

# UKSPA



## Spring Conference 2025

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> & Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2025

## Exeter Science Park



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# Conference Programme

Please note that all sessions and speakers are subject to change.

## DAY 1: Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2025

<b>From 11:00</b>	<b>Registration:</b> Reception, Exeter Science Park, Babbage Way, Exeter Science Park, Clyst Honiton, Exeter, EX5 2FN	
11:00-12:30	<b>Exeter Science Park Tours:</b> Departing from the Conference Reception	<b>Exhibition &amp; Networking</b> Exhibition Area, Main Reception Science Park Building.
12:30-13:30	<b>Networking Lunch &amp; Exhibition:</b> Main Reception Science Park Building	
<b>13:30 - 13:40</b>	<b>Conference Welcome and Opening Remarks: Dr. Sally Basker, Chair, UKSPA</b>	
<b>13:40 - 13:45</b>	<b>Tim Wheeldon, Managing Director, Zeal Hotels</b>	
<b>Welcome</b> 13.45 – 14.15	<b><u>Welcome from Conference Hosts and Stakeholders</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Nick Ames</b>, Chair, Exeter Science Park Board of Directors</li> <li>• <b>Ian Collinson</b>, Strategic Director for Place, Exeter City Council.</li> </ul>	
<b>Keynotes</b> 14:15-14:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Stuart Brocklehurst</b>, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Business Engagement and Innovation, University of Exeter</li> </ul>	
<b>Panel Session</b> 14:30-15.30	<b><u>Funding Beyond the Golden Triangle</u></b> <b>Chair:</b> Nick Sturge MBE, UKSPA Honorary Member <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Matthew Sampson</b>, Regeneration Director, The Crown Estate</li> <li>• <b>Melanie Goward</b>, Partner, Maven Capital Partners</li> <li>• <b>Paul Jones</b>, Senior Investment Manager, British Business Bank</li> </ul>	
15:30-15:45	<b>Coffee Break &amp; Exhibition:</b> , Main Reception Science Park Building	
<b>Panel Session</b> 15:45-16.45	<b>Is Net Zero Carbon Achievable in Laboratories?</b> <b>Chair:</b> Philip Macdonald, Managing Partner, Oberlanders Architects. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Tim Fry</b>, Director, Business Leader Science UKIMEA, Arup</li> <li>• <b>Gary Clark</b>, Managing Director, HKS</li> <li>• <b>Alison Wring</b>, Director Commercial Science/Tech Lead UK/I AECOM</li> </ul>	
16:45-18:00	<b><u>Two Drifters Carbon Negative Rum</u> – Talk and Tastings</b>	
19:00-19:45	<b>Drinks Reception:</b> voco Zeal Exeter Science Park Hotel. Sponsors: Communicate Technology - Dress Code: Smart Casual	
19:45-22:00	<b>Informal Dinner:</b> voco Zeal Exeter Science Park Hotel. Sponsors: Communicate Technology - Dress Code: Smart Casual	

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## DAY 2: Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2025

<b>From 08:30</b>	<b>Registration Opens:</b> Reception, Exeter Science Park, Babbage Way, Exeter Science Park, Clyst Honiton, Exeter, EX5 2FN
08:30-09:00	<b>Registration:</b> Exeter Science Park
<b>Panel</b> 09:00-10:00	<b><u>The Future of Investment, Support &amp; Mentoring</u></b> <b>Chair:</b> Caroline Fleming, Director, Surrey Innovation District, University of Surrey <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Marty Reid</b>, Executive Director, SETSquared</li><li>• <b>Dan Pritchard</b>, Co-Founder, Tech South-West</li><li>• <b>Neil Griffin</b>, Business Support Director, Oxford Innovation Space</li><li>• <b>Lucy Bennett</b>, Ecosystem Lab Manager, Barclays Eagle Labs</li></ul>
10:00-10:30	<b>Coffee Break &amp; Exhibition:</b> Main Reception Science Park Building
<b>Panel</b> 10:30-11:30	<b><u>The Journey to Net Zero Carbon Science</u></b> <b>Chair:</b> Grant Bourhill, Managing Director, Barts Life Sciences <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Sarah Windrum</b>, Head of Cluster Development, MIRA Tech Park</li><li>• <b>Jane Hutchins</b>, Director, Cambridge Science Park</li><li>• <b>Laura Ludlow</b>, Principal Associate, Mills &amp; Reeve</li></ul>
11.30-12.30	<b>Keynotes</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Ahmed Goga</b>, Director, Great South West Partnership</li><li>• <b>David Ferguson</b>, Head of Net Zero Innovation, EDF UK</li></ul>
12:30 – 13:30	<b>Lunch:</b> Main Reception Science Park Building
<b>13.30</b>	<b>Conference Closes</b>

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## Hosts: Exeter Science Park

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Exeter Science Park, located in the heart of the South West, situated close to the vibrant city of Exeter, is easily accessible from (J29) M5, Exeter Airport and the rail network. Located within a region known for its natural beauty and quality of life, Exeter Science Park offers a unique work environment that combines professional opportunities with a high quality of life for employees and their families.

