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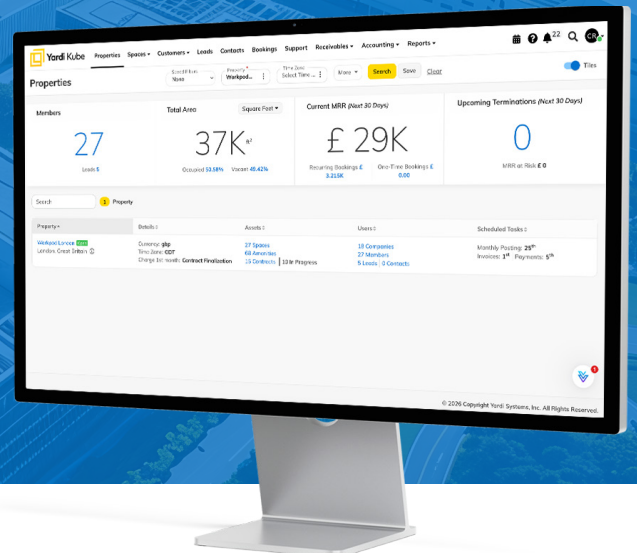
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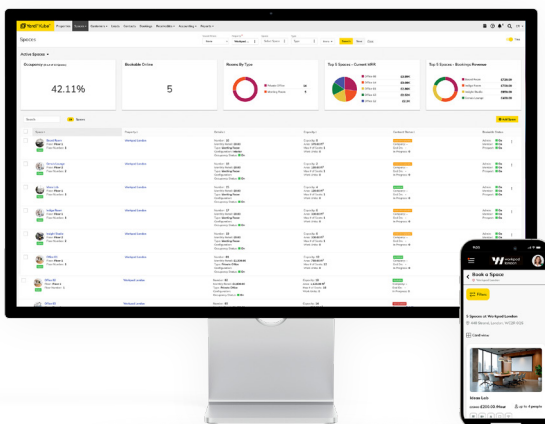
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## About our Hosts – Norwich Research Park

As one of the largest research clusters in Europe, with 30,000 people on site every day, Norwich Research Park represents a unique breadth and depth of scientific activity across one campus, in agri-food, health, nutrition and the environment. Norwich Research Park is home to over fifty high-growth companies, including spinouts, spin-ins and established industry leaders, who benefit from access to the specialist skills pool and technology platforms on site.

The campus includes three BBSRC-funded research institutes – the Earlham Institute, the John Innes Centre, and the Quadram Institute – as well as the Gatsby-funded Sainsbury Laboratory, the University of East Anglia, and the Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital. This unique collection of science and research-based organisations encourages collaboration, fosters groundbreaking research and drives innovation.

Our growing ecosystem brings together leading scientists, early-career researchers, clinicians, entrepreneurs, and businesses. The Anglia Innovation Partnership LLP (AIP) campus management team, supports campus-wide initiatives to bring these groups together, developing a sense of community, raising awareness of the opportunities, supporting industry links and encouraging entrepreneurial activity, using an ‘open innovation’ approach to ensure sustainable cluster growth.

As your hosts, we are delighted to welcome UKSPA members, and guests, to Norwich Research Park on the 2nd and 3rd of July 2026. The two-day event offers a great opportunity to engage with our vibrant community, learn from leading experts, and witness firsthand how our collaborative approach supports the journey from scientific discovery to successful commercialisation. Attendees will have the chance to find out more about how we create economic from publicly funded research at Norwich Research Park.

Roz Bird, CEO of Anglia Innovation Partnership, said, “As an UKSPA Board member and someone who, many years ago now, worked for the UK Science Park Association, I am absolutely delighted that Norwich Research Park is hosting the UKSPA Summer Conference 2026.

We are ‘supercharging’ this national event by combining it with our eleventh Enterprise Showcase. So, we have a ‘double bill’ and will be welcoming both national representatives and our local audience. We are also expecting a few special guests from overseas.”



## UKSPA Summer Conference Norwich Research Park 2nd and 3rd July 2026 - Agenda

### DAY 1: Thursday July 2nd

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| 10.30 | <b>Registration and arrival refreshments</b><br>John Innes Conference Centre foyer                                                                                                            |
| 11.00 | <b>Welcome from UKSPA</b><br>Dr Sally Basker, Chair, UKSPA<br>John Innes Conference Centre Auditorium                                                                                         |
| 11.10 | <b>UKSPA Strategy 2026-2029</b><br>Ruth Hall, Chief Executive, UKSPA                                                                                                                          |
| 11.45 | <b>Keynote</b><br>A National Resource for Cluster- Led Growth<br>The Rt Hon Lord Andrew Lansley CBE                                                                                           |
| 12.00 | <b>Community and Sustainable Travel</b><br>Intro: Dr Nick Goodwin, Chief Operating Officer, Anglia Innovation Partnership LLP<br>Presentation: Sam Heath, Sector Director, Mobilityways       |
| 12.30 | <b>Lunch</b><br>John Innes Conference Centre Foyer                                                                                                                                            |
| 13.45 | <b>Norwich Research Park Enterprise Showcase event: 'Creating Economic Impact'</b><br><b>Welcome and Introduction</b><br>Roz Bird, Chief Executive Officer, Anglia Innovation Partnership LLP |
| 13.55 | <b>UK Science Park Association (UKSPA)</b><br>Ruth Hall, Chief Executive Officer, UKSPA                                                                                                       |
| 14.05 | <b>Event Sponsor: Connected Innovation</b><br>Scott Cogman, Innovation Hubs Manager, Connected Innovation<br>Nick Goodwin, Chief Operating Officer, Anglia Innovation Partnership LLP         |
| 14.15 | <b>Keynote</b><br>Ben Goldsborough, Member of Parliament for South Norfolk (pre-recorded)                                                                                                     |
| 14.30 | <b>Norwich Research Park Science Overview and Q&amp;A</b><br>Prof Nick Talbot, Executive Director, The Sainsbury Laboratory                                                                   |

