



WEST YORKSHIRE
INNOVATION FESTIVAL

Get involved
3-7 OCTOBER 2022

Monday 3 October

Launch of the West Yorkshire Innovation Festival: The green tech challenge

09:00 - 12:00 (invite only)
Shine, Harehills Road, Leeds LS8 5HS

The Mayor of West Yorkshire, Tracy Brabin, officially launches the West Yorkshire Innovation Festival 2022. This event not only kickstarts the week-long festival, it also showcases innovation and action in young people. The green tech challenge tasked local school children to develop an app to encourage communities to reduce their carbon footprint and the winners will be announced at this event.



Innovation in young businesses: In conversation with KI-AH-NA

10:00 - 12:00
Leeds Central Library, The Business Hub, 2nd floor, Calverley Street, Leeds, LS1 3AB

Join this session to hear from an innovative young business in Leeds. KI-AH-NA is a facial recognition software that works for all skin tones. Come along to hear about Rebecca's inspiring journey, from working at a makeup counter to developing her own innovative business model.

- 10:00 - Breakfast and networking with professional photography
- 11:00 - Q&A conversation with KI-AH-NA

To join: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/innovation-in-young-businesses-in-conversation-with-ki-ah-na-tickets-424022180757?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>

Tuesday 4 October

Shining the environmental, social and governance spotlight on manufacturing

08:30 - 13:00

Clarion, Elizabeth House, 13-19 Queen Street, Leeds LS1 2TW

To join: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/shining-the-esg-spotlight-on-manufacturing-tickets-402392094587>

West Yorkshire Libraries breakfast briefing: Business support

09:00 - 10:00

Online

Join this breakfast briefing to find out about the free business support on offer through the Business & IP Centre at libraries in Leeds, Bradford, Calderdale, Kirklees and Wakefield. These centres help entrepreneurs from across the region access exclusive resources, events, and get one-to-one support and guidance on a range of business topics.

To join: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/breakfast-briefing-business-support-with-west-yorkshire-libraries-tickets-425173143317>

The New Monday

09:00 - 11:00

The Brew Society 26 Aire Street Leeds LS1 4HT

The New Monday is a community initiative that brings together individuals and organisations from creative, digital, TV and film.

They are hosting a FREE breakfast networking and speaker sessions on the first Tuesday of every month (it is The New Monday after all).

Over coffee and croissants, businesses will get insider tips and practical information on emerging production sectors, gain creative inspiration, and open doors to collaboration opportunities.

To join: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-new-monday-creative-breakfast-tickets-397239723707?aff=erelexpmlt>

University of Huddersfield: Campus innovation festival

10:00 - 13:00

Student Central, University of Huddersfield, Queensgate, Huddersfield, HD1 3DH

Come along to Student Central on campus to celebrate and learn about Innovation and Enterprise at the University of Huddersfield. Be inspired by meeting student and alumni business owners and complete the 10-minute Innovation tool activity. Learn how to think innovatively to boost your studies.

This is a drop in event, no need to book in advance.

University of Huddersfield: Campus Innovation Festival lunch

11:30 - 14:00

3M Buckley Innovation Centre Firth Street Huddersfield HD1 3BD

Join this lunchtime session at the 3M Buckley Innovation Centre to celebrate innovative talent in Huddersfield. Hear ground-breaking business owners tell their stories and network with local entrepreneurs.

- Meet the Innovators - Q&A panel discussion with inspiring local business leaders
- Networking
- Lunch and refreshments

During the Meet the Innovators event, those interested in finding out more about the 3M Buckley Innovation Centre (3M BIC), can join two guided tours of its Innovation Avenue.

- 11:30 - 12:00 <https://bit.ly/3QPfPa7>
- 13:15 - 13:45 <https://bit.ly/3Ug3Mph>

To join: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/west-yorkshire-innovation-festival-tickets-415881391437>

Yorkshire Universities: Innovation in conversation

10:00 - 12:00

Online

This multi-university webinar, organised by Yorkshire Universities, will examine ways in which universities can help businesses and communities innovate in the context of health and wellbeing. Two panel conversations will showcase examples of innovation and explore the meaning of collaboration for the speakers:

Panel one (10:00)

Can universities really help SMEs to innovate?

