**Lancashire Innovation Festival Update**

Dates of Festival 4th – 8th October

Monday - Digital Theme, from Fraser House

Tuesday – Health theme, From EIC at UCLan (late change from Edge Hill which is now unavailable)

Wednesday – Social Innovation Theme – From Blackburn Youth Zone

Thursday – Manufacturing – From the AMRC

Friday – Low Carbon – From Blackpool and the Fylde Energy HQ

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| **4th October** | **5th October** | **6th October** | **7th October** | **8th October** |
| ***Digital*** | ***Health*** | ***Social Innovation*** | ***Manufacturing*** | ***Low Carbon*** |
| ***Fraser House*** | ***UCLan*** | ***Blackburn Youth Zone*** | ***AMRC*** | ***Energy HQ*** |
| **Opening Keynote - this will come from a high profile minister - Graham Baldwin confirmed** | **Opening from UCLan - innovation leads present the day and what they're doing** | **Opening from BYZ - talk about importance of youth** | **Opening from AMRC - Opening from Manufacturing asset and what it means for region** | **Opening from B & FC - getting Blackpool in on Innovation conversation** |
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| **E-commerce Innovations - what are innovators in the field considering and what's happening in Lancashire** | **Health Data in Lancashire - Alcidion, UHMBT, George Ellison** | **Food clusters - sustaining our local food supply through innovation - Jane Dalton** | **The rise of the Micro-Manufacturer - Jane Binnion hosts this conversation with 4 of the regions micro-manufacturing businesses** | **East Lancs Chamber** |
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| **Networking Lunch** | **Networking Lunch** | **Networking Lunch** | **Networking Lunch** | **Networking Lunch** |
| **Virtual Networking Session - Creative Forum - using one fo the cross cutting themes for interactive networking** | **Medtech - Out of Adveristy specialises in getting product innovations to market from UCLan, host Jim Richards** | **Roast and Toast? - Dave Scholes and Andi Lewis?** | **Manufacturers Networking - meet the producers, limited capacity session using breakout rooms** | **A Low-Carbon Lancashire Networking - How can we adopt faster change?** |
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| **Cyber - Lancashire Cyber Foundry Team: Team from Lancaster Uni to provide a session with the Cross Cutting Themes** |  | **Financing Innovation - with Gaynor Dykes and Nelson Gray** | **North West Space Cluster - what does having a space cluster mean for the region?** | **Centre for Global Eco-Innovation - Delivery of a session** |
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| **Emergent Tech: Electech - hosted by Mark Thwaite and including a panel of speakers from SMEs and Innovate UK** | **Health Innovation Campus - Lancaster's Health Innovation Campus to present a session on Business Support** | **Skills for Innovation - Kerry Harrison lead a discussion with panel** | **Skilling Lancashire for a Manufacturing Future - Judson, Claire and bring in Nicola Mortimer from Tech Lancaster** | **Mobility Tech - case study focus on electric vehicles, drones and anything else** |
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| **Maya/ Kam Kothia/ Mike Gibson - Opportunities in Digital - what do future opportunities for innovators in Lancashire look like?** | **Lancashire's Big Ideas - over the next 25 years where will our innovation opportunities lie?** | **Lancashire's Innovation History - Tony Attard to host** | **Lancashire Supply Chain Opportunities - what have we got for those outside the region?** | **Closing Keynote - words from the chair of Lancashire's Innovation Board to close this years event** |
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Majority of these sessions are now booked in.

Challenges so far around orchestrating content, would suggest next year that we appoint sector leads in order to ensure we get full mix.

That said, some great content and strong hooks from sessions.

All sessions to be live streamed and post-production edits uploaded to Youtube.

Active promotion from late August on social media.

Looking for “Fringe” events, people delivering their own sessions and sending us the zoom link. Full details at https://event.lancashireinnovationfestival.co.uk/coming-soon/