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| 14.50       | <p><b>Anglia Innovation Partnership (AIP) Team - Support for Entrepreneurs and Ecosystem Development</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Incubation programme</li> <li>• Accelerator programme</li> <li>• Ecosystem development - working with industry and multi-nationals</li> </ul> <p>Dr Nick Goodwin, Chief Operating Officer, AIP<br/> Bernie Williams, Enterprise Network Manager, AIP<br/> Jodi-Rae Green, Science Collaboration Manager, AIP<br/> Cansu Bayindirli, Science Collaboration Manager, AIP<br/> Professor Beatriz De La Iglesia, Head of School of Computing Sciences, University of East Anglia</p> |
| 15.10       | <b>Comfort Break with Refreshments</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 15.40       | <b>Welcome back</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 15.45       | <p><b>Showcase of Tenant Community</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr Hannah Hodgson, Scientific Laboratory Head, HotHouse Therapeutics</li> <li>• Dr Emily Warner, Vice President of Technical Operations, Ikarovec</li> <li>• Rob Lo Bue, Head of Operations, Resurrect Bio</li> <li>• Dr Daniel Marcu, Co-Founder and Managing Director, Virilitas Labs</li> <li>• Samuel Blake, Head of Laboratory Operations, Tropic</li> </ul> <p><b>Q&amp;A</b></p>                                                                                                                                                            |
| 16.35       | <p><b>Masterplan Presentation and Q&amp;A</b></p> <p>Ewan Graham, Healthcare Sector Lead, Hawkins Brown Architects<br/> Matt Thornley, Director, Gibson Thornley Architects</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 16.50       | <p><b>Event close:</b></p> <p>Roz Bird, Chief Executive Officer, AIP and Ruth Hall, Chief Executive Officer, UKSPA</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 17.00       | <b>UKSPA members travel to hotels (by coach) and check in. Please note coaches drop off at Maids Head Hotel and the Premier Inn, Duke Street ONLY in the City Centre</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 18.30-23.00 | <p><b>Drinks and UKSPA Formal Dinner (dress code: business attire) The Forum, Norwich City Centre, NR2 1TF</b></p> <p>Arrival drinks from 18.30, Dinner 19.30</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

## DAY 2: Friday 3rd July

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| 08.15 | <b>Collection from Maids Head Hotel and Premier Inn, Duke Street ONLY and drop off at Centrum, Norwich Research Park</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 09.00 | <b>Arrival and refreshments</b><br><br>Centrum Atrium                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 09.30 | <b>Welcome</b><br><br>Roz Bird, Chief Executive Officer, Anglia Innovation Partnership LLP<br>Reflections on Day 1, Looking Ahead to Day 2 Ruth Hall, Chief Executive, UKSPA<br><br>Centrum Atrium                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 10.00 | <b>Workshop: Sector Identity in a Changing Landscape</b><br>Facilitators: Ruth Hall, Chief Executive, UKSPA and Roz Bird, Chief Executive Officer, Anglia Innovation Partnership LLP<br><br>Location: Room G01/02, Centrum<br><br><b>Workshop: Strengthening Regional Engagement</b><br>Facilitators: Alice Cooper-Reeve, Chief Executive Officer, University of Nottingham Innovation Park & Chair UKSPA Central Group & Angie Reynolds, Chief Operations Officer, University of Birmingham Enterprise Ltd<br><br>Location: Jane Rogers Seminar Room, Earlham Institute                                      |
| 10.00 | <b>Site Tour by Coach</b><br><br>(UEA, Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital, Innovation Centre and Hawkmoth Building construction)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 11.15 | <b>Workshop: Best Practice Leadership Skills</b><br>Facilitators: Ruth Hall, Chief Executive, UKSPA and Roz Bird, Chief Executive Officer, Anglia Innovation Partnership LLP<br><br>Location: Room G01/02, Centrum<br><br><b>Workshop: Evidence-Led System Influence Explained</b><br>Facilitators: Jane Hutchins, Director, Cambridge Science Park, Aaron Hunter, Chief Financial Officer, Hethel Innovation, Caroline Fleming, Director Surrey Innovation District, University of Surrey and Giles Harridge, Co-Founder and Director, End Game<br><br>Location: Jane Rogers Seminar Room, Earlham Institute |
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Arrival drinks from 18.30, Dinner 19.30 on Thursday 2nd July.

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The platform empowers organisations to monitor, analyse, and optimise space and resource usage through real-time data and reporting. It also enhances the tenant and member experience through integrated features such as a Tenant App, online bookings, visitor management, digital signage, and parcel tracking, all designed to create a seamless, connected environment for both operators and occupants.

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