Panel Chair: Dr Liam Sutton

Associate Director, Research & Innovation,
University of Bradford

Panel two (11:00)

What can universities do to help wellbeing?

Panel Chair: Natalie Allen

Head of Business Partnerships Research & Enterprise,
Leeds Beckett University

To join: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_1TRBDxlvS3izghDuBDkfsQ

Women Entrepreneurs: The Northern perspective roundtable

14:00 - 16:15 (invite only) **New venue due to University strike action**
Platform (Leeds Train Station), New Station Street, Leeds, LS1 4JB

This event will include a roundtable with Nancy Fielder, editor in chief of National World (media group which includes the Yorkshire Post and Sheffield Star), followed by a networking reception and panel discussion with the audience.

This session aims to raise awareness of the wide range of support already available, and empower northern, women-led businesses, across the north of England to seize opportunities to thrive and grow.

Health Tech strategy and Innovation Hub: Launch

17:00 - 19:00 (invite only)
Oastler Building, University of Huddersfield, Queensgate, Huddersfield, HD1 3DH

Following a welcome address from Councillor Pandor, this event will feature a panel question and answer session focussing on why innovation is of critical importance both to health and patient care, and the regional economy.

Wednesday 5 October

Lloyds business breakfast

08:30 - 10:00 (invite only)
Dakota Hotel, Leeds

Lloyds Bank are jointly hosting an invite-only breakfast for black-owned and black-led businesses in Yorkshire with Karl Oxford of African and Caribbean Ventures. This event will promote and celebrate the unique and valuable contributions that Black entrepreneurs bring to the British economy and the local community.

West Yorkshire Libraries breakfast briefing: Supporting health and wellbeing

09:00 - 10:00
Online

This session will provide an overview of the West Yorkshire Libraries network and service provision, focussing on the free innovation support available locally through libraries for Health and Wellbeing.

To join: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/breakfast-briefing-west-yorkshire-libraries-supporting-health-wellbeing-tickets-425642677707>

Doughnut Economics: A new economic model for a turbulent future

11:00 - 12:00
Online

In this session, attendees will be introduced to Doughnut Economics and the findings of the Leeds Doughnut city Portrait, the first of its kind in the UK.

The session will also include:

- what the model shows us about inclusive growth
- how innovation is fundamental to creating our future
- how the Leeds Doughnut Economic Coalition, and national Doughnut Economic Action Lab, can help businesses transform their business model

To join: <https://www.climateactionleeds.org.uk/event-details/doughnut-economics-a-new-economic-model-for-a-turbulent-future>

Open Data Saves Lives

12:00 - 13:00
Online

A 1-hour session chaired by Marc Farr & Paul Connell and will feature four keynote speakers followed by a live discussion.

To join: <https://www.eventbrite.com/checkout-external?eid=101218453118&parent=https://opendatasaveslives.org/events/uxnufql80Bgj>

Innovation in mass transit

13:00 - 14:30

Online

This session aims to explore further the technology needed to plan for, deliver and maintain such a sizeable infrastructure project. Our panel will also look at the data from mass transit and how it can improve and impact other services, driverless vehicles, the potential for smart cities, how user experience is built in, and the successes and lessons learnt from other initiatives.

Speakers:

Cllr Shabir Pandor

Leader of Kirklees Council and Chair of West Yorkshire Combined Authority Business, Economy and Innovation Committee

Liz Hunter

Interim Director of Policy and Development at West Yorkshire Combined Authority

Steve Birdsall

CEO Gaist

To join: <https://www.techuk.org/what-we-deliver/events/west-yorkshire-innovation-festival-delivering-on-mass-transit-for-west-yorkshire.html>

Launch of Propel @ YH 2022

15:45 - 19:00

Nexus, Discovery Way, University of Leeds, LS2 3AA

Propel@YH is Yorkshire & Humber Academic Health Science Network's digital accelerator programme that supports global organisations to bring innovative digital health and patient solutions to the region's population and the wider health economy. At this event, there is the opportunity to find out more about the companies selected to join Propel@YH.

