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Welcome to the Bionow monthly update!



Bionow News and Events
The latest Bionow news and upcoming events



Register for and activate your Glue Up account

Bionow have migrated their website and CRM system to Glue Up, which is a significant upgrade and is great news for Bionow members.

The new website makes it much easier for members to post news and jobs and register for events.

Once you have activated your account, you can access all the Bionow membership services available for your membership type. **You will need a Glue Up account to access these.**

[Register here](#)



Event speakers: We need you!

Interested in sharing your expertise with the life sciences and biotech community? We are always looking for passionate speakers for upcoming Bionow events.

If you would like to be considered as a speaker, please contact our Events Manager, [Matt Daly](#).



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Bionow is delighted to welcome 14 new members!

We look forward to working with:

Combination Products and Medical Devices Consulting Ltd | Embrace Marketing Ltd | Research Manager | Astral Systems | Galytx Ltd | Sarvas Health | TaBriX Ltd | Neuropath Biosciences | Metrion Biosciences | Nimbo Health | VectorBuilder | Valaya Bio | Astorium | ECHO Communication

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: Fisher Scientific

Fisher Scientific is a Bionow Preferred Partner for laboratory consumables, chemicals, low value apparatus and life science supplies.

The Fisher Scientific team is now able to provide Bionow members with a complete portfolio of laboratory equipment, chemicals, supplies and services offering exceptional

choice and convenience, as the preferred supplier to Bionow.

Whether you are a new start-up company or an established biotech, the Fisher Scientific channel is your one-stop shop for life science products and services for the bioscience community.

Fisher Scientific's extensive list of exclusive alliances with major manufacturers allows us to give you easy access to the products that are most in demand – all from one supplier.

Your Advantages at a Glance:

- Access to the complete portfolio of laboratory equipment, chemicals, supplies and services
- Hot-list of over 1,300 specially priced biotech laboratory essentials with an average discount of 40%
- No ice, minimum order or delivery charges to goods in location
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Meet the Member: Ab Biotechnology

Ab Biotechnology Ltd is a UK-based biotechnology company specialising in the development and GMP-grade manufacture of high-purity biopharmaceutical products. Founded in 2013, the company operates from Pentlands Science Park near Edinburgh. Ab Biotechnology offers a comprehensive “one-stop shop” service model, supporting clients from early product development through to GMP biomanufacturing. Its facilities include well-equipped laboratories and an MHRA-licensed GMP manufacturing facility authorised for producing both biological medicinal products and investigational medicinal products, operating under MIA and MIA (IMP) licenses.

Key technical capabilities include peptide synthesis, protein purification, assay development, quality control testing, and the production of polyclonal antibodies. The company also provides stability testing, formulation services, and analytical method development, supporting full regulatory submissions for biologics. Ab Biotechnology serves a global client base by offering process design, optimization, scale-up, and GMP-compliant fill-finish services for small-scale biomanufacturing.

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Honouring achievement and innovation at the 2025 Bionow Awards

The 2025 Bionow Awards dinner was a memorable evening of recognition and celebration, bringing together leaders, innovators and collaborators from across the life sciences sector. Held on 5th March 2026 at the Concorde Conference Centre, the event showcased the exceptional talent, ambition and impact of organisations driving the sector forward.

This year saw 149 applications from 86 organisations, a record level of engagement that reflected the strength and diversity of innovation across the UK and Europe. The judging panel faced a tough task in selecting winners who exemplified excellence across innovation, technical achievement, commercial success and social impact.

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Where Talent Meets Opportunity: The Bionow Online Life Sciences Careers Fair 2026

The seventh annual Bionow Online Life Sciences Careers Fair returned on 10th March to introduce students from Bionow-affiliated academic institutions to exciting career opportunities amongst member companies.

Attending this event is seen as a way of connecting with leading life science organisations, learning about emerging roles and technologies and gaining insights into what future employers are really looking for. Students discover graduate schemes, internships and research opportunities while building valuable professional networks that can open doors long after the event, which is why some member institutions are even adding the Bionow Online Life Sciences Careers Fair to their curriculum.

From an employer's point of view, the event gives companies a profile amongst hundreds of students and an opportunity to help frame the thoughts of the talent pipeline about the myriad of careers the life sciences sector offers.

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Bionow's Precision Medicine conference examines a changing healthcare landscape

The Bionow Precision Medicine Conference was in Leeds for 2026, hosted by Nexus at the University of Leeds with around 120 delegates, exhibitors and speakers coming together to explore advancements in personalised treatment approaches and their impact on patients.

The conference agenda included a state of the nation panel, followed by discussion topics covering precision oncology; detection and diagnosis; data and AI in precision medicine; a Patient Perspective presentation by the Sickle Cell Society; and advanced therapies,

including cell and gene therapies. The event concluded with a tour of the Faculty of Biological Sciences suite of research facilities.

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Bionow Empowering Women in Biotech Pioneer Group, BioCity Glasgow

Thursday 23rd April



Hear from inspirational women in the sector!

