

Invitation to serve as external reviewer for DICE Network+ Flexible Funds

We are seeking skilled reviewers to support our next round of flexible funding, covering applications for [Feasibility Studies](#) and [Demonstrators](#) to the value of £50,000 (at 80% FEC).

Applications are invited that address real world challenges at the intersection of digital innovation and the circular economy, providing valuable insight into the latest areas of speculative and potentially high-impact research.

What's in it for you:

- Influence the field: Help shape projects up to £50,000 (80% FEC).
- Early insight & learning into emerging ideas.
- Community & networking across diverse sectors.

Review window: Weds 29 April 2026 to Tues 19 May 2026 inclusive

Time Commitment: Workload of **max 8 applications per reviewer** (flexible according to your availability), estimate 1-1.5 hours per application.

Who we're inviting: Experts working in the space of digital innovation and/or the circular economy, either in a research or commercial setting who can provide an informed and objective review of applications.

Your role in the process: You will be contributing to Stage 1 of the process (see Figure 1 below) reviewing applications and scoring them against pre-determined criteria. Full guidance and a scoring rubric will be provided, to be completed along with brief comments to justify scores. Each application receives two independent reviews with scores being combined to give a final weighted score. This score is used to determine the shortlisted projects that are invited to Stage 2, the Panel Pitch Day, from which funding offers are made.

EDI: We encourage reviewers from diverse sectors, disciplines and career stages; EDI is central to everything we do and we are committed to creating a network that is open, respectful and welcoming. All Review Panel members must be familiar with our [EDI Principles available here](#) and are expected to have completed EDI training. Resources can be provided for those who need support in this area.

Confidentiality & Conflict of Interest (COIs): All applications, reviews, identities and scores are confidential. Reviewers agree not to share content or identity of applications, not to use AI tools and to securely delete any materials after completion. Any COIs must be flagged, where there is opportunity for impartiality to be questioned – in such instances, you will be reassigned a different application.

How to be considered: We welcome your support - [please complete this short online form](#) by **Thursday 2 April 2026**.

Figure 1: DICE N+ Application review process

