

INNOVATION SUMMIT 2022

Commercialising Concepts

Thursday 26th May 2022



09:30 – 10:00	Registration
10:00 – 10:20	Cancer Research UK's vision for Innovation and Entrepreneurialism Tony Hickson – Chief Business Officer, Commercial Partnerships, Cancer Research UK
10:20 – 10:40	Speaker 1 Newcastle University strategy to deliver innovation David Burn – Pro VC, Faculty of Medical Sciences, Director Newcastle Health Innovation Partners (NHIP)
10:40 – 11:00	Speaker 2 CRUK Newcastle Centre: Combining innovation and research to drive patient benefit Ruth Plummer – Clin Prof of Experimental Cancer Med
11:00 – 11:30	Refreshments, networking and exhibition
11:30 – 12:30	Why engage in entrepreneurship and lessons learned Panel of post-doc entrepreneurs on their motivations, successes and lessons learned Discussion amongst a range of entrepreneurial post-docs, explaining what inspired them to begin their entrepreneurial journey and describing the highs and lows of the process, what they learnt and what they would do differently. Chair: Prof. Che Connon, Professor of Tissue Engineering, Director of Business Development FMS, Newcastle University Potential speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Martina Miotto, CSO CellulaRevolution• Oliver Russell – Research Associate, Mitochondrial Research Group, Newcastle University• Carl Dale – Chief Executive, Microbritt Ltd• Jurek Kozyra – Founder CEO, NANOVERY.
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch, networking and exhibition



<p>13:30 – 14:30</p>	<p>What route should I take?</p> <p>Comparing established routes to commercialisation, ranging from licensing to spin-out.</p> <p>Each panellist to share their experience to demonstrate the diverse range of methods to successful commercialisation. Steve (DDU, Newcastle) to give his perspective on co-development & collaboration, David (CEO, Iksuda) to give his perspective on regional barriers and opportunities to spin-out companies whilst Anji & Tracy to come from a Licensing/TTO perspective from either side of commercialisation parties (academia/charity & venture funds respectively).</p> <p>Chair: Martin Cox- Director, Business Development Enterprise, Newcastle University</p> <p>Potential speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Steve Wedge –Prof of Stratified Cancer Med Discovery, Newcastle Drug Discovery Unit, Newcastle University• David Simpson – CEO, co-founder, Iksuda Therapeutics• Tracy Weightman – Associate Director, Life Sciences, Intermediate Capital Group• Anji Miller – Senior Business Manager–Technology Transfer, LifeArc
<p>14:30 – 14:50</p>	<p>Speaker 3</p> <p>The trials and tribulations of a setting up an academic spin-out: Case Study from Newcastle/North-East</p> <p>Talk on their experience of engaging in entrepreneurship including highs, lows and things they have learnt along the way</p> <p>Prof. James Widmer, Coventry University, CEO, AEM: Advance Electric Machine</p> <p>James to talk about his journey, from concept to commercialisation. Success story to tie in with the themes discussed during the day and exhibit the impact entrepreneurship can have both on end user and on a researcher’s career.</p>
<p>14:50 – 15:15</p>	<p>Refreshments, networking, and exhibition</p>

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15:15 – 16:15	<p>Infrastructure and how it can help me</p> <p>Insight from key members of the local entrepreneurial ecosystem on the infrastructure available in the region to enable commercialisation.</p> <p>Discussion on priorities, opportunities and pitfalls when first starting out and the support on offer to assist the process. Experienced panel to discuss infrastructure available ranging from funding options, technology transfer & IP</p> <p>Chair: Prof. Mike Capaldi – Dean of Innovation and Business, Newcastle University</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Julie Little, Associate Director, Strategic Alliances, Cancer Research UK• Rick McCordall – Head of Company Creation, Newcastle University• Lynne Davies – Economic Advisor, Newcastle City Council• Alex Buchan – NorthStar Ventures, Newcastle based fund closely work with Uni.
16:15 – 16:35	<p>Speaker 4</p> <p>Entrepreneurship and commercialisation: a perspective from the NHS settings</p> <p>Second case study illustrating a different approach to entrepreneurship</p> <p>Andrea Burroughs, Associate Director, Commercial Enterprise, Newcastle Upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust</p>
16:35 – 16:40	<p>Closing Comments</p> <p>Steve Wedge, Chief Scientific Officer, CRUK Therapeutic Innovation, Prof of Stratified Cancer Med Discovery, Newcastle Drug Discovery Unit, Newcastle University</p>
16:40 – 18:00	<p>Networking Drinks</p>