

GoBio biotech sector network update

Connecting biotech and bioeconomy innovators – May 2018

GOBIO is connecting biotech innovators across Norfolk, Suffolk and the wider East of England to grow tomorrow's high-value bioindustries.

Through key contact and Sector Development Manager **Aaron Hunter**, the programme is delivered as part of the ERDF-funded Innovation New Anglia project, which is led by Hethel Innovation and partnered across Norfolk and Suffolk by Norwich Research Park, Norfolk County Council and Suffolk County Council.



DEVELOPING PROJECTS FOR BIO-BASED INNOVATION

PILOT INNOVATION WORKSHOP



BIOMATERIALS WORKSHOP DELIVERED

GoBio brought businesses and academics from across the bio-based materials value chain to Centrum, Norwich Research Park to explore the challenges and opportunities related to these materials, before outlining projects that could increase their use in our region.



5 SPEAKERS **21** ATTENDEES

ADNAMS
SOUTHWOLD

CAMBOND

UNIVERSITY OF
CAMBRIDGE

BSA MOULDINGS

Innovate UK
Knowledge Transfer Network

UEA
University of East Anglia

Look out for more updates on these innovation projects as they develop, and share your own solutions to biomaterials challenges [at this link](#).

COMMERCIALISATION TRAINING FOR SCIENTISTS

INNOVATE RESEARCH – CENTRUM, 22 MAY

The free *Innovate Research* half-day workshop is open to all researchers of all disciplines and careers stages, to support them to understand how research can be taken from the lab to the real world.

Find out more about *Innovate Research* and sign up [at this link](#).



IMPROVING THE LOCAL INNOVATION ENVIRONMENT

SECTOR LEADERS LOOKING FOR DEMONSTRATORS

Key actions from the last Life Science & Biotech Leaders Forum for the GoBio team included a review of early-stage funding support for biotech businesses and initial ideas from the sector for economic development projects such as the Cambridge Norwich Tech Corridor.

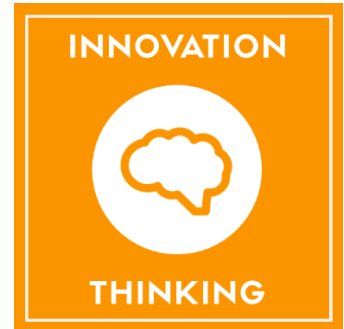
To build support for areas of future growth we are asking the sector to provide us with technical and market demonstrators – please drop us an email with any suggestions!

INNOVATION SKILLS TRAINING IN DEVELOPMENT

INNOVATION THINKING PILOT IN JUNE

Building on a successful track record in delivering innovation training for businesses, the GoBio team are developing a brand-new series of workshops that equip you with innovation tools and techniques you can use to come up with new solutions in your professional and personal life.

The first *Innovation Thinking* session is scheduled for 06 June; to find out more, drop us an email!



BRIDGING THE BIO / TECH GAP

NEXT BIOMAKERS SESSION: SPEEDY PLANT BREEDING



The **Norwich Biomakers** group (co-organised with Norwich-Cambridge synthetic biology programme OpenPlant), now at more than 150 members, is looking at speed breeding techniques practised by John Innes Centre researchers (which [made headlines](#) earlier this year)



Spaces are limited - you can sign up to this meetup and the Biomakers group at [this link](#).

IMPROVING ROUTES TO MARKET FOR DIAGNOSTIC TECH

NEXT PILOT INNOVATION WORKSHOP – DIAGNOSTICS, JULY



In our next pilot innovation workshop GoBio will be bringing together innovators from all stages of diagnostics industry and research, to identify any bottlenecks and kickstart collaborations that could catalyse the development of this knowledge-intensive cluster.

The **Diagnostics** workshop will be taking place in July 2018; to find out more please contact us via email.

To find out more about GoBio's activities and how you can get involved, contact Aaron Hunter at ahunter@hethelinnovation.com.