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, pioneering innovation, achieving success and and the visibility of women in biotech to investment challenges and opportunities and ways to connect with each other.

This is an inclusive event and **EVERYONE** is welcome.

Due to the popularity of this event, tickets will be limited to **TWO delegates per company**.

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Bionow BioAI Summit
Apiary Conference Centre, Alderley Park

Wednesday 29th April



Bridging Life Sciences and Artificial Intelligence

AI is rapidly reshaping the life sciences sector, from accelerating drug discovery to transforming diagnostics and personalising treatment pathways. The 2026 Bionow BioAI Summit brings together experts from industry, academia and healthcare to explore how AI is being applied across the sector and where it can deliver the most impact. Join us to connect and share insight around the future of AI.

The event will highlight practical case studies, emerging technologies and the key challenges facing organisations integrating AI into research, development and clinical practice.

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Biotech & Beers
The Churchill Tree, Alderley Park

Wednesday 29th April



Biotech & Beers returns to Alderley Park on the evening of the BioAI Summit

Why not join Bionow and Appleyard Lees after the Bionow BioAI Summit for an agenda-free networking evening that provides opportunities for key people from companies working in or with the life sciences sector to network and socialise with their peers in an informal setting over a drink or two.

Meet us in the Conservatory room at The Churchill Tree pub, Alderley Park straight after the BioAI Summit.

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Inventus Life Sciences Roundtable Delta Hotels Liverpool City Centre

Wednesday 13th May

Exploring Opportunities with Inventus to Advance Health and Life Sciences Across Liverpool and the North West

In partnership with Bionow, we invite you to join the Inventus Life Sciences Roundtable to pave the way for collaboration and strategic opportunities across industry, academia and the NHS. A key purpose of the event is to establish where Inventus will best be able to support in the Liverpool and North West life sciences ecosystem.

This free-to-attend half-day event will explore the depth and diversity of innovation taking place across the region and provide a platform for purposeful connections between businesses, researchers and support organisations.

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Business of Science Conference 2026 Jubilee Hotel and Conference Centre, Nottingham

Thursday 14th May

Bionow is once again proud to be a partner of the Business of Science Conference, which since 2016 has been bringing together the brightest minds from across the science and innovation ecosystem for a day of conversation, collaboration and the community building of people passionate about the commercialisation and future of science and innovation.

The conference sees business leaders, industrialists, academics, and policymakers explore the latest opportunities and challenges across the business of science. And we bring industry professionals together with students of all ages to help nurture scientific and innovative ideas that could become the products and services of tomorrow.

2026 will see a packed agenda of future viewpoints, panel discussions, and breakout sessions will explore how skills, AI, the bioeconomy, life science achievements, and materials innovation will impact our future.

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Bionow Pharma Manufacturing Conference Hilton Liverpool City Centre Hotel

Thursday 21st May



Celebrating the North's World-Class Manufacturing Sector

The North of England continues to be a powerhouse in pharma manufacturing, accounting for 21% of the UK's total life sciences workforce, and underpinning a life-sciences economy worth over £13.6 billion. The region remains critical to the UK's life-sciences ambition, combining a strong industrial base with world-class research, manufacturing infrastructure, and growing investment.

Bionow's Pharma Manufacturing conference is a unique opportunity to connect with leading voices and influencers, from international pharma companies and cutting-edge CDMOs, to academic researchers and regulators.

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Demystifying and Navigating Health Economics & Regulatory Compliance Christabel Pankhurst Institute

Wednesday 10th June

The University of Manchester invites you to join our next Scale-Up Series event, delivered in partnership with Bionow.

This specialist session will explore the challenges scaling SMEs face in the areas of health economics and regulatory compliance, highlighting the sector's unique growth barriers and emerging opportunities.

We will examine the support available to companies as they scale, enabling collaboration between businesses and academic researchers to help accelerate innovation, access specialist expertise, and overcome technical barriers to growth.

This event is ideal for established businesses with growth ambitions, particularly those operating within the life sciences sector.

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Biotech & Beers The Town Wall, Newcastle upon Tyne

Tuesday 16th June



Biotech & Beers Returns to Newcastle! All welcome.

Join Bionow, industry peers and conference delegates for an agenda-free networking evening the night before BioFocus! These events provide opportunities for key people from companies working in or with the life sciences sector to network and socialise with their peers in an informal setting over a drink or two.

Catch up from 5pm on the ground floor in the Drawing Room at the Town Wall.

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Bionow BioFocus Conference
The Catalyst, Newcastle

Wednesday 17th June



Driving Innovation, Inspiring Collaboration

BioFocus by Bionow is a dynamic one-day conference uniting leaders from industry, academia, and the wider life sciences community.

Designed to spark collaboration and accelerate innovation, BioFocus offers a powerful platform to connect, engage, and create new opportunities for growth. The event features an inspiring programme of keynote talks, expert panels, exhibition and dedicated networking sessions.

The agenda will include sessions on labs and therapies of the future, finance and funding opportunities, technology showcase talks, and more. Attendees will discover cutting-edge technologies, emerging research, sector-shaping initiatives and current funding pathways: all in one place.