It is a premier destination for STEMM innovation and business growth and offers state-of-the-art EPC A+ offices, laboratories, and coworking spaces with flexible leases.

Businesses benefit from business growth support, acceleration and innovation support through SetSquared Exeter/Exeter Innovation, networking events, conferencing facilities. Through its partnerships with local universities and research institutions, the park facilitates collaborations that bridge the gap between academic research and commercial applications.

Sustainability is at the heart of Exeter Science Park. The Park provides sustainable office and lab space and a commitment to a net zero carbon footprint, encouraging the use of sustainable transport wherever possible.

Both the Ada Lovelace and George Parker Bidder Buildings at the Park are net zero carbon. The new voco Zeal Hotel is a sustainable net zero carbon hotel and will be the conference hotel for the Spring Conference.

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## Tours

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**Tours: Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March, 11:00 – 12.30**

A walking tour of Exeter Science Park looking at the evolution of its buildings, from the first-generation structures that laid the foundation for innovation to the latest state-of-the-art facilities designed to support growing businesses.

Exeter Science Park was established to drive economic growth, innovation and collaboration in the South West by providing a dedicated hub for science and technology businesses and a dynamic environment for cutting-edge companies. The park has evolved in phases, with early buildings focused on providing flexible office and lab space, and newer developments incorporating sustainable design, high-tech infrastructure, and larger-scale facilities to support key governmental bodies.

As you walk around, you will have the opportunity to discuss future opportunities related to the proposed clusters, plans for further expansion, sustainability efforts, and the long-term vision of the park as a leading science and technology hub in the South West. **Please note that spaces for the Tour will be on a first come first served basis.**

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## Evening: Drinks Reception & Networking Dinner

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**Drinks: Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March, 19:00-19:45: [voco Zeal Exeter Science Park Hotel](#).**

**Dinner: Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March, 19.45-22.00:** [voco Zeal Exeter Science Park Hotel.](#)

There will be a drinks reception, sponsored by [Communicate Technology](#), to be held in the **voco Zeal Exeter Science Park Hotel**, followed by an informal networking dinner in the hotel dining room.

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## Transport and Parking

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### Directions By Car and Train

Detailed directions for Exeter Science Park can be found [here](#). Located strategically at the intersection of the South West's major north-south (M5 and A38/A380) and east-west (A30) roads, within three miles of Exeter International Airport and within five miles of Exeter St David's mainline railway station.

**Travelling by Car:** Parking is available for visitors to the site at the nearby [Park and Change car park](#). For exhibitors, please park in the designated spaces as per the map [here](#). Delegates staying at the hotel can book parking with the voco Zeal direct.

Electric vehicle charging points are also available at the [Park and Change car park](#).

**Venue Address:** Science Park Centre, Babbage Way, Exeter Science Park, Clyst Honiton, Exeter, EX5 2FN

### Travelling by Train:

- Exeter St David's destinations include London (2 hours), Bristol (1.25 hours) and Birmingham (2.5 hours).

**Taxis:** Exeter has an extensive network of Taxis, for those arriving at Exeter St David's station you will find the Taxi rank at the station entrance.

## Drinks Reception and Networking Dinner Sponsor

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By offering super-fast, highly resilient internet connectivity, IT support, and other complimentary IT services, we can ensure that the technology infrastructure of the park is robust, reliable, and secure. For park management, this means reduced downtime, enhanced operational efficiency, and increased occupancy rates...underpinning the strategy to be a ***destination park***.

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Our goal is to enable the growth journey and success of ***start-ups through to enterprise*** businesses, reducing Park Management overhead and delivering subsidised services for entrepreneurs bringing new ideas to market.

Modern Networks delivers ***Next Generation Science Park Networks***, allowing you to focus on your core business goals.

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# Exhibitor Profiles

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Klick is a trusted partner and collaborates with a diverse range of clients, including science parks and organisations across the research, industrial, educational and medical sectors.

