

# Bionow Newsletter



## Bionow News & Events

The latest Bionow News and upcoming Events



## Bionow is Delighted to Welcome Six New Members

We look forward to working with:

**CrystecPharma | Inaphaea Biolabs | Carocell Bio | Your Special Delivery Service (YSDS) | KPC International | Scitech**

Our members are at the heart of what we do and by joining Bionow and working together we can achieve more. Bionow members have access to a fantastic range of benefits and services to assist with being globally competitive, delivering world class innovation and inspiring the next generation. Become part of our community!

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## Partner Snapshot: C&C Insurance Brokers

C&C Insurance Brokers is a Bionow Preferred Partner for Life Sciences and Healthcare Insurance.

C&C are a large, independent insurance intermediary with direct access to the world's leading Life Science underwriters. We recognise that Biotech and Life Science companies require specialised insurance programmes and our expert advice can assist you in identifying, planning for and managing the risks your business faces.

We will undertake a **free, no obligation review of all Bionow members' current insurance programme** and risk management procedures and then design a bespoke solution to fit your budget and requirements.

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### **Meet the Member: Origin Ltd**

Established 60 years ago, Origin serves its customers a portfolio of in-house manufactured packaging and components, bolstered by pre-vetted partner standard items and a holistic supply solution.

As a client, your success is facilitated through a complete offering from design, product development and regulatory approval to testing, production and managed supply.

Focused on the healthcare industry, Origin recognizes the unique regulatory landscape and the consequent needs of its operators. The result is a comprehensive packaging portfolio, integrated with existing customer demands and supply chain requirements and underpinned by experienced technical, regulatory and supply management.

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### **Bionow Event Survey**



### Got a spare minute?

Please take some time out to fill in our quick survey which will help us gain a better understanding of what's important to you when it comes to our events. This will also help us focus on your needs and ultimately make our future events more tailored to you!

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### A fabulous night of accolades at the 2022 Bionow Awards Dinner

Showcasing the very best in the life sciences industry, the 2022 Bionow Awards proved to be a glamorous occasion, with guests once again dining beneath the iconic Concorde.

Almost **350** attendees at the black tie event marked the celebration of scientific excellence in style, popping open the champagne and taking tours of Concorde in the super hangar at Manchester Airport on 16th March.



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## Investors Launch

**Are you looking for investment?**

**We're delighted to announce that we've partnered with Investors, who are launching a UK-wide marketplace to meet investors.**

As part of our partnership, you will have access to the Bionow online portal which will make it easier for you to build a community and raise equity investment.

**How does it work?**

We have a dedicated area in the marketplace to promote **Bionow members that are seeking investment**. In this area, you can create a **Company Listing** to build a community and find supporters or an **Investment Offer** to raise equity finance.

**For more information, contact David Holmes at [david.holmes@bionow.co.uk](mailto:david.holmes@bionow.co.uk) or check out the Bionow portal in the link below.**

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## Empowering Women in Biotech Charnwood Campus

**Tuesday 18th April 2023**

This event aims to bring together like-minded individuals working in the biotech and life science sector, and women looking to pursue a career in this industry.

We will have talks from inspirational women in the industry on topics ranging from leadership and the visibility of women in biotech, investment opportunities available, and ways to connect with one another.

**This is an inclusive event and all are welcome!**

**Tickets are FREE and available via the link below.**

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## **Yorkshire Bio-Partnering 2023 University of Bradford**

**Tuesday 25th April 2023**

Yorkshire Bio-Partnering is a one-day event at the University of Bradford city campus.

Join businesses and scientists in this one-of-a-kind in-person meeting showcasing the benefits of industry-academic collaboration and sharing of funding strategies from experts in the region.

**Registration is from 8.30 with the welcome address at 9.15. A drinks reception will follow the event from 16.30 onwards.**

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## **Pharma Manufacturing 2023 Hall Garth Hotel, Darlington**

**Thursday 25th May 2023**

As the world re-emerges from a global pandemic and the UK continues to navigate Brexit, the sector continues to face challenges, from Annex 1 and regulatory changes, access to skilled workers, IP protection, additional manufacturing costs and sustainability. There are also fantastic opportunities in the form of AI and machine learning, new technologies, changing patient needs and increased outsourcing to CDMOs, which further highlights the need for collaboration and the sharing of ideas.

Join the conversation at Pharma Manufacturing 2023 as we showcase the world-class manufacturing capabilities in the North.

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## TechBio X - North West Glasshouse, Alderley Park

Thursday 20th April 2023

**Featuring Bionow's CEO Geoff Davison as a speaker!**

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# Climb23

**Climb23  
Leeds Dock**

**23rd-24th May 2023**

**Bionow is proud to be a partner of Climb23, the new festival of innovation and investment**

Investor Ladder: one of the largest established networks of equity investors in the UK is hosting a 3000-delegate-strong festival on 23-24 of May in Leeds. Investor Ladder was created to help improve the innovation landscape across the UK by bringing together key individuals from industry, innovation and investment to discuss challenges, opportunities and high-quality deal flow and help international investors navigate the UK ecosystems through collaborations and partnerships.