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Climb26
Leeds Dock, Leeds

1st - 2nd July

Bionow is once again proud to be supporting Climb26 in its fourth year: the UK's festival of innovation, industry and investment.

As the festival of business growth, Climb brings together founders, innovators, investors and world-class speakers to share insights, spark collaboration and drive growth.

Join us at Climb26 for impactful talks, immersive workshops and unmatched networking opportunities.

Discounted tickets available - please check out the link below.

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Bionow Neuroscience Conference Sheffield Town Hall

Thursday 9th July



From Research to Recovery in Neuroscience

The conference will highlight the North's strengths in neuroscience research, development and commercialisation, showcasing progress across a range of neurological diseases and conditions.

Bionow's Neuroscience Conference brings together academics, clinicians and industry leaders to explore breakthroughs in the discovery, development and delivery of treatments for neurological diseases.

From emerging therapies to cutting-edge technologies, the event provides a collaborative platform to share insights, tackle sector challenges, and highlight opportunities that improve patient outcomes.

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ON Helix Babraham Research Campus, Cambridge

Thursday 9th July

Bionow is a proud partner of One Nucleus' ON Helix event, a one-day conference addressing key bio innovation trends, from developments in life science and technology research to their translation into new diagnostics, prevention tools or treatments.

In the dynamic landscape of improving patient outcomes, Disrupting Bio Innovation refers to the breakthrough technologies, policies and business models that are shaping the drug discovery and development landscape. Don't miss this opportunity to connect with the pioneers leading this next wave of disruptive innovation and ensure you stay ahead in a rapidly evolving landscape.

Bionow members get 10% off delegate rates - please contact clara.borg@bionow.co.uk to obtain the discount code

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**Pharma Industry Awards UK 2026
Park Plaza London Riverbank**

Wednesday 23rd September

Bionow is once again a proud supporter of the Pharma Industry Awards UK 2026, which celebrates the achievements of the entire pharmaceutical ecosystem – from researchers to CROs, engineers to marketing teams. This is your chance to stand out, to network with the industry's elite, and to be celebrated for your contribution to healthcare.

Key Dates:

**Entries Close: 5th June
Finalists Announced: 23rd July
Awards Gala: 23rd September**

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Concept Life Sciences Wins SCI-RSC National Retrosynthesis Competition



For over 25 years, chemists at Concept Life Sciences have deployed considerable expertise in synthesis to access uncharted chemical space and enable SAR investigations critical to clients' drug discovery projects. Demonstrating the skill of the team, Concept Life Sciences is delighted to announce that its team of chemists has won the SCI-RSC National Retrosynthesis Competition, after reaching the final for the seventh time in the past ten years.

The prestigious competition brought together ten finalist teams who demonstrated their expertise in synthetic organic chemistry by proposing and presenting a novel synthetic route to a complex small molecule. The event was judged by some of the UK's leading synthetic chemists from across academia and industry.

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Bouygues Energies & Services, Contracting rebrands as Equans Sci-Tech: A strategic partner for mission-critical environments



This transition marks a strategic evolution of the business, following the acquisition of Equans by the Bouygues group in October 2022. Since January 2023, the contracting business has been integrated into the Equans group, and this rebranding consolidates that expertise under a single, recognisable identity to operate with greater clarity, consistency, and impact across the life sciences, technology and advanced manufacturing markets.

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CADDA Knowledge Transfer Voucher (CKTV) Funding open until 30th April



The next round of CADDDA Knowledge Transfer Vouchers (CKTV) is **now open**.

Applicants must submit a written CKTV proposal using the [CADDDA CKTV application form](#), and send the completed form by email to the CADDDA inbox: cadda@kent.ac.uk

Deadline: 5:00 pm on 30 April 2026.

Following submission, applications will undergo eligibility screening and expert panel review. Shortlisted applicants will be invited to present their proposal during a 10-minute online presentation and Q&A session with the Grants Panel in the week beginning 1 June 2026.

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Guardtech ready to spring into action as bustling April-May events schedule heats up



GUARDTECH'S Commercial Team are ready to spring into action with a packed programme of exhibitions, conferences and awards events across April and May, as the business heads into one of its busiest stretches of the year on the networking calendar.

With spring traditionally bringing fresh energy across the Life Sciences and High-Tech Engineering sectors, the coming weeks will see the team out in force at a series of major industry gatherings – meeting customers, partners and fellow innovators while flying the flag for Guardtech's cleanroom expertise.

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£14m fundraising success boosts Sheffield's future as a global neuroscience leader



The University of Sheffield has reached a historic £14 million fundraising milestone to accelerate pioneering research into devastating diseases like Motor Neuron Disease (MND), Parkinson's and Alzheimer's through the expansion of its world-renowned neuroscience institute.

A wave of support from more than 27,000 donors means the Sheffield Institute for Translational Neuroscience (SITraN) can double its current capacity, helping researchers accelerate their understanding and identify new treatments for neurological conditions. The final surge was powered by a £3 million anonymous gift from a Yorkshire-based family foundation, alongside hundreds of thousands of pounds raised by staff, students, alumni and friends of the University through the University's "Big Walk" challenges.

