

UKSPA June Conference: Hosted by Lincoln Science & Innovation Park

University of Lincoln

Thursday 7th June 2018 and Friday 8th June 2018

Time	Event
11:30 - 13.00	Registration & Lunch
13.00 – 13.05	Welcome from Dr David Hardman, UKSPA Chairman
13.05 - 13.30	Welcome from Lincoln Science & Innovation Park Ursula Lidbetter, Co-Chair Lincoln Science & Innovation Park and Chief Executive Lincolnshire Co-op, Tom Blount – Director Lincoln Science & Innovation Park
13.30 – 14.25	<p>PANEL SESSION: Challenges & Opportunities. Current issues for the sector. An opportunity to hear from a panel of leading figures in the science and innovation sector on current trends and the future direction of the science and innovation sector. Panellists will look at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science Parks as Economic Developers • BioTech and Life Science - Beyond the Golden Triangle • The view from the North • Where next for the sector? • Innovation Centres – impact and ownership <p>This session will provide an opportunity to consider the challenges and opportunities for the science and innovation sector.</p> <p>The panellist's will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tom Blount, CEO, Lincoln Science and Innovation Park • Glenn Crocker, CEO, BioCity • Martino Picardo, Former CEO, Stevenage BioScience Catalyst • David Hardman, CEO, Innovation Birmingham • Jo Willett, MD, Oxford Innovation Ltd
14.25 – 15.00	Discussion/Questions: Following the presentations there will be time for contributions from delegates and discussion on the issues.
15.10 - 15.45	Coffee & Networking Break
15.45 – 17.00	<p>Parallel Sessions</p> <p>1 Incubators: Measuring Impact</p> <p>This session will look at the current BEIS sponsored NESTA research which is looking at measuring the impact of UK Incubator and Accelerator Programmes. Other speakers will consider how they measure the impact of their activities? How is this carried out and what does it show? Presenters will also demonstrate the use that is made to refine services and promote activities to potential tenants/members.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Jonathan Bone, NESTA • Emma Thorn, Centre Director, SETSquared Bristol. • Toni Harrison, Oxford Innovation

All sessions subject to change and amendment

	<p>2 Connections: Future Travel and Green Transport</p> <p>There are increasing challenges in delivering sustainable transport solutions for both tenant companies and visitors to Science parks and other innovation locations. This session will look at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The transport challenges for your tenants when getting on site – and the car parking challenges on arrival. - Issues like Electric Charging points. What do tenants want in terms of transport infrastructure? - Wider transport developments and their future impact. Autonomous vehicles for example: what do SP managers and developers need to think about in future developments. <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dave Hockton and colleagues from MIRA Technology Park • John Hacker, Director, TPS Transport Consultants
	<p>3 Company Growth: Supporting Innovative Companies</p> <p>The Midlands Engine Investment Fund (MEIF), supported by the European Regional Development Fund, is an initiative launched by the government-owned British Business Bank.</p> <p>It is a key part of the government’s vision aimed at boosting the region’s economy and supporting the growth of smaller businesses between 2017 and 2022.</p> <p>The fund offers four different funding options to help businesses grow. These investment options are designed to plug common gaps in the provision of finance, giving business access to the funding it needs.</p> <p>In addition the session will also consider a range of other business support activities that aim to improve company growth of tenants/members.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lewis Stringer, Senior Relationship Manager, British Business Bank • Vicky Addison, Head of Incubation, University of Lincoln
17.00	End of Day One

Thursday Evening: DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, Lincoln. LN1 1YW

18.30 - 19.00	Business Affiliates Informal Meeting	
19.00 – 19.45	Drinks Reception	
19.45 – 22.00	Conference Dinner	
22.00	Informal Networking	

Friday 8th June 2018

Time	Event
From 08.45	Coffee on arrival
09.15	The emerging policy position of HMG Funding post Brexit Ruth Carver, Director, Greater Lincolnshire LEP
09.45-10.45	PANEL SESSION: Perspectives on Investment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current investment trends: Overview (Jonathan Burroughs, CEO, Creative Places) • An international Investor perspective from Kadans (Holland) • Commercial Investment (Roz Bird, Commercial Director, MEPC Limited) • The University perspective (David Gillham, Thames Valley Science Park, University of Reading) • Commercial Investment and the Cities (David Hardman, Innovation Birmingham)
10.45 – 11.15	Discussion and contributions from delegates and discussion
11.15 - 11.45	Networking Break
11.45 – 12.45	Parallel sessions
	<p>4 Connectivity and Barriers to Collaboration</p> <p>What are the specific Barriers to connectivity that some locations need to overcome to deliver increasing tenant expectations? Providing attractive Broadband services in Science Parks has become increasingly problematic as tenant’s expectations and requirements have risen beyond the capability of the infrastructure.</p> <p>This session looks at the combination of requirements and circumstances required and how to work in partnership with to ensure that commercial yield is improved and the offer to the tenant becomes a marketing asset rather than a liability.</p> <p>Speakers: Bob Cushing, Bridge Fibre Christian Evans, JISC</p>
	<p>5 Ageing R&D Space – Refurbishment and the alternatives</p> <p>The maturity of the Science Park and Innovation Sector presents challenges for existing R&D space. For many operators the options are Demolish? Rebuild? Or Refurbish? This session looks at how to cope with</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The refurbishment options that are possible for R&D space that could be up to 40 years old (Adrian Gainer, Willmott Dixon) • The legal issues created by existing licences and tenancy agreements (Science Park Team, Wright Hassall).
12.45 -13.15	Final Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where next for the sector – David Hardman, Chairman, UKSPA • Where next for UKSPA – Jim Duvall, Executive Director, UKSPA
13.15	Close/Lunch
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