Their nationwide service includes an established consultation phase involving end users which results in a detailed analysis of current workflows and future requirements. Klick provides expert advice on laboratory furniture and worktops, with a focus on sustainability by offering eco-friendly options.

For clients in the science park sector Klick understands the need to future proof designs to maximise on investment. Their mobile furniture systems can be reconfigured to facilitate the changing needs of today's research labs from start-up hubs through to super labs.

They also offer a comprehensive refurbishment service and specialise in heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) solutions for technical lab environments.

Contact 0161 998 9726 Contact [sales@klicktechnology.co.uk](mailto:sales@klicktechnology.co.uk)  
<https://klicktechnology.co.uk/science-park-laboratory-solutions/>

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Whether you've a single, priceless sample or planning a complex laboratory relocation, their track record, skills and regulatory adherence means that you can trust Restore Harrow Green Lab Services.

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## Profiles: Hosts, Stakeholders and Keynote Speakers

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### **Nick Ames, Chief Executive SC Group and Chair of the Exeter Science Park Board**

Nick is Chief Executive of the SC Group, which includes Supacat, SC Innovation, Proteum and Blackhill Engineering Services. Nick's extensive private sector experience is helping to steer Exeter Science Park towards achieving its vision of becoming a centre of excellence for 3,500 people working in science, technology, engineering, maths and medical (STEMM) industries by 2035.

Nick qualified as a chartered accountant at PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) after graduating from Trinity College, Cambridge. Following his time at PwC, Nick spent five years as a divisional finance director and divisional managing director for Serco Group, responsible for clients such as the European Space Agency, European Southern Observatory and nuclear research centre CERN. He was also a Board member of the Heart of the South West Local Enterprise Partnership.

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### **Ian Collinson, Strategic Director for Place, Exeter City Council**

Ian joined Exeter City Council in April 2022. As Strategic Director for Place, he is responsible for overseeing the City Council's Planning, Regeneration, City Centre & Local Economy, Climate Change, Cultural and Leisure Services.

Ian is a geographer and urbanist, graduating from the Universities of Derby and Reading. He is a Chartered Town Planner with 35 years' experience, working with local authorities all over the country, specialising in the delivery of large-scale new communities and transformational urban regeneration projects.

Ian previously spent nine years at Homes England, driving housing growth across the south-west. He has also held senior management roles at Bristol City Council, the West of England Partnership and the Planning Advisory Service.

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### **Stuart Brocklehurst, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Business Engagement and Innovation, University of Exeter**

Stuart Brocklehurst is Deputy Vice-Chancellor for Business Engagement and Innovation, leading the University's collaboration with business and our drive to deliver innovation through our research and education. In addition, as Director of Green Futures Solutions he heads the university's drive to translate our world leading work on climate change into practical impact.

Stuart started his career in banking, holding roles with Barclays in the UK and Africa, then as Senior Vice President for Digital Commerce at Visa International CEMEA leading the adoption of new business models and technologies. Following a period as a Partner at consultancy Carbon, Stuart joined Amadeus in support of its IPO and served as Group Communications Director after the flotation. He went on to run his own business in machine learning technology up to its sale in 2022. Stuart is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts, a Fellow of the British Computer Society, a Companion of the Chartered Management Institute, a Chartered IT Professional, a Chartered Manager, a Freeman of the City of London, and holds a degree in theology from Oxford. He has served on numerous company boards, an

FE college governor, on the synod and Bishop's Council of the Diocese of Exeter, and as a Leadership Fellow of Exeter Business School.

Stuart is Chair of the Exeter Science Centre Advisory Board, Chair of the Military Education Committee for Devon and Cornwall and Vice Chair of the Great South West Pan Regional Partnership. He is a member of the boards of SETSquared, GW4 and the Centre for Resilience in Environment, Water and Waste, the South West Investment Fund's Strategic Advisory Board and the Exeter Liveable Place Board, and sits on the Executive Committee of parliament's Rural Economy Research Group and the Selection Committee for the Zayed Sustainability Prize.

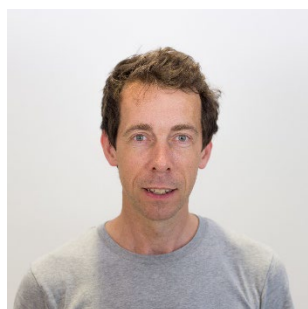
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**Ahmed Goga, Director, Great South West Partnership.**

Ahmed is the first Director of the Great South West – a business led partnership covering Cornwall, Devon, Dorset, and Somerset focused on driving investment into the region and promoting the world class potential of the industries, technologies, businesses, and workforce located in the south west of England. He has worked extensively at national and regional level in public policy and economic development having held senior roles with KPMG, AECOM and, most recently, as UK Director for Regions & Clusters at the CBI.

