

Civil Society Futures.

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The scale and breadth of the Inquiry.



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What are the drivers of change?

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Global economic forces



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Civil Society as action



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Demographic change

Population 85 and over, 2033.

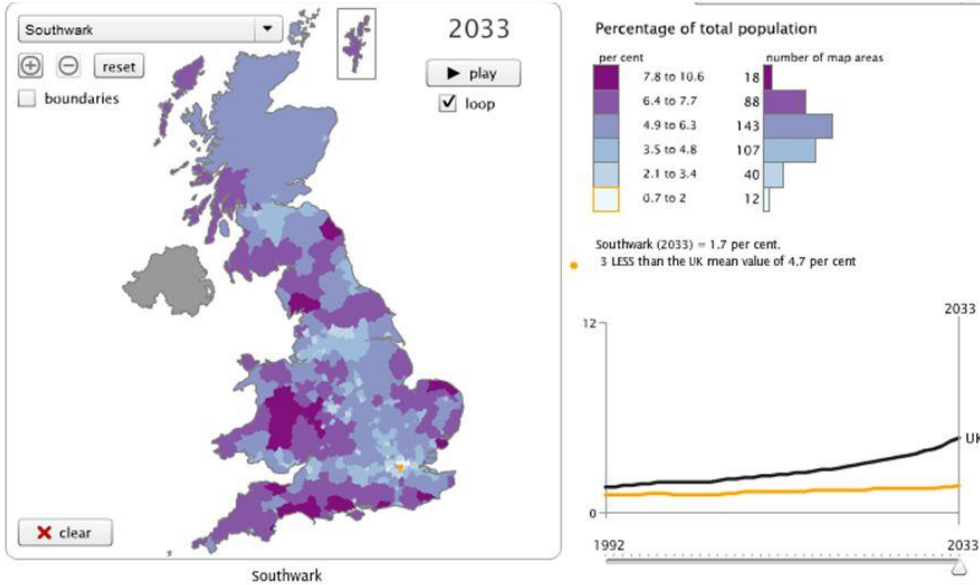


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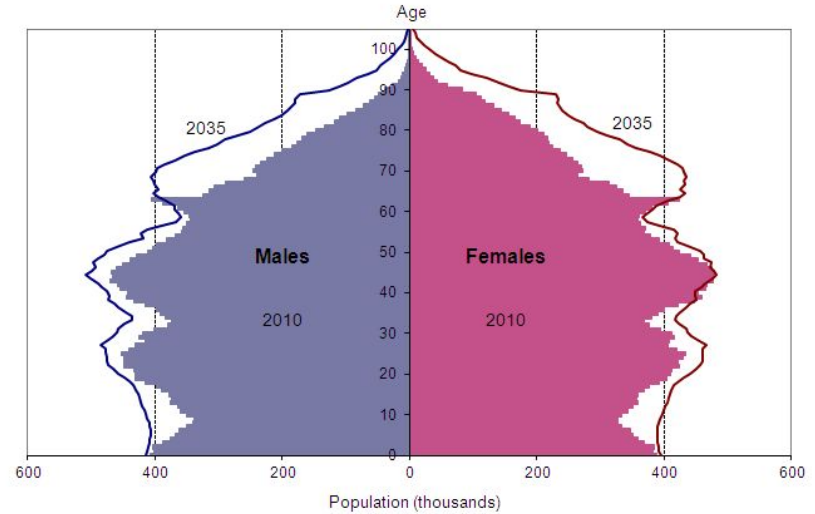


Image: Estimated and projected age structure of the United Kingdom population, ONS

Decline in trust and governance challenges

Finland trials basic income for unemployed

Government hopes two-year social experiment will cut red tape, reduce poverty and boost employment

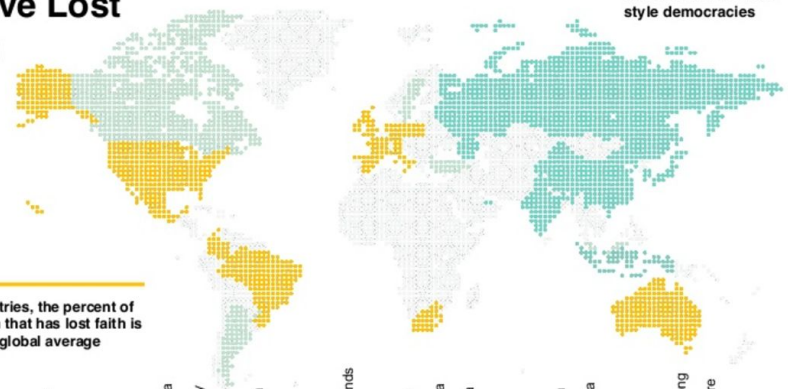


Finland has started paying a basic income of €560 a month to randomly selected unemployed people. Photograph: Guenter Artinger/EPA

