Curating experiences to grow the social innovation movement

At SIX, we are experts in creating engaging and immersive events and learning journeys. We work with different partners to create spaces that facilitate exchanges between people who are unlikely to have met otherwise. These exchanges aren’t just talking shops - they increase and broaden the impact of social innovation, and leave a local legacy wherever they are held.

We ran nine SIX Summer Schools over nine years across six continents before updating the model. Through our European projects - SIE and SIC - we’ve curated events and experiences all across Europe. We also run the SIX Wayfinder, and the Unusual Suspects Festival. Some of our events are open, some are invite only. All SIX events are multi-day, focussed and immersive experiences.

"Working with SIX has enabled me to put the work that I do within a framework and I have left meetings with SIX feeling really energised. When you are working in isolation, being able to connect with someone helps to give you a fresh perspective.

The Unusual Suspects Festival 2017 was a celebration of London and social innovation across the city, and brought in voices from around the world. There were opportunities to meet with a variety of different people and it was all accessible and free. That is something that is invaluable to people whose projects need that sort of a network. It’s often people’s voices on the ground that don’t get heard, and that’s what SIX enables. There was a really good range of practice, tangible ways to connect and to understand what social innovation is all about."

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“By working with SIX on the Istanbul Wayfinder, we were able to host influential social innovators from all over the world. Normally, you work limited by the policy, mindset and know-how that you have in your own ecosystem. When you realise that you are part of the global system, it makes you a more powerful and motivated social innovator. The SIX Wayfinder showed social responsibility is the responsibility of all sectors, and it was engaged with the business world as well, which is especially critical for Turkey as policy in this field is not comprehensive.

People were fed up with having conferences in the ‘one to many’ format where you just listen. If you want to have valuable interactions between people, then you need to have interactive moments in the event. At the SIX Wayfinder, participants felt powerful and part of the global community, they were not just passive listeners but active contributors."

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