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UK launches £5 million next-generation cancer diagnostics programme to accelerate early detection and adoption



The Next Generation Cancer Diagnostics programme (NG-Dx), led by CPI and funded by the UK government's Office for Life Sciences, will run for 18 months from January 2026. Designed as a pre-competitive programme, NG-Dx combines technical delivery with structured industry and public engagement to ensure innovation translates into clinically relevant, trusted and investable solutions.

Despite rapid advances in areas such as circulating tumour DNA (ctDNA), proteomics and multi-omics analysis, many promising diagnostic technologies have struggled to progress beyond research settings. Fragmented development, unclear adoption pathways and high commercial risk have slowed progress, even as half of cancers in the UK are still diagnosed too late for optimal treatment.

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British Heart Foundation (BHF) Multidisciplinary PhD Programme offering fully funded PhD studentships



The British Heart Foundation (BHF) Multidisciplinary PhD Programme is offering ten fully funded four-year PhD studentships as part of the newly established CHAIN (Connecting Hearts And mINDs) consortium; a partnership between the British Heart Foundation, The University of Manchester, the University of Bristol, and the University of Liverpool.

Together, the consortium will train the next generation of cardiovascular scientists to adopt an integrated, multidisciplinary approach to understanding, predicting, and disrupting the complex interactions between heart and brain diseases.

Applications close: Monday, 13 April 2026

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C-Further unveils first therapeutic programmes dedicated to paediatric oncology



C-Further, an international consortium committed to creating new therapeutics for childhood cancers, has unveiled the first early-stage therapeutic programmes for its pipeline, dedicated to paediatric oncology indications. Through its collaborative model, C-Further has partnered with investigators at UVA Comprehensive Cancer Center, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and Mass General Brigham to advance CF-012 for the potential treatment of Ewing sarcoma. In parallel, the consortium has partnered with investigators at MiNK Therapeutics (Nasdaq: INKT) to advance CF-033, leveraging MiNK's proprietary platform with translational support by investigators at the University of Southampton, for the potential treatment of multiple children's cancers, including bone sarcoma, medulloblastoma and acute myeloid leukaemia.

Enabled by C-Further's core partners, Cancer Research Horizons, LifeArc and Great Ormond Street Hospital Charity (GOSH Charity), the consortium will support the progression of CF-012 and CF-033 up to preclinical candidate nomination, subject to completion of scientific milestones. Together, these projects form the foundation of C-Further's expanding pipeline which is supported by an initial \$40m (£30m) budget.

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Applications for annual PraeSeed cohort investment programme open until 10th April



Now in its third year, the region's first cohort-based investment programme is here to find and fund the best pre-seed businesses in the North.

The PXN Ventures North of England programme includes six weeks of VC-led investor-readiness support and a £200k equity investment from NPIF II at the end. Up to 12 companies will join the programme, with up to eight receiving investment.

All PraeSeeders will also get the chance to pitch to the PXN co-investor network in September.

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Seda accelerates global pharma growth with £15m backing from BGF



BGF, the UK and Ireland's most active growth capital investor, has completed a £15 million investment in Seda Pharma Development Services Ltd (Seda), an integrated contract research, development and manufacturing organisation (CRDMO) headquartered in Cheadle, Greater Manchester.

Seda provides end-to-end pharmaceutical development services, supporting companies from early-stage drug development through the clinical phases to registration. Since receiving its [MHRA manufacturer licence](#) in February 2025, the business has transitioned from a contract research organisation (CRO) into a fully integrated CRDMO, combining scientific expertise with a growing manufacturing capability. The company has delivered more than 1,000 projects for 185 customers since inception, serving a growing international client base.

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Pioneer Group Responds to Parliamentary Findings with New Insights into UK Innovation Economy



New parliamentary scrutiny of the UK's innovation landscape has reinforced longstanding concerns about how investment in innovation is distributed across the country, with Pioneer Group, a specialist in technology infrastructure and venture building, urging swift action to address persistent barriers to research commercialisation.

The [Science, Innovation and Technology Committee's report](#) emphasises that the UK is “flying blind” when it comes to public and private R&D spending, with major R&D funders unable to properly measure and map levels of investment, their outputs, and regional impacts. It argues that without a clearer strategic framework, efforts to boost innovation risk remaining concentrated in a small number of established clusters.

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Salvivo Secures Innovate UK Funding for Breakthrough Saliva Sampling Device Project with National Physical Laboratory (NPL)



Salvivo Limited, the North-East based pioneer in oral health monitoring and systemic risk assessment, today announced it has been awarded £99,080 in Innovate UK Analysis for Innovators (A4i) Stage 2 funding to evaluate its FishburneTabs™ platform for saliva collection and biomarker analysis in partnership with the National Physical Laboratory (NPL). The project seeks to carry out analysis of Salvivo saliva collection devices to study metabolite and biomarker recovery towards future application in early detection of diseases such as diabetes, inflammatory conditions and cancer. This partnership will assist Salvivo in developing their technology towards becoming the saliva equivalent of dried blood spots, the gold standard that has enabled newborn screening programs globally for decades.