1 in 2 Countries Have Lost Faith in the System

Percent of population who believe the system is not working

- Above global average
- Aligned with global average
- Below global average



In 14 countries, the percent of population that has lost faith is above the global average

	Global	France	Italy	Mexico	S. Africa	Spain	Poland	Brazil	Colombia	Germany	U.K.	Australia	Ireland	U.S.	Netherlands	Canada	Sweden	Argentina	Malaysia	Turkey	Russia	S. Korea	Indonesia	Japan	India	Hong Kong	Singapore	China	UAE
System failing	53	72	72	67	67	67	64	62	62	62	60	59	59	57	56	55	55	53	52	51	48	48	42	42	36	35	30	23	19
Uncertain	32	22	24	25	24	25	25	25	27	26	29	30	26	33	33	30	29	29	37	31	28	41	40	45	45	50	43	47	40

Source: 2017 Edelman Trust Barometer Q672-675, 678-680, 688-690.

Technological change

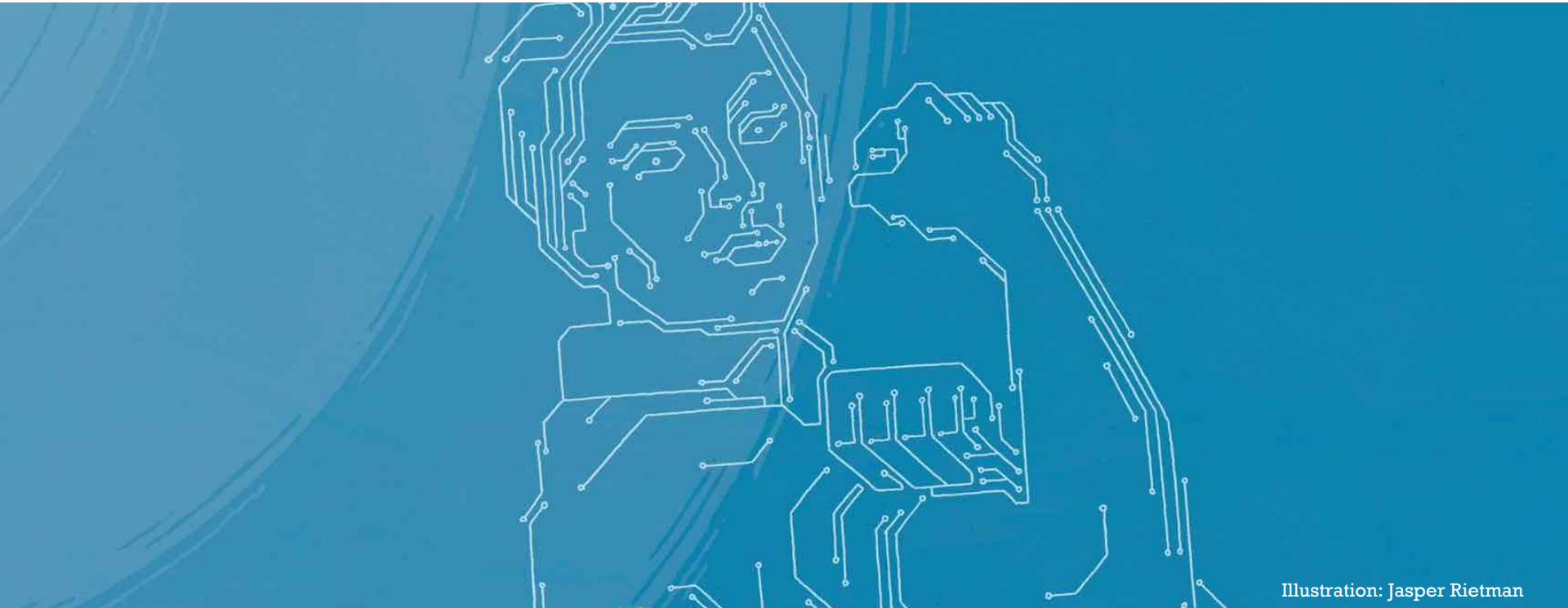


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Historical Civil Society



Introducing the panel



Asif Afridi



Sarah Gordon



Bert Massie



Debu Purkayastha



Danny Sriskandarajah



Rhiannon White



Carolyn Wilkins



Steve Wyler

Introducing the secretariat



Forum for the Future is the **lead organisation**.

Forum is an independent non-profit working with business, government and civil society to understand and accelerate the transition to a sustainable future.



openDemocracy will lead on **communications, online and advocacy**.

openDemocracy is a not-for-profit media outlet.