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**David Ferguson, Head of Net Zero Innovation, EDF UK.**

David is Head of Net Zero Innovation at EDF UK. His mission is to work with internal teams and external partners to imagine, rapidly develop and scale high-impact innovations that accelerate the world's journey towards net zero. His career has covered climate strategy, digital R&D and innovation. He has lived and worked in the UK, France and China. David is a Non-Executive Director of Exeter Science Park and a member of the Tech Southwest Tech Advisory Board. Formerly, he was on the advisory board of the UK Government's All Party Parliamentary Group on Artificial Intelligence. David is also co-founder of a climate tech startup.

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## Profiles: Presenters & Panellists A to Z

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### **Lucy Bennett, Ecosystem Lab Manager, Barclays Eagle Labs.**

Lucy may be new to Barclays Eagle Labs but is certainly not short of banking experience with over 27 years under her belt. As the new Ecosystem Lab Manager in the Southwest, Lucy is here to support and connect organisations and founders providing them the ability to accelerate high growth in their business.

Barclays Eagle Lab proposition opens access for founders to grow through learning and partnership programmes, funding & investment plus access to their wider ecosystem. Central to Lucy's role is helping in the growth journey through

Barclays Eagle Labs virtual support or face to face in one of their 42 sites across the UK. Whether you're at idea stage, starting, growing, or scaling we have resources and connections to support you.

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### **Grant Bourhill, Managing Director, Barts Life Sciences**

Grant has a wealth of experience in the innovation, real estate and research sectors. He is currently MD at Barts Life Sciences, focussed on driving innovation into healthcare supported by substantial new real estate in East London dedicated for Life Sciences.

He was previously CEO at Surrey Research Park and, prior to this, at Leicester Space Park, where he was responsible for the development of the new Innovation Park from concept to launch.

He has worked in both private and public sectors and has been involved in innovation across multiple sectors including clean energy, consumer electronics, space and healthcare. Grant holds an MBA from Oxford University.

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### **Gary Clark, Managing Director, HKS**

Gary Clark is Managing Director, EMEA at HKS, an award-winning global architecture, interior design, planning and advisory practice. Gary leads the 75-strong team at the firm's London office, that is currently working on projects in the UK, mainland Europe, Middle East and North Africa.

Gary is passionate about bridging the boundaries between academic research, teaching and practice across many industries, keeping sustainability at the core of his architectural philosophy. With a career spanning three decades, Gary has worked for some of the UK's most highly respected architectural practices and projects.

A champion of design and sustainable excellence, Gary is a visiting professor of sustainable architecture at two UK Universities and serves as current Deputy Chair of UK Construction Industry Council Climate Change Committee. He was formerly the Chair of the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) Sustainable Futures Group from 2018 to 2021. He also helped shape the organisation's Declaration of Environment and Climate Emergency, the RIBA 2030 Climate Challenge and a suite of sustainability guidance including the RIBA Sustainable Outcomes Guide to support the RIBA Plan of Work.



**Caroline Fleming, Director at Surrey Innovation**

Caroline is the Innovation Director of Surrey Research Park, providing community services and cluster activities that enhance the innovation opportunities of the 200+ Park tenants and support their growth. She is also the Partnership Director for SETsquared Partnership and leads the onsite incubator with a collection of SME support programmes, including the S100 Angel investment Club. In addition, she leads sector Programmes which provide funded opportunities for businesses to collaborate with university researchers and access facilities and skills and

supports the civic engagement in the region. Current programmes focus in the sectors of Space, Games, Animal Health and Cyber security and Cancer.

Caroline is a mechanical engineer by background and brings a wealth of over 20 years of experience of working with early-stage technology companies to accelerate their innovations into the marketplace and a strong track record in developing enterprise support programmes and incubators, creating innovation ecosystems.

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**Tim Fry, Director, Business Leader Science UKIMEA, Arup**

Tim leads the science business area, across the UKIMEA region for ARUP. He leads on strategy and business development, maintains relationships with clients and manages a portfolio of projects.

Tim is a chartered engineer and experienced team leader, having led multi-discipline teams in delivering engineering solutions on complex highly serviced buildings from concept design phases through to fully coordinated detail design and construction.

