

The Cambridge x Manchester Partnership presents

The University of Manchester

INNOVATION
FESTIVAL 26

Innovation Summit

Thursday 8 October | 8:45-13:30

SISTER, Renold Building, Manchester

Part of the University of Manchester Innovation Festival



The Cambridge
× Manchester
Partnership



Two cities. **One mission:**

To supercharge innovation-led growth.

THE PARTNERSHIP

The Cambridge x Manchester Partnership brings together two of the UK's most powerful and complementary innovation ecosystems, connecting research, entrepreneurship, investment, business and civic leadership to explore what becomes possible by working together rather than by competing.

THE QUESTION

What does a genuinely world-class innovation ecosystem require, and what is Britain still missing?

The inaugural Innovation Summit brings founders, researchers, corporates, investors, policymakers and civic leaders together to explore the ingredients of globally competitive innovation ecosystems, and the role collaboration can play in turning research and ideas into lasting growth and impact.

WHAT YOU'LL DISCOVER

→ IDEAS

Perspectives from researchers, founders, investors, corporates and policymakers.

→ OPPORTUNITIES

Emerging ventures across life sciences, quantum, climate tech, defence, advanced materials and creative industries.

→ COLLABORATION

Real examples of how institutions, companies and cities can work across boundaries.

→ CONNECTIONS

A room bringing together the people shaping the UK's innovation ecosystems.





Programme

08:45	ARRIVAL AND NETWORKING
09:10	OPENING REMARKS  Opening remarks from Faye Holland Partnership Director <i>The Cambridge x Manchester Partnership</i>
09:20	FROM SILOS TO PARTNERSHIP What cross-city collaboration looks like in practice, and what it takes to build a world-class innovation ecosystem.  Chaired by Christopher Maguire Founder <i>Business Cloud</i> With:  Aline Miller Associate Vice-President for Enterprise; Chief Scientific Officer, Unit M <i>The University of Manchester</i>  Charlotte Ridley Founder and CEO <i>Memorify</i>  Geraint North Fellow, AI & Developer Platforms <i>Arm</i>  Cassie Doherty Investor <i>Northern Gritstone</i>

10:00

LIGHTNING TALKS

Six fast-paced talks with ventures from across the Manchester ecosystem.



Hosted by **Dr Karim A. Bahou**
Head of Innovation
Sister

With:



Joe Darwen
Founder and CEO
CircKit



Dr Videha Sharma
Co-founder
Fava Health



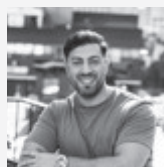
Tom Scott
Chief Technology Officer
N:SYM



Ombretta Masala
R&D Director
Nanoco



Dan Cathie
CEO & Co-founder
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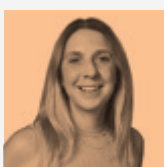
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BREAK

11:10

LIVE PANEL: WHAT IS BRITAIN'S INNOVATION ECONOMY STILL MISSING?

The ingredients required for globally competitive innovation ecosystems, and what the UK needs to accelerate growth and impact.



Chaired by **Fiona Tuck**
Director
Metro Dynamics

With:



Harriet Gordon
Deputy Director
No. 10 North



Jessica Corner
Executive Chair, Research England
UK Research and Innovation (UKRI)



Dom Hallas
Executive Director
Startup Coalition



Steve Lynch
Director International Trade
British Chambers of Commerce

11:50

KEYNOTE
INNOVATION IN GREATER MANCHESTER



Bev Craig
Mayor of Greater Manchester

12:05

CLOSING REMARKS



Duncan Ivison
President and Vice-Chancellor
The University of Manchester



Shaun Grady
UK Chair
AstraZeneca

12:15

NETWORKING LUNCH

Continue the conversation with innovators, investors, researchers, corporates and policymakers from across the UK.

13:30

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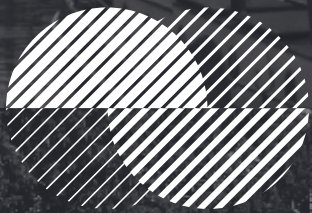
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