If you're looking for investment, looking for a business to invest in or just want to find out more about the future of

your industry from the people making it, Climb23 promises to be a great couple of days.

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## News

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### **Pharmaron's Liverpool UK gene therapy CDMO commences major site expansion following UK government grant to support £151m investment**

This major expansion project will provide a four-fold increase in gene therapy process development and analytical capacity accommodating viral vector, DNA and RNA drug substance, plus drug product formulation. The expansion includes 3,500 sqM for future commercial scale GMP capacity.

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### **North East Innovation Lab achieves UKAS accreditation in recognition of its high standards**

The North East Innovation Lab, part of Newcastle Hospitals has achieved a major milestone with accreditation to an international standard.

The lab has been awarded accreditation by UKAS to ISO 15189 for SARS-CoV-2 testing which assesses not only the testing carried out by the lab, but also the quality

management system required to ensure the laboratory operates to the highest standards.

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## **Agility Life Sciences forge Strategic Partnership with Solitek**

Agility Life Sciences, an award-winning formulation development CDMO based in Nottingham, UK, and Solitek, experts in solid state development services for the pharmaceutical, agrochemical and fine chemical industries based in Barcelona, Spain, have entered into a Strategic Partnership agreement in order to accelerate the pharmaceutical development milestones of their clients.

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## **Measurement for Business (M4B) - Access to experts to accelerate innovation**

**Are you a UK SME with a product or service in development?**

The National Physical laboratory (NPL) has launched a new programme, Measurement for Business (M4B). The programme is designed for SMEs and provides access to NPL specialist experts and facilities to drive business growth at no charge.

M4B is initially open to applications from UK SMEs across Greater Manchester and Yorkshire regions. To apply all you need to do is complete a short online application form briefly outlining your challenge and the impact this is having on your business. The programme is non-competitive and if eligible a relevant technical expert will contact you within 10-15 days to discuss your application.

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## **Could you recruit an undergraduate placement student to your organisation?**



The University of Sheffield is keen to develop links with organisations who would be interested in recruiting placement students from the School of Biosciences, ranked 4th in the UK for research quality. Undergraduate courses cover the full breadth of biology, from molecular and cell biology, genetics, development, human physiology and pharmacology through to evolution, ecology, biodiversity conservation and sustainability and there is increasing interest in taking a placement year among students.

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## **CF AMR Syndicate launches £3 million collaborative discovery programme**

Cystic Fibrosis (CF) Syndicate in Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) has announced a £3 million Collaborative Discovery Programme for drug discovery innovators to accelerate the development of new treatments for people with CF.

Funded by medical research charity LifeArc, the programme will support approximately five collaborative projects that aim to rapidly identify new antimicrobial therapies to treat chronic respiratory infections in people with CF.

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## **Government-funded management training – Starts late April 2023**

Upskill managers to lead teams and projects effectively with Newcastle University's Level 5 Operations or Departmental Manager Higher Apprenticeship.

If your employees:

- Manage people or projects
- Are responsible for the delivery of a service or product
- Lead change within their area of work
- Have some financial and resource responsibility

Then this programme may be for them.

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## **Bruntwood SciTech launches No. 11 Mereside at Alderley Park**

The newly opened No. 11 Mereside, which overlooks Alderley Park's 400-acres of countryside, will bolster the campus' reputation as a major international life sciences and technology hub, and follows a series of innovative companies taking residence at Mereside – including Sai Life Sciences, Cisco, Peak Software and SCIEX.

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## **Bruntwood SciTech new plans for specialist lab space at Manchester Science Park**

Bruntwood SciTech, the UK's leading property developer dedicated to the growth of the science and technology sector, is set to invest a further £60m into Manchester Science Park (MSP) and support the creation of over 2,500 jobs, as it unveils plans for an additional 131,000 sq ft of world-class, highly specialist lab space to continue to build on the North West's world-leading cluster of clinical, academic and commercial life sciences assets, companies and expertise.

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## **New platform set to accelerate early-stage targeted protein degradation programmes**

Sygnature Discovery, the global integrated drug discovery company, has unveiled a new platform that facilitates the combinational high-throughput assembly and review of molecular degraders (CHARMED), in response to a sustained rise in demand for its multi-disciplinary expertise.

Developed in-house at Sygnature Discovery, CHARMED is a technology platform designed to accelerate and support early-stage targeted protein degradation (TPD) programmes.

