

Lancashire Innovation Festival 2022

Venue: Brockholes Nature Reserve – Green Conference Facility

Date: Friday 7th October 8.30am to 4pm

Aim: To showcase what Lancashire has already achieved and encourage those who are reluctant, to get innovating.

1st Session – Money – 8.30am to 10.15am

Starting with breakfast we will have a roundtable, hosted by Mark Gibbons from Access 2 Finance Lancashire, with successful Innovate UK winners of funds, British Business Bank, R&D Accountants, talking about the best funds and how they can be sourced and how various went about accessing funds.

Edge Hill, Lancaster and UCLan to be asked to put forward one project each they have worked on that included Innovate UK money and chat about how they utilised the money.

Coffee/Comfort break for 15 mins

2nd Session – Innovation in Manufacturing 10.30am to 12.00pm

Hosted by Pete Mconie from AMRC, projects AMRC have worked on with sme's talking about the whole process also involve Made Smarter in this as well.

Hosted by Alan Reid – Engineer and Boost Relationship Manager who specialises in Manufacturing – get smes who have innovated – how they went about it and what they are doing now.

Lunch 12.00pm – 1pm

Informal networking opportunities and a chance to visit the various stands – see potential list below.

3rd Session – ECO and Energy – 1pm – 2.30pm

Hosted by Becky Toal from Crowberry – chat about who is doing what and what potentials are out there – get in various smes to chat about what they are doing, if and what funds are out there to encourage hitting ECO targets re Innovate UK.

Break for cakes and coffee 30 mins- chance to network again/catch up with stands

4th Session – What is Happening in Lancashire – 3pm to 4pm

A chance to catch up with the Innovation Challenge winners to find out where they are at.

Innovation Ambassadors roundtable – Lets start talking about social innovation and get the conversation going.

Stands in outer room – banners with information and cards to be made available.

AMRC
Lancaster LUMS
Lancaster Health Innovation Centre
Cyber Foundry
UCLan Engineering Centre
Boost Business Growth Hub
STFC Stern
IN4.0 ACCESS
Lancashire Technology Accelerator
Made Smarter
A2F/Rosebud
Scale Up
Innovate UK

All the above are support organisations who can support SME's.

Stakeholders will be asked to prepare videos of approximately 5 mins length that showcases what they are currently doing – this will be shown on a constant loop in the outer rooms and in the main room between sessions.

We will actively source other organisations to run events leading up to this day and will promote as part of a whole week's event.

We have approached a range of businesses discussing best days of the week and it was felt a Friday was better as it wouldn't interfere as much and attendance would be higher.