Goldsmiths University of London will be responsible for **research excellence**, through the expertise available at Goldsmiths in the Centre for Global Media and Democracy, the Faiths and Civil Society Unit and the Centre for Urban and Community Research.



Citizens UK will lead on **public engagement**.

Citizens UK builds the power of organised civil society to achieve social justice and the common good, with diverse community alliances across England.

The core principles at the heart of the inquiry



1. Action-oriented: we believe the Inquiry should be rooted in rigorous evidence. We will test new ideas from civil society actors and develop a roadmap for the future of civil society.



2. Process as a value creation strategy: we have designed the Inquiry so it begins to test and build the future civil society itself: via an action research approach e.g. Inquiry online hub, Civil Society Lab and final event.



3. Sustainability driven: we will address long term social and environmental trends and use the UN's Sustainable Development Goals as a reference.



4. Systemic: we will take a systemic view of civil society and address how systems work to exclude various groups, and look to the future of how those groups speak to each other.



5. Iterative: we will continue to evolve the inquiry process by ensuring we're constantly learning and experimenting as we go.



6. People-centred: the locus of civil society is the individual, and that will be our entry point. We place great emphasis on the value of face to face engagement whilst acknowledging that in the past decade much activity has moved online and this must be a major part of the Inquiry.

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We need your opinion... Take part now.

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50 trends which will define the next decade (what have we missed?)

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Projecting into next week is almost impossible. Doing so for the next decade is even harder. But when the Civil Society

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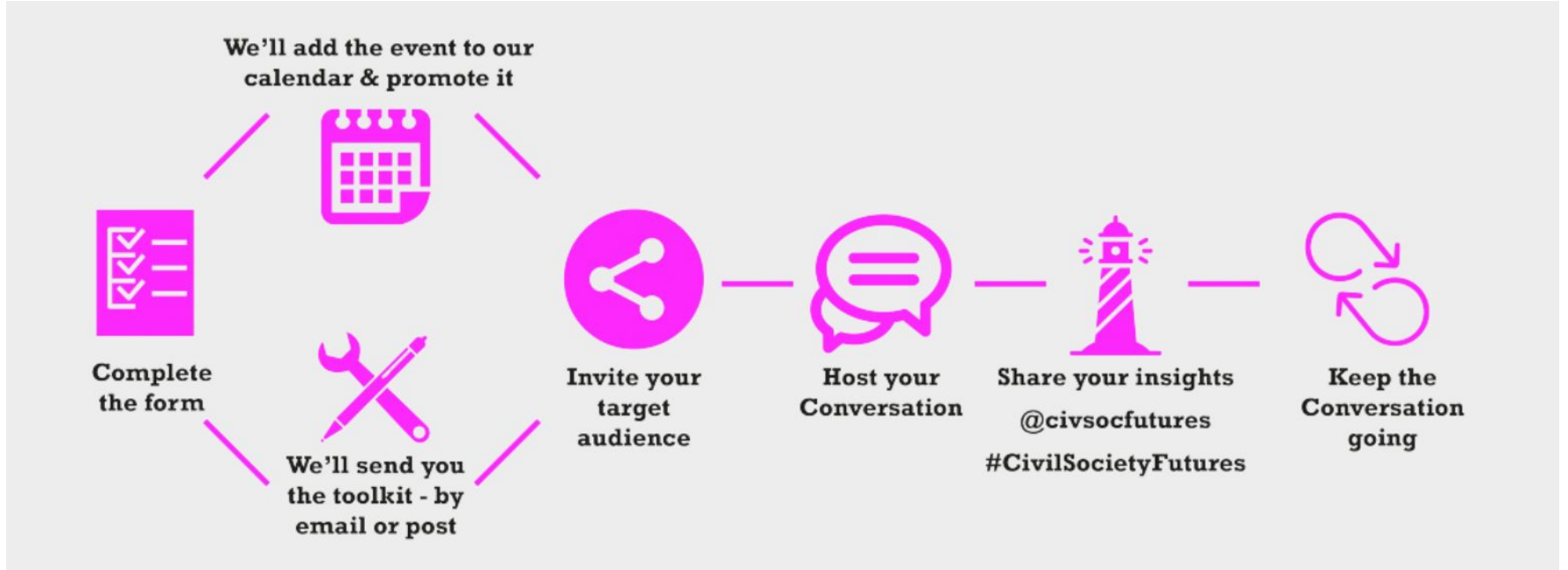
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Host a **Civil Society Futures Conversation**

Attend or invite your networks to our **community workshops**

Respond to the **call for evidence**

Thank you

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