



SCIENet Challenge Event

Challenges – Funding – Bioscience - Introducing SCIENet

Dear Sir or Madam,

The University of Bedfordshire, Forvivo Associates Ltd, Amey and Luton Borough Council cordially invite you to the SCIENet Challenge Event on 1st July 2015.

Amey are a national infrastructure provider who faces a number of challenges in their business, and they want to find business partners with innovative ideas to address these. Responding to these challenges, the University of Bedfordshire is partnering with Forvivo Associates Ltd and Luton Borough Council to build a bioscience knowledge network where SMEs in the region can form dynamic relationships as needed to provide an end-to-end solution for the sort of innovation approaches these challenges require.

Forvivo Associates Ltd are a global provider of services to the bio-pharma sector, and they want to use their market-leading power to build a regional bio-based network of small and medium enterprises where members gain mutual benefit from each other and from access to potential business which they might otherwise not be able to reach. This event will showcase the SCIENet idea and ask for your input, ideas and development, as well as allowing delegates the chance to hear from a company with an immediate business need.

National scale challenges require big ideas and big funding; Amey would like to show you the scale and types of problems they need to solve, and the University of Bedfordshire would like to help you access the match-funding opportunities to grow your business into addressing them. This breakfast event is your opportunity to find partners who can support you and who might benefit from your business, to give you access to new opportunities and to find new ways of working together to improve the region's economic development. Best of all, breakfast is provided and the event is completely free of charge.

We are inviting you to come and hear more about the implications of SCIENet for your business and tell us what you think should be done to support you to seize these opportunities. During this breakfast event, you will also hear from all three partner hosts who will be sharing insights into the opportunities arising.

The detail:

When: Wednesday 1st July 2015. 9am – 11.45am.

Where: Postgraduate Centre, University of Bedfordshire, Park Square, Luton, LU1 3JU.

Please find the event programme below.

Limited places are available; to book your place please call us on 01582 489042 or [click here](#).

We do hope you are able to join us, and look forward to seeing you there.



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Postgraduate Centre, University of Bedfordshire, Luton

Programme

9.00 am	Arrival and networking	
9.15 am	Breakfast	
10.00 am	Welcome and introduction to SCIENet	Gordon Brady, Business Partnership Manager, Innovation and Enterprise Service, University of Bedfordshire Mobeen Akhtar, Director/Partner, Forvivo Associates Ltd
10.10 am	Introduction to the Life Sciences Department	Prof Surapareddy Sreenivasaprasad, Head of Department of Life Sciences, University of Bedfordshire
10.25 am	Company introductions	One delegate from each company
10.40 am	Amey – Problems and Challenges	Lindsay Howarth, Innovation Project Manager, Amey
11.15am	Challenge Specific breakout session	Led by one volunteer project lead
11.30am	Relevant funding opportunities	Dr Imtiyaz Ansari, EU Research Funding Officer, Innovation and Enterprise Service, University of Bedfordshire
11.45am	Informal networking and depart	