. For use in schools (developing economies) and healthcare settings



## How can a technology transfer office help?

- Ideate Safe space for ideas to be generated e.g. competitions and hackathon
- Support Staff and/or mentors to develop early idea and provide guidance on market validation and business model and identify the IP
- Finance £5k minimum (to help setup company and run it for a year) to find its feet, more if software is required