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SMi secures a fourth patent – in Singapore



SMi Systems is delighted to have been awarded a patent for its core single-molecule imaging technology in a fourth region. This adds to its growing portfolio of proprietary technology and process patents. This technology patent has been granted by the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore.

SMi's platform uses highly specialised optics that detect and image single molecules. Incorporating a uniquely large field of view, the technology is capable of measuring the individual properties of tens of

thousands of molecules per second, and the interactions between them.

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Crystec announces new strategic partnership with Joel Hi-Tech



CrystecPharma is delighted to announce a strategic partnership with [Joel Hi-Tech](#), China's leading supercritical fluid extraction technology company. By combining Joel Hi-Tech's industrial-scale supercritical extraction capabilities with Crystec's advanced particle engineering expertise, the collaboration significantly expands opportunities to develop high-quality, scalable, and differentiated natural product-based medicines.

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Centauri Therapeutics granted FDA QIDP status for CTX-187 treatment of Gram-negative bacterial infections



Centauri Therapeutics Ltd, an immunotherapy company with a unique and proprietary platform technology applicable across a wide range of therapeutic indications, today announced that the Company's lead clinical candidate in the ABX-01 programme, CTX-187, has received Qualified Infectious Disease Product (QIDP) designation from the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Currently in pre-clinical development ahead of first in-human trials, CTX-187 provides a novel immunotherapeutic approach to treat Gram-negative bacterial infections and expand therapeutic options for clinically vulnerable patients.

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Glasgow opens doors to its latest purpose-built life sciences hub



Developed and operated by Kadans Science Partner, in collaboration with the University of Glasgow's Living Laboratory for Precision Medicine, the 87,000 sq ft Health Innovation Hub represents a flagship investment to accelerate the growth of precision medicine and digital health companies. Developed with investment from Kadans Science Partner and £18.8m

support from UK Research and Innovation's Strength in Places Fund, the facility has transformed a former brownfield site within the Glasgow Riverside Innovation District (GRID) into a world-class destination for research, innovation and collaboration.

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Firefinch Software joins ABHI and launches UK–Europe training roadshow for medical device developers



Firefinch Software, a multidisciplinary group of developers and experts who specialise in the development of life sciences software, today announced that they have become a member of the Association of British HealthTech Industries (ABHI), the UK's leading industry association for healthtech. The move underlines Firefinch's commitment to helping medical device developers build robust, regulation ready at every stage of their journey from start-up, spin-out or scale up.

This new membership neatly dovetails with the launch of Firefinch's new training roadshow across key hubs, with events planned in Edinburgh, Leeds, York, Glasgow and planning underway for events across Switzerland. The programme is designed to give founders, innovators and tech leads practical guidance on how to create and coordinate well designed software that streamlines device lifecycles and crucially, that accurately records valuable data.

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Access funded apprenticeships to recruit or upskill talent in bioscience and chemistry with Manchester Met



Apprenticeships can help you access new talent pipelines and upskill your existing workforce. If you're looking to invest in new skills, enquires for Manchester Met's September 2026 cohorts are now open.

Manchester Met's higher and degree apprenticeships cover a wide array of in-demand fields.

Our science degree apprenticeship programmes are designed to develop highly qualified employees with specialised knowledge in bioscience and chemistry.

These programmes provide a unique opportunity for professionals to acquire the skills and knowledge needed to advance their careers, while enabling employers to keep their organisations at the forefront of scientific advancements.

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From Marketing Audit to Marketing Roadmap. A Smarter Route to Growth



For ambitious healthcare, biotech, and life sciences organisations, growth and visibility stem from clarity, smart decisions, and focused investment for measurable returns, not from repeating things that might not be working.

That's why the Arttia Creative marketing audit and roadmap process is essential for your business growth and positioning.

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Ledidi and Franklyn Health: a partnership built for the companies the industry overlooks



Small and mid-size medical device and diagnostics companies are the engine of innovation in healthcare. But when it comes to generating the clinical evidence they need to reach patients, they're often underserved. The CROs and EDC platforms built for large pharma sponsors can be slow, rigid, and priced beyond reach.

These companies deserve better. That's the shared conviction behind our new partnership with Franklyn Health.

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Bringing It Home: How Ab Biotechnology Successfully In-Housed Recombinant Protein Production



At Ab Biotechnology, we're always excited to take on new challenges so we were thrilled when a potential client came to us with a transformed *E. coli* BL21 (DE3) strain for expression of a recombinant protein as part of a wider, overarching agreement.

Historically we have tended to outsource bespoke manufacture of recombinant proteins, however managing this remotely can bring its own challenges. To our minds, it would be advantageous to bring this project in-house as we would be better able to control timelines, quality attributes and costs. Initially, we needed to ask ourselves two important questions... Can we do it? And is it a commercially viable project; is it cheaper to outsource?

