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and Innovation**

Scientists

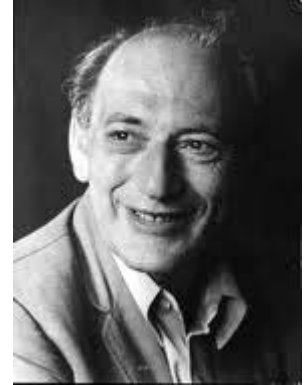
Innovators

People

Social identity theory

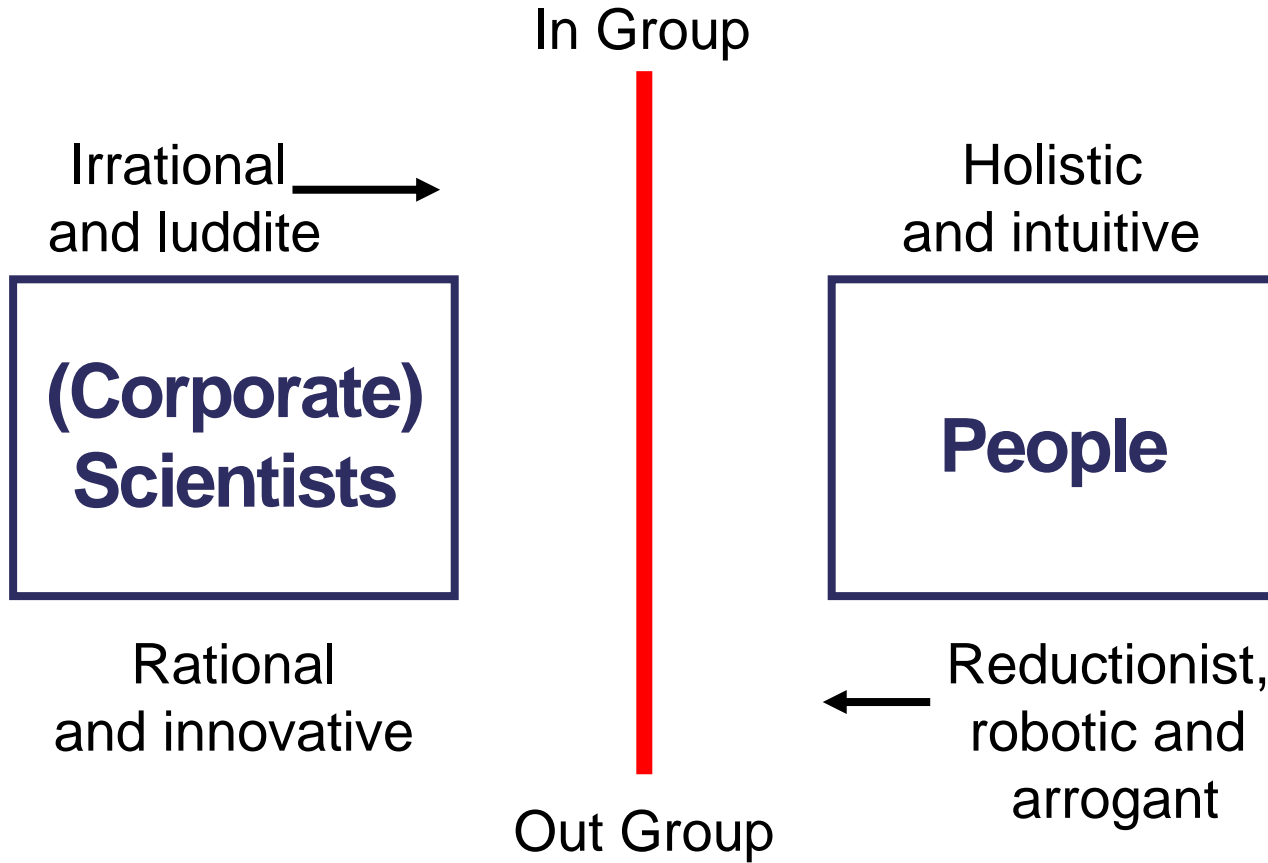
In group - Out group thinking

- In group favouritism
- Out group derogation
- Within group social influence
- Out group homogenisation
 - Group polarisation



