**WORKSHOP SUMMARIES**

**Workshop A. Methodologies and Evidence of Impact**

This workshop will explore:

1. Whether existing methodologies are up to the task of evaluating impact across all disciplines equally and across differing sectors.  It will look at the potential for developing new methodologies for accounting for more complex interactions.
2. The state of the art in the methodological approaches that are used in key scientific and social science policy areas**.** It will build on the existing knowledge sets of experts in evaluation and will examine a number of existing methodologies, how they are used and where lessons can be learned by HEIs and academics.

**Workshop B. The Impact of ‘Impact’ in Higher Education**

This workshop will explore how HEIs can most effectively organise themselves for impact.  It will examine the levels and types of resources currently being allocated to impact and the sustainability of these provisions.  In particular, it will explore:

* the extent to which impact functions have been ‘outsourced’.
* the implications of the emerging impact industry for individual HEIs and the industry as a whole.
* the skills needed to support the agenda and whether academics have (or can be expected to have) the knowledge, skills and capabilities to capture impact and design and inform - through external validation and dialogue - their research accordingly.
* implications for recruitment and selection, training and development, reward and recognition.

**Workshop C. Impact Systems**

There has been a proliferation in impact information and it is crucial to explore at what levels this is impacting on HEIs. The workshop will explore the emergence of information systems, how are they being specified and procured looking at the emergence of impact information systems and making recommendations for their future usage in the sector.

**Workshop D. Business and Community Engagement**

This is a key area for Universities and this workshop will explore best practice from a series of JISC funded projects designed to help HEIs develop their capability to analyse and articulate the impact and benefits of their work, by working in partnership with FE and HE staff who have expertise in impact analysis. The objective of the projects is to stimulate the cross-pollination of existing expertise and technology to enhance capacity in the impact analysis of research across the sector.