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Why our SEO First Strategy is Critical for your Life Science Website



In today's digital-first world, launching a website is more than just setting up an online presence - it's about building a digital foundation that positions your brand for growth. For biotech, healthcare, and life science companies, the competitive landscape is fierce, and visibility is paramount.

At Arttia Creative, we understand that a website without search engine optimisation (SEO) is like a storefront with no sign or address. This is why we employ an **SEO-first strategy, one that includes AI search**, in all of our website projects, ensuring that from day one, your site is primed to perform, compete, and succeed.

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Unapologetic About Growth: SiSU Health One Year After VC Investment



Founder in Conversation: Samantha Fay, SISU Health

When SISU Health secured investment from the GMC Life Sciences Fund, managed by PXN Ventures, the mission was clear: scale a preventative health platform that could help more people understand their health earlier.

Now a year on since their first investment, the Manchester-based business hasn't stood still.

In this conversation with Ben Davies, Marketing Director at PXN Group, founder Samantha Fay ("Sam") reflects on what actually changes after investment lands, everything from leadership and team building to sales strategy, market expansion and the realities of scaling a healthtech business.

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When Complex Products Meet Complex Regulation - Who Helps You Stay Ahead



Combination Products and Medical Devices (CPMD) Consulting Ltd. joins Bionow to support pharma and medtech SMEs with decisive regulatory and technical leadership.

As small and medium-sized pharma and medical technology companies accelerate the development of drug-device combination products, many encounter the same critical challenges: increasing regulatory scrutiny, fragmented documentation, unclear lifecycle strategies, and the need to align technical, quality, and commercial decisions at pace.

CPMD Consulting Ltd. has joined the Bionow network to help organisations overcome these barriers with a commercially focused, results-driven approach grounded in deep industry experience.

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How High are Patient Expectations for Healthcare Websites?



Patients are very proactive with their healthcare-related research.

Patients are ever more informed as they explore online. Your existing patients also want to engage with you online. Your healthcare website is essential in this situation. However, the

online space can be complicated for health care. Many organisations struggle with conflicting priorities, and regulations and progress can seem daunting. That's why a specialist healthcare website partner can make a massive difference.

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Unlock the Full Potential of Your Protein: Comprehensive Characterisation Services Including N-Terminal Sequencing



Gain deeper insights into your protein with our advanced GMP protein characterisation services, designed to deliver accurate, reliable, and publication-ready data.

Our N-terminal sequencing service, powered by state-of-the-art Edman degradation technology, determines the amino acid sequence at the protein's N-terminus—essential for confirming protein identity, verifying expression constructs, detecting post-translational modifications, and assessing sample purity.

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Embrace Marketing joins Bionow – helping life sciences brands move further, faster



Embrace Marketing has joined the Bionow network, bringing specialist brand advancement expertise to life sciences and healthcare organisations across the North and beyond.

For more than a decade, Embrace has helped ambitious organisations strengthen their brands, sharpen their messaging and accelerate growth across the drug development lifecycle.

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Discover the Power of EBSCO's Business Source Corporate Plus



We're thrilled to introduce EBSCO's Business Source Corporate Plus to our BioNow community members. Designed specifically for the corporate world, Business Source Corporate is a customizable business research solution for a wide range of markets and applications. It offers the most curated full-text business information for today's companies, including business magazines, journals and trade publications from top publishers, plus company information and critical news content.

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From Cotton to Qubits: Why Manchester is the next global science superpower



For the past few years, the conversation around UK science and innovation has been dominated by the “Golden Triangle”. But there is another city that has earned its seat at the global science table and that city is Manchester.

World renowned for its music and cultural influence, most recently on show at The Brits at the Co-Op Live Arena, Manchester's creative reputation is well established. What is less widely appreciated is the scale and pace of its scientific resurgence and the city's growing importance on the global innovation stage should not be underestimated.

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Change, adapt and grow with a Guardtech Cleanrooms modular cleanroom system



GUARDTECH CLEANROOMS have built their reputation on a simple but powerful principle – adaptability. In industries where processes evolve rapidly, regulations tighten and technologies advance at speed, the ability to change quickly and efficiently can make all the difference.

It's a philosophy that sits at the very heart of Guardtech's modular cleanroom systems – and one perfectly symbolised by the company's new 2026 mascot, Cammi the Cleanroom Chameleon.

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Precision Protein Characterisation with N-Terminal Sequencing Powered by Shimadzu PPSQ™



Ensure the integrity, identity, and quality of your biopharmaceuticals with **N-terminal sequencing** using the **Shimadzu PPSQ protein sequencer**.

Our analytical team provides **high-accuracy Edman degradation sequencing** for proteins and peptides, delivering clear, reliable amino acid sequence data to confirm product identity, detect modifications, and verify manufacturing consistency.

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How to Redesign Your CRO Website for Lead Generation Success



Biotech and pharma companies don't browse CRO websites for fun. They arrive with urgency, and a list of questions they need answered before they'll even consider a call.