To join: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/launch-of-propelyh-2022-tickets-414730689657>

Thursday 6 October

West Yorkshire Libraries breakfast briefing: Supporting digital inclusion

09:00 - 10:00

Online

This session will provide an overview of the West Yorkshire Libraries network and service provision, focussing on the support available for digital inclusion and creative digital. It will include an update on #digital121, a programme of support for skills development available through libraries, and much more.

To join: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/breakfast-briefing-west-yorkshire-libraries-supporting-digital-tickets-425638114057>

FIFY Ltd: Digital transformation and the changing face of communication

14:00 - 15:00

Harrogate Co Lab, entrance 3, Harrogate Convention Centre, Harrogate, HG1 5NX

WOW! I've got an idea, and now I need to help it grow.

This event is here to help businesses and individuals think beyond their idea/baby and take a holistic view of what can realistically be achieved in the digital world to move forward successfully.

“Remember, what is innovation in one industry, is common practice in another.”

To join: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ideation-delivering-my-digital-baby-tickets-425732386027>

Innovate UK West Yorkshire

09:00 - 17:30

The Great Victoria Hotel, Bridge St, Bradford BD1 1JX

Collaborating with West Yorkshire Combined Authority and the West Yorkshire Innovation Network, Innovate UK are hosting this event to showcase innovation in West Yorkshire. Book a place to learn more about West Yorkshire's strengths and priorities, which we know other areas across the region share.

To join: <https://web-eur.cvent.com/event/303688a3-3135-4114-90ff-73f603350f43/regPage:8113cbb8-8726-4fd8-abd5-b98a802d36c2>

Creating the headspace for innovation and productivity

13:00 - 14:00

Online

How can a business or individual get into the headspace for innovation and productivity to shine? This webinar will explore how to manage the attention given to certain tasks in skilful ways and why this is necessary. Exploring the impact of 'threat activation' (i.e. stress, deadlines) on people's ability to innovate, focus and be productive, and what can be done to support employees with a mind-orientated skills training designed to help businesses succeed.

To join: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/creating-the-headspace-for-innovation-and-productivity-tickets-427843299827>

IBM SkillsBuild

14:00 - 14:45

Online

This event will explore the purpose and functions of IBM's free online platform SkillsBuild. SkillsBuild for Students, Educators and Job Seekers is designed to enrich the STEM and work-related curriculum for students (age 14+) while also providing professional development opportunities for teachers and allowing job seekers to re-skill to fit the demands of the current job market.

To join email: alice.sieve1@ibm.com

Friday 7 October

Launch of Mayoral Innovation Prize

12:00 - 13:30 (invite only)
Reading Room, Wakefield College



Tracy Brabin will be launching the Mayoral Innovation Prize - the first, regional prize aimed at entrepreneurs aged 16 to 24 to help find solutions to tackling the climate emergency, with a view to starting or growing a businesses.

The Mayoral Innovation Prize is looking for new and fresh ideas on how to improve the environment and the livelihoods of the people of West Yorkshire and help meet our goal of becoming a Net Zero region by 2038.

In this session, students at Wakefield College are invited to initiate and develop their ideas and proposals for the prize.

Bradford Tech Week Gaming Event

10:00 - 14:00
Science Museum, Bradford

7th October: School's attendance

8th October: Public attendance

To join: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/gaming-festival-tickets-386909305147>

Comms Kick: Get your innovative business the media coverage it deserves

11:00 - 12:00
Online

Having worked with a variety of clients gaining media coverage which includes: The Guardian, BBC (national and regional), The Times, Metro, Tatler, The Huffington Post and a range of industry titles and glossy magazines, join Chloe from Comms Kick as she guides businesses through ways to pitch to the media.

To join: <https://www.commskick.com/wyif>

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Wednesday 12 October

Medipex Innovation Awards & Showcase 2022

12:30 - 15:00

Online

The Medipex NHS Innovation Awards aims to uncover and showcase innovative ideas for new technologies and other interventions designed to deliver service improvements and patient benefits. Identification of these ideas enables the Medipex team, and the innovator's employing organisation, to provide bespoke advice and hands-on support to assess and progress those ideas with the most potential. Around 1000 new ideas have been identified this way since the start of the awards in 2005.

Register to join: <https://www.medipexawards.co.uk/>

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