

SOFHT Innovation Day



WEDNESDAY 22ND APRIL 2026 - YORK BIOTECH CAMPUS CENTRE

Innovation & continuous improvement are the hallmarks of a successful & forward-thinking business. In recognition of this, SOFHT will be hosting an Innovation Day that will bring together food industry suppliers & services with innovative solutions that will be of interest to food manufacturers, retailers & other service providers.

The conference programme will provide information on innovation in a mix of key presentations & breakout sessions enabling delegates to select those areas of special interest to their business needs.

In addition, there will be an exhibition giving delegates the opportunity to talk about the innovations presented with the suppliers & manufacturers.

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Agenda

- 08:30 Registration, coffee & exhibition
- 09:15 Welcome by Chair
- 09:20 **His Church** Surplus repurposed - Richard Humphrey
- 09:45 **Faedah Solutions** The use of vision/scanning & the GS1 Horizon project (moving from 1D barcodes to 2D/QR codes on packs) - Wayne Johnson,
- 10:10 **Food Forensics** Sampling app - Alison Johnson
- 10:35 Break
- 11:15 Breakout Session 1
- 11:40 Return to main auditorium
- 11:45 **Pelsis** Digital Halo
- 12:10 **Harper Adams University** Solid-State Microwave-Vacuum Drying for Nutrient Retention - Dr Lynn McIntyre
- 12:35 Panel Discussion
- 13:00 Lunch
- 14:15 Breakout Session 2
- 14:40 Welcome back by Chair
- 15:00 **Vikan** Industry and science-led product innovation: a mechanised cleaning tool case study - Debra Smith & Matt Rumble
- 15:25 **Bia Analytical** The Science of Food Integrity: Detecting Deception in the Supply Chain - Dr Maeve Shannon
- 15:50 Panel Discussion
- 16:15 Close of day and summary

Breakout Sessions

	Claxton Room	Kirkham Room
1	bioMerieux Augmented Diagnostics - Rob Butler	Upp Farm Innovation to reduce food waste in the field and beyond - Dr Trisha Toop
2	Christeyns Food Hygiene Rapid Pathogen Assessment Methods - Richard Cowderoy,	Wase Waste to energy: electro-methanogenesis for the food industry - David White



EXHIBITORS