Can you deliver in their therapeutic area?

Can you handle complex studies?

Will you protect data, follow the process, and stay compliant?

And, crucially, can you make it easy for them to take the next step?

Navigating Your First Fundraise as a Life Sciences Founder



Raising money is difficult enough for anyone, but the process can be far harder for life sciences businesses trying to decode how VC works while navigating scientific risk, regulatory pathways, clinical timelines and capital intensity.

On the face of things, it looks linear enough. You pitch, you go through diligence, you agree the term sheet. But this assumes you're a passive participant in the process, which couldn't be further from the truth. By contrast, if you're going to get funded, you've got to drive things along, whilst often bringing non-sector specialist investors on the journey. Below I'm going to explain how.

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Why the North East is the Natural Home for the Next Generation of Biotech



Kerry Walker is Business Growth Director for Business Durham and works closely with innovative companies to help life sciences and technology businesses start, grow and scale in the region. In this article, Kerry shares her perspective on why the North East — and in particular the North East Technology Park (NETPark) — is becoming an increasingly attractive destination for the next generation of biotech companies.

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Considerations for Technical Transfer and Scale-Up of Protein Production at Ab Biotechnology



Transferring a protein purification process from an R&D or development lab to GMP manufacture is one of the most important and challenging transitions in bioprocessing. Technical Transfer isn't just about scaling up; it's about translating a flexible, research-focused process into one that is robust, controlled, validated, and compliant.

At Ab Biotechnology we have extensive experience in the Technical Transfer of protein production for GMP manufacturing.

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7 Steps to Creating a Website that Reaches Multiple Audiences and Converts



As a **specialist health** and **science-focused digital marketing agency**, **Arttia Creative** brings deep strategic expertise to every **website project**—we go far beyond only visual design to truly understand your audience. We don't just build beautiful, functional **websites** - we create tailored digital platforms rooted in clarity, strategy, and precision audience alignment.

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Spatially resolved single-cell analysis of transcriptomic changes linked with neuropathic pain in human neuromas



University of Sheffield

Transcriptomics of rare human neuromas reveals a novel role for endothelial cell dysfunction and HLA-A in neuropathic pain.

Approximately 300,000 peripheral nerve injuries arise each year in Europe. In addition to loss of motor and sensory function, a proportion of patients have persistent pain for which there is no reliable treatment. This is associated with sleep disturbances, depression, and various debilitating psychological problems. Injuries to branches of the trigeminal nerve, most commonly the lingual and inferior alveolar nerves, can occur as a result of routine dental procedures.

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Rare Diseases Are Not Rare!



1st March is Rare Disease Day! This annual initiative aims to increase awareness and to generate change for the 300 million people worldwide living with a rare disease.

On 23rd February I attended the FDA Rare Disease Day 2026. This was an excellent opportunity to hear directly from FDA staff who review investigational new drug applications (INDs) and submissions of data to support New Drug Applications (NDAs). There were also some people who are affected by rare diseases, some personally and some parents of children with these conditions.

There was a lot of information presented, and their slides are available on the FDA Rare Disease website. Below I capture some of the key take home messages and highlights from these sessions.

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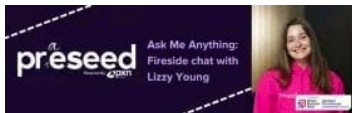
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Upcoming Member and sector events



PraeSeed Q&A with Lizzy Young

8th April
Online

Now in its third year, PraeSeed is the first-of-its-kind offer to help address the early-stage funding gap in the North of England. PraeSeed is the region's first cohort-based investment programme, and the aim is to connect pre-seed and pre-revenue startups with real-world expertise and £200k of investment. Applications for PraeSeed will open at the beginning of March.

Ahead of then, we are holding an 'ask me anything' fireside chat with our Investment Manager and PraeSeed's Lizzy Young.

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AI for Biotech Futures

15th April
Liverpool John Moores University Student Life Building

Connecting biotech companies and educators to shape an AI-ready workforce

AI is already transforming biotech from drug discovery and diagnostics to bioinformatics and process optimisation. The key question is: are we training people with the right skills to keep up?

Join biotechnology employers and higher education leaders for a free, one-day workshop designed to connect the people building AI-enabled biotech with the people preparing the future workforce.

Spaces are limited - reserve your free ticket now on Eventbrite.

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The Astbury Conversation 2026: Designing Biology

20th - 21st April

Esther Simpson Building, The University of Leeds



The Astbury Conversation – a world class cross-disciplinary conference on understanding life at molecular detail – will return to the University of Leeds on 20-21 April 2026 with a bold new theme: Designing Biology.

Over two days, this event will bring together international experts in structural and chemical biology, biophysics, and biotechnology to explore how biology can be engineered from the bottom up and top down, and from the underpinning research technologies that shape the field to applications.

- Keynote lectures from global leaders in the field
- Contributed talks, poster sessions and flash presentations
- Opportunities to network and collaborate across disciplines

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German Biotech Days 2026



21st - 22nd April Pfaffendorfer Straße 31, Leipzig

The German Biotech Days (DBT) bring together entrepreneurs with scientists and partners from politics, investors, funding institutions and administration.