He has been involved in science buildings from his first project over 28 years ago, working on the design and construction of a facility to produce injectable vaccines. As well as other manufacturing projects experience, Tim has been involved in the design of many research and development laboratories for a range of science users and scales of project. These have been for private clients, government institutes and higher education establishments.

Tim thrives in solving client's challenges bringing a wealth of experience to provide robust, energy efficient and sustainable design solutions, applying his knowledge of construction, commissioning and maintenance.

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**Dr. Melanie Goward, Partner, Maven Capital Partners**

Dr Melanie Goward is a Partner with Maven Capital Partners, responsible for transacting new early-stage and technology private equity investments across the South and South West of England and Wales. She is Fund Manager for the South West Investment Fund and a member of Maven's Investment Committee. She joined Maven in 2016 from Finance Wales, where she was part of the Technology Ventures team and fund manager for the Wales Technology Seed Fund, providing funding to help businesses commercialise and bring to market

innovative products and services across a range of sectors.

Prior to this she worked as an Investment Director with Nesta Investments, focusing on early stage healthcare investments as well as in technology sector finance at Lloyds TSB Corporate, providing debt finance to high-growth companies. With over 20 years' experience as a specialist in early-stage investment,

Melanie has completed multiple investments in technology, life science and biotechnology businesses including IPOs, trade sales and numerous investment rounds.

Melanie has a BA (Hons) in Natural Sciences, and a PhD in Genetics, both from Cambridge University, with her previous scientific career including research forming part of the international Human Genome Project.

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**Neil Griffin, Business Support Director, Oxford Innovation Space**

Neil is the Business Support Director at Oxford Innovation Space, where he leads the UK and Ireland team of skilled Innovation Directors who help businesses to innovate, evolve and scale to reach their full potential. With 20 years of experience in strategically driven commercial environments, including Directorships at Adnams, Adapt Low Carbon, his own consultancy business and Oxford Innovation, he is adept at coaching, mentoring, and inspiring change. Neil holds an MBA from the University of East Anglia and is Chartered in both

Consultancy and Management. He excels in business strategy, sales, brand, marketing, and growing companies. He is passionate about building teams, networks and ecosystems that drive impactful change.

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**Jane Hutchins, Director, Cambridge Science Park**

Appointed as Director of Cambridge Science Park in August 2022, Jane Hutchins brings a wealth of experience of the science park sector and the innovative companies and people it serves.

Jane is also chair of the Cambridge Forum for Place, established by Cambridge University Health Partners and the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority; a member of Anglia Ruskin University's business advisory board; and of the Cambridge University Library.

Working in partnership with Trinity College Cambridge and managing agents Bidwells, Jane is responsible for delivering the College's future vision for the Park. This includes an ambitious new cycle of investment focused on sustainability, amenity enhancement and the creation of diverse and inclusive employment opportunities for the wider Cambridge community. Jane also plays a key role in supporting existing and new businesses on the Park, which is at the heart of one of the best-known and economically successful science, technology and innovation ecosystems in the world – Cambridge.

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**Paul Jones, Senior Investment Manager, British Business Bank**

Paul is a performance-focused and highly effective leader whose strategic and customer-centric approach has led to high levels of success in business development, relationship banking, leadership and growth within the financial and industrial sectors.

With an extensive business foundation of 30 years within banking and finance, Paul has joined British Business Bank. Paul is a highly regarded coach/mentor with a proven track record and is an MBA graduate from Warwick Business School.

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**Laura Ludlow, Principal Associate, Mills & Reeve**

Laura is a real estate development lawyer with an ESG focus. She has substantial experience of a diverse range of commercial property and construction matters, acting for investment funds, landowners and occupiers, developers and charities. Laura advises science park owners and occupiers on lab space development and letting, with substantial experience across Oxford, Cambridge and London. She also advises universities and colleges in the management and development of their estates. With a keen interest in ESG and responsible real estate, Laura leads

the Mills & Reeve Real Estate ESG Group, drafting and maintaining a suite of contractual ESG provisions and advising clients on their inclusion and implementation. She regularly presents to clients and publishes articles on ESG and sustainability matters.

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**Philip Macdonald, Managing Partner, Oberlanders Architects**

Philip is the Managing Partner of Oberlanders and Lead Partner for their Science and Research portfolio.

The Science and Research sector is a bedrock of the practice. Oberlanders became Business Affiliate members of UKSPA in 2017 and since then Philip has been a regular attendee and speaker at conferences and events. Philip has worked with the majority of current Scottish UKSPA members as well as leading projects on major science campuses in Cambridge, Oxfordshire and London. He

has also provided consultancy work for major research facilities overseas.