Henri Tajfel

Reduces insecurity and fear of the unknown



Segregation of Science and Society

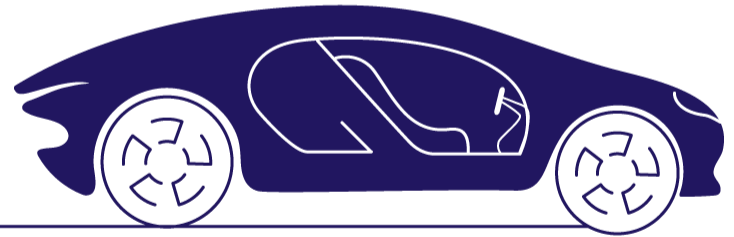
- Narrows the range of people becoming researchers and innovators
- Makes it harder to connect the research and innovation system to societal needs
- We need “a compact that bonds science and society, which will both deliver excellent science and ensure that it is used for the public good” (Nurse Review 2015)

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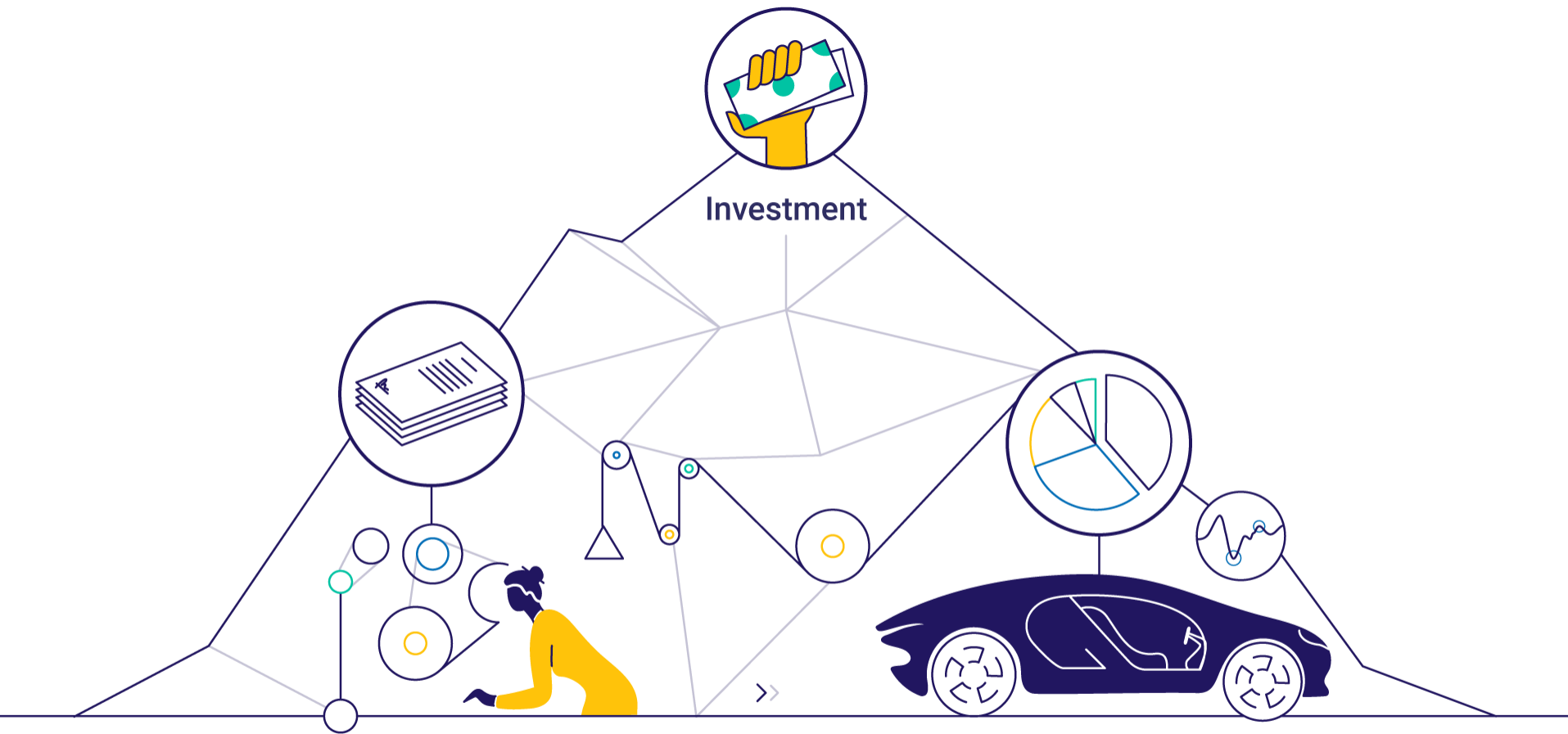
- We are the largest public funder of R&I in the UK
- We bring together nine councils covering all sectors and disciplines
- We are a public body and accountable to government
- We are part of a system, working with academia, business, public sector, third sector, and international partners



