

BioAmass Summit

1st October / BioCity Nottingham

The East Midlands is recognised as a key UK innovation region, with strengths in life sciences, healthtech, advanced manufacturing and engineering biology.

At the first BioAmass Summit, we aim to bring together founders, businesses, investors, academia, government and the wider innovation ecosystem to coordinate our strengths, raise the region's profile and build a thriving innovation cluster that accelerates growth and creates globally impactful businesses from the East Midlands.

Time	Session
09:30	Registration & Coffee
10:00	Welcome & Introduction: Host welcome, site background and an introduction to BioAmass and Forging Ahead, including the purpose of the day.
10:15	Panel 1: Why Nottingham? The case for Nottingham as a science and innovation location - exploring its strengths, assets and founder experience, and what is needed to secure greater national recognition.
11:00	Break: Wall of Asks / Offers.
11:15	Panel 2: How do we make it happen? Practical delivery across Nottingham and the East Midlands - focusing on infrastructure, investment, founders, civic leadership and ecosystem-building.
12:00	Break
12:15	BioAmass Lightning Showcase: Short presentations from companies and projects across the local and wider bioeconomy community.
13:00	Lunch & Networking: Continued Wall of Asks / Offers.
14:00	Keynote: Leading Through Networks - Why Relationships Build Ecosystems: Nell Masey O'Neill on leadership, purposeful networking and turning the day's conversations into action.
14:25	Rotating Table Discussions: Facilitated discussions exploring priority themes, opportunities and ecosystem needs.
15:15	Break
15:30	Build the Midlands Challenge: If you had £10m to strengthen the East Midlands science and innovation sector, how would you spend it?
16:20	Closing discussion: Key takeaways, areas of agreement, practical next steps and clear owners.

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