

Conference Programme

09.45 - 10.30: Registration and coffee

10.30: Chair's introduction and welcome - Lucy Armstrong, Chief Executive, The Alchemists

SESSION 1: The Net Zero Transition

10.40-11.30: SMEs and the net zero journey

10.40: SMEs and the triple transition - Professor Stephen Roper, Enterprise Research Centre

10.50: SME emissions and attitudes - Matt Adey, British Business Bank

11.00: Developing sustainability in deep-tech SMEs - Tanya Sheridan, Royal Society of Chemistry

11.10: Questions and discussion

11.30-12.00: Supporting sustainability in SMEs: Panel discussion

Jane Galsworthy, Oxford Innovation; Jonathan Withey, Planet Mark; Paula Ritchie, NatWest

Chair: Professor Nola Hewitt-Dundas, Queens University Belfast

12.00 - 12.45: Lunch and networking

SESSION 2: The Digital Transition

12.45-13:15: Making the digital transition: business case studies: Panel discussion

Darren Joint, Viking Signs; Kavita Parmar, Word360; John Cushing, mnAI

Chair: Professor Mark Hart, Enterprise Research Centre

13.20-13.50: Supporting SMEs with the digital transition: Panel discussion

Mark Swift, Warwick Manufacturing Group; Karen Licurse, Digital Boost;

Daniel Harrison, Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy

Chair: Lucy Armstrong, The Alchemists

13.50 - 14.05: Coffee break

SESSION 3: The Productivity Transition

14.05-14.30: Keynote address: What are the priorities for small businesses?

Liz Barclay, Small Business Commissioner

14.30-15.00: Unlocking SME potential after the pandemic: Expert panel

Professor Jun Du, Aston University; Professor Bart Van Ark, Manchester University;

Kitty Ussher, Institute of Directors

Chair: Professor Mark Hart, Enterprise Research Centre

15.05: Closing remarks - Professor Stephen Roper, ERC

15.10: Conference close