Philip's experience includes over 200,000 sqm of space for science and research, including laboratories for research and teaching, specialist cleanroom or licensed and controlled environments, as well as associated breakout and collaboration spaces. Clients have included public sector/institutional clients as well as developers and science park tenants. Over the past 20 years he has seen the sector evolve and grow and has excellent insight into the current and future requirements of tenants. He understands the pressure and challenges of the ever-changing demands of scientific research and the need to create agile space in an efficient, affordable and environmentally sustainable manner.

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**Dan Pritchard, Co-Founder, Tech South-West**

Dan Pritchard is a key player in the UK's tech ecosystem. From growth accelerator programmes and investment summits, to lobbying Government and insight reports, Dan's passion for a human-centric approach to technological change, is born from a background in journalism, television and brand storytelling.

Blessed to live and work in the best place in the world (the South West), Dan strives for happiness and creativity in equal measure through the people he works with, the road-bike he treasures and the Fender Telecaster he plays.

He's built Tech South West into a 3000-strong membership organisation, whilst Program is an innovation-focused B-Corp working with growth companies, science parks and other key innovation organisations, striving to accelerate the positive change needed to tackle some of humanity's biggest global challenges.

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**Marty Reid, Executive Director, SETSquared.**

Marty Reid is the Executive Director of SETSquared, an innovation partnership of the Universities of Bath, Bristol, Cardiff, Exeter, Southampton and Surrey. The collaboration provides training for entrepreneurs, support for spinouts through research commercialisation, business acceleration for start-ups and a range of R&D programmes across key sectors such as Health Tech & Life Sciences, Climate Technologies, AI, Quantum and Semiconductors. Since launching in 2002, SETSquared has supported over 4,000 entrepreneurs helping them raise £4bn

investment.

Marty previously led Engine Shed, the University of Bristol's award-winning enterprise hub and the Future Space innovation centre at the University of West of England. Prior to this, Marty had a diverse international career in innovation and technology, spending over ten years at Rolls-Royce in roles spanning strategy.

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**Matthew Sampson, Regeneration Director, The Crown Estate.**

Matt is a Regeneration Director in the Development Team at the Crown Estate specialising in their innovation-led development projects and leading on the c.£1b transformation of Cambridge Business Park in North-East Cambridge. He is a Fellow of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, an Academician of the Academy of Urbanism, and Board Trustee of Canopi. Formerly he was Chair of the British Property Federation's Development Committee, Non-Exec Director of the Evidence Quarter, member of the ULI European Life Sciences and Healthcare

Council, member of the British Council for Office's Research Committee, and Development Director at U+I Group.

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**Nick Sturge, MBE, UKSPA Honorary Member**

After graduating in Electronics with Computing and short spells in medtech startups, Nick joined Inmos, part of a global semiconductor business. From there he co-founded Motion Media Technology developing video communication equipment, listing on the London Stock Exchange main list in 2000 with a peak valuation of £270m.

Nick grew the Bristol SETSquared business incubator, for high-tech, high-growth businesses to be ranked the world's best university business incubator, in 2015, 2018 and 2019.

In 2013, he founded Engine Shed, a collaboration between Bristol University and Bristol City Council, housing the re-located SETSquared Centre and other projects to drive in inclusive and sustainable scale-up ecosystem.

Nick is a member of the Board of Governors of Bath Spa University. Awarded an MBE for services to the digital economy in 2019 and now has a portfolio of non-executive director and chair, and strategic adviser roles.

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### **Dr Russ Wakeham, Founder & CEO, Two Drifters Distillery**

Russ is the CEO and Co-Founder of Two Drifters Distillery in Devon, UK a rum distillery producing rum from scratch with a carbon negative footprint. Russ's academic career focused on chemistry research into carbon capture, storage and utilisation and trying to make CO2 have value. It's often hard to visualise CO2 as an issue, it is a colourless gas that has a dramatic effect on the planet's atmosphere but is often overlooked in lots of areas of life, because you can't see an invisible pile of CO2 building up in the sky. Raising awareness of this issue is the passion and mission for Russ and now Two Drifters. At the core of Two Drifters is the constant desire to improve. To strive for perfection in their rums, to constantly search out and implement new or improved sustainable technologies and to inspire others to be more sustainable. With award-winning rums and a genuine carbon negative footprint, Two Drifters are showing the drinks industry that more can, and must, be done to avoid, reduce and remove CO2. Significant science and technology sector experience, with Developers, Higher Education, other Public Sector Institution and biotech/pharmaceutical organisations.