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## Redx and Jounce announce recommended Business Combination



Redx Pharma and Jounce Therapeutics, Inc. have announced an unanimously recommended Business Combination of the two companies via a proposed all share merger transaction. Redx is a clinical-stage biotechnology company focused on the discovery and development of novel, small molecule, targeted therapeutics for the treatment of cancer and fibrotic diseases and the emerging area of cancer-associated fibrosis. Jounce is a clinical-stage immunotherapy company, dedicated to transforming the treatment of cancer by developing therapies that enable the immune system to attack tumors and provide long-lasting benefits to patients through a biomarker approach.

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## Durham University's Enterprise Zone - Orbit announces a series of Fully Funded Leadership Workshops

**Wednesday 19th April 10.00am - 2.00pm**

Recognising that in many start-up/early-stage businesses individuals are initially hired for their technical abilities and as the business grows, they become leaders by default without the benefit of any leadership training and in many cases with no relevant experience.

The leadership workshops are intended to equip the participants with the skills and knowledge to identify their own leadership style and learn how best to translate this to the effective leadership of their team. Gaining understanding of the dynamics of a successful team and how to ensure everyone is striving towards a common goal.

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## 19th Anglonordic Life Science Conference 2023

**Thursday 20th April 2023**

The event to discover, collaborate, and invest in the

success of UK and Nordic life sciences.

The Annual Anglonordic Life Science Conference is back for 2023. Join us for the 19th edition of this must-attend conference. You will have opportunities to:

- MEET decision makers at leading and upcoming drug discovery and technology companies from the UK and Nordic regions, and investment firms throughout Europe.
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## **Festival of Apprenticeships: Careers Roadshow**

**Manchester Metropolitan University  
Tuesday 4th July 2023**

The Festival of Apprenticeships is a roadshow exhibition promoting and celebrating all things apprenticeships. More than just a careers fair or conference, the event is a one-stop shop for anyone looking to find out more about apprenticeships. From discovering local opportunities by meeting organisations first-hand, through to guidance on how to apply for and make the most of an apprenticeship, the festival will cover all!

With top employers and learning providers highlighting their talent and promoting opportunities to future apprentices, the event will serve as a showcase of excellence in the sector!

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### UCAS Podcast with Manchester Met - Science Degree Apprenticeships

During National Apprenticeship Week, UCAS ran a series of podcasts looking at degree apprenticeships compared to a traditional degree.

Industry experts from GSK, Unilever and Manchester Met discussed the advantages of learning the knowledge to put straight back into the business and the impact this was having.

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### Spring budget changes to R&D – impact for UK Life Sciences

Innovation reliefs specialists, James Tetley and Lizzie Gosling, explore what has changed regarding R&D tax incentives and the impact for the UK's life sciences and biotech industry.

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## Why the North is the place for lab space

Sue Cooke, CEO of the 3M Buckley Innovation Centre (3M BIC), a subsidiary of the University of Huddersfield, shares why life science businesses struggling for lab space should explore what the North of England has to offer when it comes to high growth, strong talent pools, and available space.

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## Sustaining Skills to Supercharge the UK Life Sciences Sector

The life sciences sector is among the most valuable and strategically important to the UK economy. It is critical to the country's health, wealth, and resilience. On 6 March 2023, the UK government unveiled its new Science and Technology Framework to cement the UK as a science and technology superpower by 2030.

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## Chancellor gives boost to medical innovation and life sciences industry in Spring Budget

The UK's Chancellor, Jeremy Hunt, has announced a new enhanced R&D tax relief rate for the UK's most innovative businesses in his Spring Budget today. The UK's trade association for innovative life sciences and biotech, the UK BioIndustry Association (BIA), has warmly welcomed the announcement.

Steve Bates OBE, CEO of BIA, said: *“This is a huge boost for biotech companies across the UK developing new medicines and improving healthcare for patients. Our research-intensive industry is a key growth area for Britain’s economy. The Chancellor is rightly focusing UK taxpayer support to enable life science entrepreneurs to crowd in more private investment, help keep the UK at the cutting-edge of international science, and create new high-value jobs across the UK.”*

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## **Region’s Innovation Conference reaches 10-year milestone and heralds the role of Innovation in securing a sustainable, healthy future**

VentureFest North East will return 10-11 May 2023, where it will celebrate its 10th anniversary with an expanded two-day programme.

The conference has spent the last decade celebrating and inspiring innovation across the region. In 2023 the conference theme is ‘Our Future, Now’ with the event bringing together speakers with a global perspective on the challenges impacting society. It will also celebrate the local businesses that are making a real impact across communities and industries with their innovations.

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## **Clinical Trials and Privacy Matters: A Cross-border Guide**

Recently, DLA Piper’s Life Sciences team published the first edition of their Cross-border Guide to Clinical Trials and Privacy. The Guide will help in-house counsel, data protection officers and other clinical trial stakeholders to address inconsistencies across Europe and

other regions in the application of data privacy laws to clinical trials. In so doing, it responds to common challenges faced by clients.

