

## **Vulnerability and Innovation**

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### **Abstract**

What does it mean to collaborate with people from unfamiliar disciplines, and how can this lead to innovation?

BCU is embarking on an ambitious mission to contribute to the development of a community of people and organisations with a strong interest in supporting innovation. Through the STEAMhouse initiative, (connecting Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths), the team are busily working towards establishing a new centre for creative innovation. It will focus on bringing people together to coalesce around a problem or challenge with the aim of innovating practices, products, and services. This interdisciplinary way of working has many merits, and requires an open, trusting, and brave approach, often taking people outside of their comfort zones.

It may be a risky approach for some, who may feel that the risks are too great to consider participating in, but for others with a level of curiosity and willingness to share and receive ideas, it can be a deeply rewarding experience.

STEAMhouse will enable people to examine the world through different perspectives, and contribute to a growing community of likeminded individuals to break down silos, find new networks, and reframe what it means to innovate in the digital age.

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