

State of Small Business Britain – Conference Programme

09.15 - 09.45: Registration and coffee

09.45: Introduction and Welcome to Conference (Chair - Lucy Armstrong, Chair of the ERC Advisory Board)

SESSION 1: SMEs and Innovation in the UK Context - Challenges and Opportunities

- 09.50: Video – Innovation, Diffusion, Growth.
- 09.55: Research Presentation – Driving Innovation, Driving Growth : Stephen Roper, Director of the ERC,
- 10.10: Keynote speech - Research and Innovation - Growth and Diffusion : Kevin Baughan, Deputy Chief Executive, Innovate UK
- 10.25: Business Case Study: Emma Sceats, Chief Executive, CN Bio
- 10.40: Panel Q&A with the session speakers

11.10 - 11.40: Networking and refreshment break

SESSION 2: From Knowledge to Money - The Commercialisation Pipeline

- 11.40: Welcome back and introduction to session 2
- 11.45: In conversation: From Idea to Start up and Beyond, with Professor Tim Dafforn, Chief Entrepreneurial Adviser, Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy
- 12.00: Research Presentation – Universities: Engines for growth? : Nola Hewitt-Dundas, ERC
- 12.15: Keynote speech: Unlocking SME Innovation and Growth Potential through Intellectual Property :Pippa Hall, Chief Economist, IPO
- 12.30: Panel Q&A with session speakers

13.00 – 13.50: Lunch and networking

13.50: Welcome back and introduction to afternoon session

SESSION 3: Driving Local Growth through Innovation

- 13.55 Keynote Speech: Inclusive Innovation Ecosystems in the Digital Economy: Opportunities and Challenges for SMEs :Caroline Paunov, Senior Economist, OECD followed by Q & A
- 14.25: Keynote Speech: Innovation Diffusion: The Solution to the Productivity Puzzle? :Tom Thackray, Director for Innovation, CBI followed by Q & A
- 14.55: In conversation with Sahar Hashemi OBE, co-founder of the coffee chain Coffee Republic, co-chair Scale –Up taskforce.
- 15.10: Panel discussion: Promoting Place Based Innovation: Including Adam Marshall, British Chambers of Commerce & Pam Waddell, Birmingham Science City and representatives from BEIS and Northern LEP

15.40: Final thoughts (ERC Directors)

15.45: Conference closes