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## **Maximise Reach and Conversions: Integrating Your Life Science Website with Social Media**

In the digital age, it is critical for life science businesses to have a cutting-edge, SEO-focused website and a carefully coordinated social media presence.

Used effectively, these two digital marketing tools work together to bring you new leads, help you retain your existing customers and establish you as a leader in your industry.

So, where and how should you invest your time and effort?

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## **Does your company pay into a levy that is under-utilised or, heaven forbid, wasted?**

Many science companies are under-utilising the levy funds, according to a report by the National Audit Office (NAO). In fact, only 4% of companies are utilising their full fund. Because of this, science companies are severely under-represented among levy-paying employers. Instead of using these dedicated funds to invest in apprenticeship programs and their workforce, they are letting the funds stagnate where they end up back in the government treasury.

The under-utilisation of the apprenticeship levy by science companies has been a concern for the UK government as it is seen as a great way to improve skills and increase employee diversity in the sector.

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## UK – Germany Bilateral: Collaborative R&D

UK registered organisations, collaborating with at least one German SME applying under the equivalent German ZIM programme, can apply for a share of up to £4 million for collaborative research projects resulting in innovative solutions.

**Competition opens: Tuesday 7 February 2023**

**Competition closes: Wednesday 7 June 2023 at 11:00am**

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**Job Posting Free of Charge to  
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Members of Bionow can post their current job vacancies directly to the Bionow website free of charge.

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For further information contact the **Bionow team.**

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### Events

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**Using molecular dynamics to produce an ensemble of protein conformations for more biologically relevant docking experiments**



**Development of Orphan Biologics: Challenges and Opportunities**



Tuesday 18th April 2023  
Online

**Thursday 6th April 2023**

**Online**

Docking is a method that utilizes protein structures to generate ligand binding poses and scores the interactions that are made. This method is used extensively in drug discovery to screen molecule designs and help prioritize them. Docking software typically treats the protein as a rigid body, whilst the ligand is conformationally flexible.

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## **GM Connected Health Ecosystem**



**Wednesday 19th April 2023**

**Citylabs 1.0, Manchester**

This GM Connected Health Ecosystem event is about enabling and celebrating excellence in research collaborations with industry. It is a joint event organised by the ERDF Research & Innovation Accelerator, Translation Manchester, and the Christabel Pankhurst Institute Translation Theme. The goal is to bring academic researchers and industry together to exchange experience of successful collaborations, to identify opportunities for future collaborations, and to highlight support and funding opportunities for academic-industry collaborations.

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During this session, speakers cover aspects of clinical trial design for orphan biologics products as well as key strategies for ensuring clinical trial supply throughout clinical development.

### **Key Learning Objectives**

1. Considerations in identifying meaningful clinical endpoints for orphan diseases
2. Orphan clinical trial design considerations and strategies to ensure sufficient patient recruitment
3. Manufacturing and clinical supply strategies to ensure supply of clinical trial materials while collecting data needed to support NDA submission

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**County Hall, London**

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## Life Sciences Line Clearance Collaboration Forum



**Thursday 20th April 2023**  
Online

Discover Best Practices Among the Global Life Sciences Community. This is an exclusive forum to discuss and share best practice in relation to Line Changeovers. Hear and discuss shared challenges, processes and developments within the line clearance process from global industry peers. Establish a peer network with like-minded professionals within a Global Life Sciences Operations community.

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## Insights and Innovation workshop: Skin Health, Ageing and Mental Wellbeing



**Friday 21st April 2023**  
The Ron Cooke Hub, University of York

Accelerated by the pandemic, the trend towards self-care has gathered momentum, with skin health and mental wellbeing, including 'anti-stress skin care',

space.

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## TechBio X - North West



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increasingly being in vogue. This workshop brings together the science, trends and ideas that will drive self-care as a defined market segment.

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## Spring Careers Fair 2023



**Wednesday 3rd May 2023**

**The Octagon, University of Sheffield**

Meet hundreds of students across all years and subject areas, who are looking for opportunities starting Summer 2023.

Ideal for those recruiting into graduate jobs, placements, short-term or summer internships, part-time and/or vacation work.

We anticipate space will book up quickly so secure your FREE stand now!

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**Are you hosting conferences and digital events? Would you like Bionow to assist with the promotion of these events?**

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## **Chess, Cancer and Cures? Why disguising the next move could win the battle**



**Tuesday 25th April 2023**

**Small Hall, University of Bradford**

If you are in Bradford for Yorkshire Bio-Partnering why not stick around for more great science and networking? In his inaugural lecture, Klaus Pors will outline his strategies and next moves aimed at unleashing potent cell-killing warheads to destroy the tumour infrastructure from within by exploiting the presence of tumour-expressed enzymes.

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