Discovery



Product



Investment

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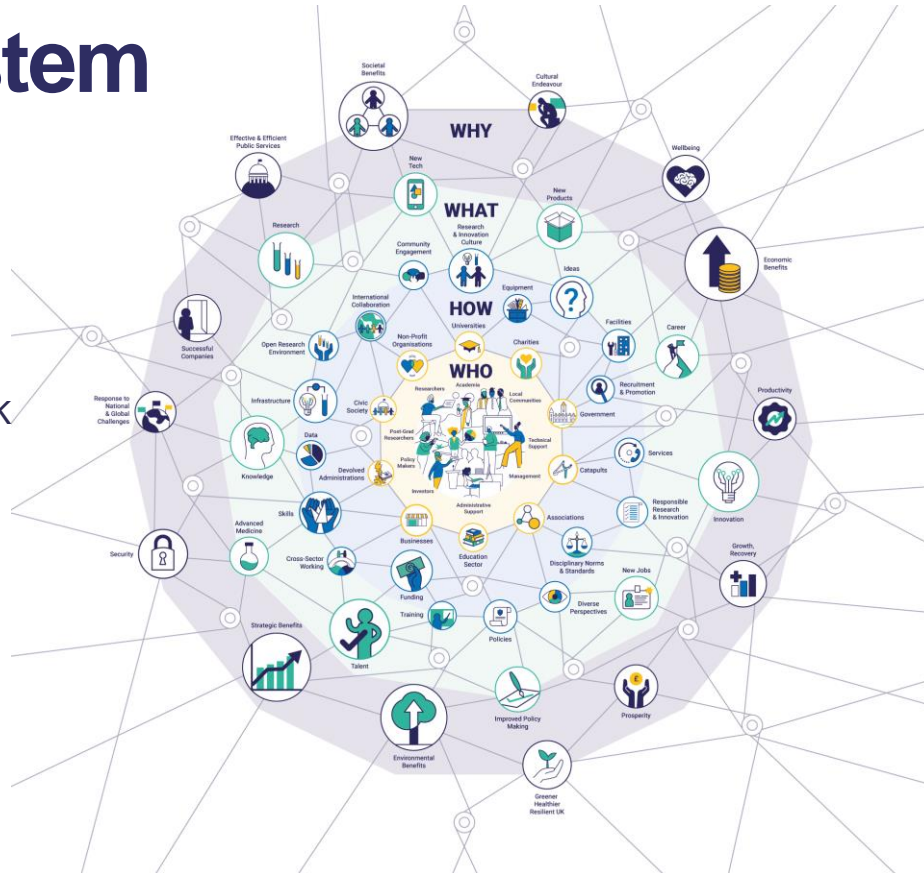


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Our role as stewards of the system



Our **vision** is for an outstanding research and innovation system in the UK that gives everyone the opportunity to contribute and to benefit, enriching lives locally, nationally and internationally.



Our **mission** is to convene, catalyse and invest in close collaboration with others to build a thriving inclusive research and innovation system that connects discovery to prosperity and public good.

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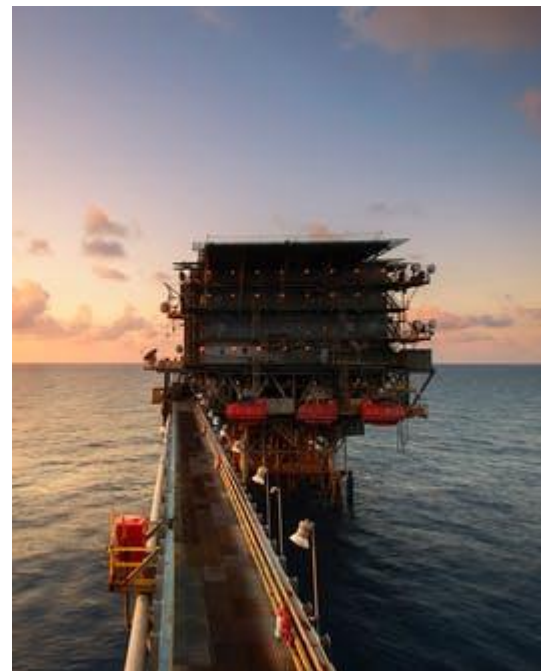
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Science and the pandemic

- Science evolves as evidence grows
- Science alone is not enough
- Science helps navigate uncertainty but does not eliminate it
- Health is not just a medical issue
- The quality of public discourse is not good enough
- A well-funded, connected, embedded science and innovation system is essential for tackling major challenges

Data – the new oil

- The potential for improving public health through the effective use of data is extraordinary
- This requires public confidence in data sharing
- Prioritising outcomes that align with people's values is key
- Disease prevention through public health interventions is more likely to be acceptable than supporting companies to develop new drugs





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