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### **Sarah Windrum, Head of Cluster Development, MIRA Tech Park**

Sarah Windrum is a technology business founder and investor leading the development of MIRA Tech Park's future mobility cluster at the heart of the Midlands. MIRA Tech Park is a thousand-acre site on the Leicestershire and Warwickshire border home to over 40 global tenants specialising in vehicle research & development including zero-emission and cyber resilience technologies. Recent winners of The King's Award for Sustainable Development, the Tech Park is home to a world-class blend of facilities and expertise at HORIBA MIRA enabling the accelerated delivery of new technologies to market and supporting decarbonisation of transport at scale making all our journeys safer, cleaner, and smarter. Sarah was formerly Chair of Coventry & Warwickshire Local Enterprise Partnership and still serves as the Midlands Engine Digital Ambassador and a Director for the Coventry & Warwickshire Chamber of Commerce. She is Deputy Chair for the West Midlands Combined Authority's Innovation Board leading on the £33m Innovation Accelerator pilot. She is also a Regional Fellow at University of Warwick and a recent MSc graduate from Coventry University in Data Science.

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### **Alison Wring, Director Commercial Science/Tech Lead UK/I AECOM**

Significant science and technology sector experience, with Developers, Higher Education, other Public Sector Institution and biotech/pharmaceutical organisations. Alison's extensive experience includes delivering portfolios, programme and projects at various scales and complexities, in the UK and Europe. Notable science/research projects include numerous plots and infrastructure at Cambridge Biomedical Campus, London Cancer Hub, Sutton, Next Generation Infrastructure, John Innes Centre, multiple projects at Norwich Research Park, Cambridge Business Park, Eastpoint Business Park, Begbroke Science Park and UCB's flagship building, Braine-L'Alleud, Belgium. Alison has a particularly broad level of experience across numerous procurement models including Design, Build, Finance and Operate schemes acting in the capacity of advisor to the SPV, banks/funds, Commercial Manager to the SPV/Contractor, cost advisor to the clients Other major schemes include Coventry New Hospitals, Walsgrave, Royal Derby Hospital, Derby, Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Woolwich and Ministry of Defence Refurbishment, Whitehall.

## Delegate Listing A to Z

Please note that the delegate list is correct as at 1<sup>st</sup> March 2025.

First Name	Surname	Organisation
Sarah	Aldred	Penningtons Manches Cooper
Nick	Ames	Exeter Science Park
Bradley	Ashcroft	Wates Construction Ltd
Katy	Austin	Equiem
Nigel	Babb	University of Wolverhampton Science Park
Simon	Baker	Klick Technology Ltd
Louise	Barnes	Clean Air Limited
Sally	Basker	Exeter Science Park
Anne	Beadon	Exeter Science Park
David	Beckett	SRA Architects
lucy	Bennett	Barclays
Geoff	Biggs	McFeggan Brown
Chris	Birch	RSK Group Ltd
James	Blackburn	Communicate Technology Ltd
Grant	Bourhill	Barts Health NHS Trust
Adam	Bradshaw	AECOM
Ashley	Brewer	Science Creates
David	Broach	Allia Ltd
Stuart	Brocklehurst	University of Exeter
Beata	Brook	Porton Science Park
Esme	Brooks	Brixham Laboratory
Jason	Buck	Exeter Science Park
James	Buckley-Walker	RLF 3PM LLP
Nicky	Burke	Gateshead Council
Andy	Carr	Institute of Cancer Research
Gary	Clark	HKS Architects
Chris	Clover	Bidwells
Richard	Collins	Education and Innovation Business Consultants
Alex	Cox	Communicate Technology
Bob	Cushing	Communicate Technology Ltd
Andrews	Dicks	Willmott Dixon Construction Ltd
Richard	Fagg	VINCI UK Developments Ltd
David	Ferguson	EDF Energy
Caroline	Fleming	Surrey Research Park
Veronica	Flemming	ASA Landscape Architects
Owen	Flinn	Buro Happold
Daniel	Floyd	Cundall
Roger	Flynn	Communicate Technology Ltd
Richard	Fowler	ra Information Systems - CLARITY CORE
Matt	Francis	Oxford Innovation Space
Tim	Fry	ARUP
Matt	Gifford	Modern Networks