Bionow members can save 15% by [requesting a discount code from BioPartner UK](#)

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Workshop: Medical Device Software

21st April

Inspire, Strathclyde University, Glasgow

Are you developing a medical device or in vitro diagnostic that includes software? If you're uncertain where to start, unsure whether you're on the right track or unclear who can answer your questions, the content of this session is likely beneficial.

This event is tailored specifically to help:

- Life science founders or spinouts looking to develop software for medical devices or in vitro diagnostics
- Product owners or technical leads developing diagnostics or devices containing software
- QA/RA professionals looking for clearer pathways to compliant software development

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Nexus Connect: Obesity in Preventative Health

21st April

Nexus, Leeds

Want to connect with like-minded people in business, technology and academia?

Join us for **Nexus Connect**, our panel and networking series exploring how technology and innovation are transforming the future of **Preventative Health**, with a particular focus on obesity. We're bringing together voices from data science, digital health, AI and behavioural innovation to discuss how technology is starting to shape the future of prevention and long-term health. Enjoy refreshments, a lively panel discussion and meaningful conversations.

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Spring Careers Fair - University of Sheffield

22nd April

The Octagon, University of Sheffield

A stand at the fair will be **FREE OF CHARGE**.

All bookings will be provisional at this stage. Priority for stands will be given to employers who have registered their interest in advance. We are also keen to attract local employers, to showcase opportunities available to students within a one hour commute of Sheffield.

Consider becoming a headline sponsor and take advantage of our **Fair Headline Sponsorship Package**. In return you can expect a **prime-positioned stand** in the event hall and to be **spotlighted in all our event promotions**. This includes on-campus screens, physical banners, floor plans, student newsletters and social media posts.

Let us know on your [booking form](#) if you're interested in being a sponsor, and we'll be in touch to discuss your options.

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Anglonordic Life Science Conference

23rd April

County Hall, London

Over 350 delegates from leading and upcoming drug discovery and technology companies from the UK, Nordic and many other European regions, plus investment firms throughout Europe, are expected to get together in London next April for the 22nd Annual Anglonordic Life Science Conference.

At the last Anglonordic Life Science Conference 86 [high quality investor firms](#) attended. The conference Programme featured on-point panel discussions around European investment and technologies, and 36 funding pitches were presented by cutting-edge biomedical and healthcare startups. 1:1 partnering took place throughout the day, with every meeting slot filled.

[Bionow members can request a 10% discount code](#)

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PRIME Workshop: The Similarities and Distinctions between Long Covid & ME/CFS

**24th April
Online**

The University of Edinburgh presents the second PRIME Workshop on **'The Similarities and Distinctions Between Long Covid and ME/CFS'**.

This workshop will critically examine similarities and distinctions between ME/CFS and Long Covid across clinical, biological, and research frameworks, with the aim of leveraging insights from both fields to inform diagnosis, stratification, and therapeutic development.

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North West University Fair

29th April

The Innovation Centre, Sci-Tech Daresbury

The event is designed to help science, technology and engineering companies better understand the breadth of support available to them and how they can best take advantage of this. It will be done through two mechanisms:

- Short session interviewing 4 companies about their experiences and advice on the benefits of working with a University
- Exhibition enabling you to meet with representatives from 6 regional universities, Innovate UK and STFC to explore potential areas of support and collaboration.
- Opportunity to pitch a specific project where you want to collaborate with a University

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Cyber Uncovered – Inside a Social Engineering Attack: How Supply Chain Breaches Really Happen

**30th April
Online**

This is a practical walkthrough of how attackers use social engineering to exploit trusted relationships within your supply chain, and how this leads to real-world breaches.

In this session, Mitigo's Head of Technical Development, Karl McAree, will walk through a real-world attack scenario, showing how attackers gather intelligence, impersonate trusted contacts and manipulate processes to gain access to organisations.

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York Imaging Day

12th May

Department of Biology, University of York

Not sure what imaging or cytometry could do for you, or what new technology now enables? With £5.5M investment in cutting-edge technology and expert staff, our open-access world leading facilities are ready to help you exploit the very latest technologies.

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- **Live Demonstrations:** Get hands-on with the latest instrumentation in action.

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Manchester Metropolitan University and IBIC's Medicinal and Clinical Biomolecules Innovation Lab

19th May

Manchester Metropolitan University

This Innovation Lab will incubate ideas to solve real issues of biomolecule synthesis and scale-up, heard directly from biomanufacturing companies, and develop projects to generate cost effective and sustainable biomolecules for the improvement of health in the northwest and beyond.

What to expect from the innovation lab:

- Interface northwest academics from a number of institutions with the companies at Manchester Metropolitan University.
- Provide space for companies to share their current sustainable biomolecules challenge.

- Use the Future Everything innovation lab framework to co-create a fundable project.
- Pitch the project to a panel of experts.
- Award up to £30,000 of funding for a project on the day of the lab.

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