



SIX Global Council

About SIX

SIX is a global organisation focused on accelerating learning and exchange to address social challenges across silos. We have a decade of experience in global social innovation leadership.

SIX was established in 2008 with the purpose of identifying and connecting isolated social innovation leaders, building their capacity, consolidating knowledge, developing frameworks, and creating a group of supportive peers that would create pathways for others to follow.

SIX is more than a network and more than conversations. We facilitate collaboration and valuable exchange between organisations, sectors, communities and nations to both increase the pace at which organisations can respond to the issues the world is facing, and build capabilities for more effective responses.

We do this by making philanthropy more innovative; influencing policy to incorporate a social innovation agenda; equipping universities with the necessary capabilities for the future; and collaborating with business to put social good at the forefront of their agendas. We've engaged with over 150 philanthropic foundation leaders globally; supported mayors to embed social innovation in city strategies; hosted 100+ multi-day events in nearly 40 cities; and worked with 25 universities in 10 countries to reach out to their communities.

Global Council

During our 10+ years of problem-solving work in the social innovation space, we have seen the obstacles that many organisations face in trying to tackle complex global problems, ranging from isolation from other organisations and communities globally; the inability to easily and quickly access peer networks (outside of your usual networks) for learning, exchange and collaboration; and limited knowledge of what is taking place in their field in other contexts.

We know that the most complex global problems cannot be solved by one organisation and that we need to be more connected locally and globally to address these challenges. We established the Global Council to address this.



Through our Global Council, you will be able to:

- Meet peers beyond your own organisation or sector and get to the most relevant people/organisations quickly
- Bring more innovation and imagination to your existing work
- Explore ideas for new potential partnerships and collaborations
- Get advice and inspiration from experts and organisations working in similar fields

How does the Global Council work?

You can sign up to a one-year Global Council membership with SIX, and as part of this membership, you receive quick and targeted access to our global network, global inspiration and case studies, provocation and peer support from our team of experts.

This takes the form of:

- **One to two bespoke private meetings** annually with a group of global experts from our network in a field that is relevant to you or about a problem you would like to troubleshoot
These meetings are 60-90 minute online sessions with three to six other global organisations. We will make suggestions of who to meet, make the connections and facilitate the session (if useful).
- **Quarterly meetings with the SIX team** to act as a thought partner or critical friend and to make recommendations for people or organisations to connect with
- **Invitations** to regular SIX events and learning exchanges

How others have used this service

Our Global Council track record includes:

- Acting as a thought partner to, and facilitating relevant conversations for, an Asia-based foundation looking to expand their portfolio of work to include global migration
- Curating connections for a Scotland-based university looking for project partners in European Union-wide social innovation work
- Building the profile and strengthening the impact of a family-owned Turkish conglomerate who is advocating for and practising business as a force for good
- Curating new connections and cross-sector partnerships of a South African university looking to implement a new strategy which is both locally rooted and globally informed.



Testimonials

Robert Bosch Stiftung, Germany

Supporting foundations to learn beyond their region and expand global outlook

“Above all, cooperation in philanthropy needs one basis: trust. This applies in particular to networks of foundations. To build such trust requires an excellent facilitator and host. SIX Global Council is this facilitator for us and, beyond that, through the large global network, it is an indispensable source of contacts and knowledge. It provides us with insights for regional overviews and puts us in touch with key contacts in regions where the Bosch Stiftung has no networks so far.”

– Markus Lux, Senior Vice President of Global Issues

Glasgow Caledonian University, Scotland

Building profile and new global partnerships for universities

“GCU has worked closely with SIX and the Global Council over the last five years, especially in our international capacity building projects. Our work together has helped to transform social innovation support in higher education in Latin America, Southeast Asia and South Africa. In all these projects, SIX has been integral in articulating the needs of social innovators, complementing our own research in the field and helping to promote our results.”

– Cam Donaldson, Pro Vice Chancellor Research and Enterprise / Co-Director