Ahmed	Goga	Great South West
Laura	Gorman	Penningtons Manches Cooper LLP
Alex	Goude	Leo Lynch Engineering (Services) UK Ltd
Melanie	Goward	Maven Capital Partners
Neil	Griffin	Oxford Innovation
Gabriela	Guizzo	Mace Group
Helen	Hadfield	ra Information Systems - CLARITY CORE
Stefi	Hahn	Yardi
Chris	Harding	Clean Air Limited
Jo	Hawkings	Cambridge Science Park
John	Hayes	Greenlight Computers
Tom	Holbrow	Mace Group
Stephen	Holland	Plymouth Science Park Ltd
Aaron	Hunter	Hethel Innovation Ltd
Jane	Hutchins	Cambridge Science Park
Pauline	Innes	EIBC
Chris	Inwood	Maidstone Borough Council
Derek	Jones	Bulb Laboratories
Nick	Jones	Oberlanders Group LLP
Mark	Jones	Tweed Property Consultants
Paul	Jones	British Business Bank
Jennifer	Kirk	South Gloucestershire Council
Bastiaan	Koekkoek	Equiem
Manisha	Kulkarni	Bulb Laboratories
Cora	Kwiatkowski	Stride Treglown
Alvin	Lam	Avidity Science
Lucinda	Lamont	University of Southampton Science Park
Peter	Lane	Sussex Innovation
Andrew	LeMarquand	Fairhurst Architects
Sean	Leslie	Restore Harrow Green Laboratory Services
Mark	Lewis	Introba Consulting Limited
Ani	Lewis	Veolia Water Technologies
Keith	Lewis	Air Products
Tom	Lloyd	RenEnergy
Sarah	Lovejoy	Porton Science Park
Laura	Ludlow	Mills & Reeve LLP
James	Lyons	GPE Scientific
Philip	Macdonald	Oberlanders Group LLP
Scott	Machin	Wates Construction Ltd
Kat	Mack	Surrey Research Park
Marcello	Marti	Restore Harrow Green Laboratory Services
Sean	Martin	Monmouth Scientific
Jordan	Mason	Cundall
Alexander	Miller	Ridge and Partners LLP
Nick	Moore	Bond Bryan
Simon	Mortimer	Avidity Science
Alexandra	Murphy	Mills & Reeve

Martin	Pain	RSK Group
Lee	Parry	Shimadzu UK
Jitesh	Patel	The Oxford Science Park (Properties) Limited
Stuart	Perry	Southampton Science Park
Carolyn	Place	ASA Landscape Architects
Iain	Potter	AECOM
Dan	Pritchard	Tech South West
Simon	Rainbow	GPE Scientific
Mujahid	Rasheed	CEME
Marty	Reid	SETsquared Partnership
Angie	Reynolds	University of Birmingham Enterprise Ltd
Stephen	Rice	Peterborough Science and Technology Park Ltd
Matt	Roach	Exeter Science Park
Paul	Rowe	Yardi
Gabriel	Rudert	Mission Street
James	Ryan	Air Products
Matthew	Sampson	The Crown Estate
Barry	Sankey	Escape the Labyrinth
Dirk	Schafer	University of Warwick Science Park
Ashleigh	Scott	The Oxford Science Park (Properties) Limited
Richard	Scutt	EPIC Centre - Torbay Council
Adrian	Sell	UKSPA
Jon	Severs	South Gloucestershire Council
Emily	Shearer	Introba Consulting Limited
Thomas	Sheehan	Stride Treglown
Kevin	Sinclair	Klick Technology Ltd
Matthew	Slinn	SRA Architect
Emily	Slupek	Savills
Suzy	Smith	Ma24 Limited
Andrew	Somerville	Cundall
John	Sommerville	Creative Places
Liz	Sparrow	Ridge and Partners LLP
Nick	Sturge	Mission Street Property
Matt	Tanner	3pm
Sarah	Tobias	Maidstone Borough Council - Innovation Centre
Mark	Tock	UWSP Ltd
Charles	Uezzell	Bidwells
Ian	Underdown	UNIP Management Ltd
Beverley	Vaughan	Arise Innovation Hubs
Russ	Wakeham	Two Drifters Distillery Ltd
Richard	Walder	Buro Happold
Jeff	Wheeldon	Modern Networks
Sean	White	Monmouth Scientific
Shaun	Wightman-Smith	RenEnergy UK
Stuart	Wilkinson	Knowledge Exchange UK
David	Williams	Harwell Science & Innovation Campus
Sarah	Windrum	MIRA Tech Park

Claire	Wolstencroft	Rothamsted Enterprises
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