

Foster societal resilience, security and cohesion



Impact Focus Area 4

We will work on enabling access, ensuring equity and building trust in the digital age through informing policy development that elevate marginalized voices, enhance community and human security and resources, and promote social justice to break down cultural barriers.

Impact Focus Area 4.1

Foster trust in a digital age, inform policy and advocate for regulation to protect individuals and communities, building resilience through our education and engagement.

Objective Description

Through interdisciplinary collaboration between STEM and the humanities, UNSW addresses the ethical challenges posed by emerging technologies such as AI, ensuring that innovation serves the public good.

By promoting equity in access to technology and representation in decision-making processes, the university seeks to reduce societal divisiveness and build inclusive frameworks that benefit all. UNSW's education and engagement efforts empower students and the wider community to navigate the complexities of the digital era with resilience, ethical awareness, and a shared commitment to a more secure and cohesive society.

Flagship Initiatives

Ethics of the digital age – Be thought leaders in the development, application and legislation for future technology

Impact Focus Area 4.2

Mobilise multi-disciplinary policy expertise and support to elevate 'invisible voices' and overcome systemic barriers.

Objective Description

Through collaboration across disciplines, the university works to ensure that the voices of marginalised and underrepresented communities are heard and integrated into policy discussions. By advocating for equity and inclusivity in policymaking and public discourse, UNSW helps address disparities and supports the development of more just and resilient societal structures. Through education, research, and active engagement, UNSW champions the inclusion of diverse perspectives, empowering those who have historically been excluded to shape a fairer, more cohesive future.

Flagship Initiatives

Engagement and empowerment of culturally/socially marginalized communities/sectors through research and education.

Development of the Indigenous Micro-treaty

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Facilitate the protection and enhancement of communities' security and cohesion including access to critical resources.

Objective Description

From fragile nation-states to local communities, UNSW's multi-disciplinary approach addresses their diverse needs, ensuring security and social cohesion are strengthened at all levels. By aligning its efforts with the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the university contributes to solutions that promote sustainable access to essential resources like clean water, energy, housing and education, while fostering inclusive development. Through research, policy advocacy, and engagement, UNSW supports the human security of communities around the world, enhancing their capacity to withstand and thrive amidst global challenges.

Flagship Initiatives

Create a knowledge translation hub focused on supply chain security (food, water, climate, disaster response, housing, poverty, education, ethics, policy, regulation, business incentives).

Impact Focus Area 4.4

Deploy our strengths for capacity building through the lens of social justice, to breakdown cultural barriers.

Objective Description

UNSW's distinctiveness is reflected in the multi-faculty expertise in social justice. UNSW equips individuals and communities with the knowledge and tools needed to bridge cultural divides and promote equity. This commitment to social justice ensures that UNSW's efforts are not only empowering but also transformative, creating a more inclusive and cohesive society both locally and globally.

Flagship Initiatives

Develop our Canberra City precinct to facilitate education, research and innovation partnerships with government, industry and defence.

Short course/ micro-credential portfolio focused on capacity building including B2G partnership with DFAT.



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