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Welcome to the Bionow monthly update:

October recap and look ahead

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 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**.

For step-by-step instructions, consult the how-to guide and FAQs.

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 complete the form in the link below and send it to our Events Manager, **Matt Daly**.

Register your interest

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Check out Bionow's monthly LinkedIn newsletter for Premium Member, Partner and Sponsor news!

PLUS: Follow the **Bionow LinkedIn page** to keep up with all the latest company news and events, funding and business support opportunities, and more.

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Bionow is delighted to welcome three new members!

We look forward to working with:

Piramal Pharma Solutions | EF Healthcare | Puffin Packaging

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!

Join us

Partner Snapshot: Fisher Scientific

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

As a Member of Bionow your company can save up to 50% on a typical basket compared to list price on a wide selection of products from Fisher Scientific's range of ~1,000,000 products covering life sciences, chemicals and reagents, plastic consumables, glassware and laboratory equipment. This purchasing benefit is part of a much enhanced member benefits package.

Benefit from:

- Substantial discounts of up to 50%
- No minimum order requirements or changes
- Shipments to goods in are free of shipping, hazardous material charges and ice charges
- Regular delivery with Fisher Scientific's own delivery fleet
- Guide payment terms of 30 days with the option of monthly consolidated invoicing

Purchasing scheme

Meet the Member: Solvias AQ

Solvias brings 25+ years of experience as a leading provider of chemistry, manufacturing, and control (CMC) analytics to the global life sciences industry. Our teams combine deep scientific insight with regulatory expertise across small molecules, biologics, cell, gene, and nucleic acid therapies. We deliver end-to-end analytical solutions, from method development and validation to drug product release and stability programs.

Headquartered near Basel, Switzerland, Solvias operates five global Centers of Excellence - in Kaiseraugst (Switzerland), Research Triangle Park (North Carolina, USA), Hombourg (France), Canton (Massachusetts, USA), Utrecht (The Netherlands), each operating to rigorous quality and regulatory standards.

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BioCap 2026 explores the future of life sciences investment and innovation



Business leaders and investors met at BioCap 2026 for two days dedicated to investment, innovation and scaling business growth. The programme began on 30th September with the pitching competition, hosted live and in-person for the first time at Alderley Park, where 14 shortlisted companies presented to an expert judging panel after being selected from a strong field of applicants. An evening investor mixer then provided additional opportunities for founders and investors to connect before the main event.

One of BioCap's strengths is its ability to attract some of the UK's most exciting and innovative businesses as they seek investment to advance their technologies and support future growth. During their eight-minute pitches, companies combined world-class science with clear commercial propositions, outlining how their innovations could improve patient outcomes alongside the potential market, use of capital, key milestones, exit strategies and prospective returns for investors.

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Bionow's BioIgnite conference sparks conversation and collaboration

The Bionow BioIgnite conference returned to Sci-Tech Daresbury, bringing together 90 life sciences leaders, innovators, researchers and growing businesses for a day of insight, discussion and new connections.

Built around the theme *Sparking Growth Through Collaboration*, the conference explored the ideas, capabilities and partnerships supporting life sciences innovation across the North. Attendees also had the opportunity to take part in tours of Sci-Tech Daresbury's laboratory, technology and workspace facilities before the main programme began.

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York and North Yorkshire Business Pitching Labcorp, Harrogate

NEW DATE: Wednesday 11th November

*****RESCHEDULED TO 11TH NOVEMBER*****

Put your business in the spotlight

Organised and co-hosted by the York and North Yorkshire Health and Life Sciences Cluster Mobilisation Project, the afternoon will begin with a series of short pitches, offering attendees a valuable overview of the organisations taking part and the breadth of activity across the regional ecosystem.

This will be followed by a dedicated networking session, providing an opportunity to continue discussions, exchange ideas and develop new connections in a more informal and collaborative setting.

The event will conclude with the option to participate in guided tours of Labcorp's facilities, offering a behind-the-scenes insight into their work and capabilities.

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London Biotechnology Show Excel London

18th - 19th November

Bionow is proud to partner with the London Biotechnology Show 2026, taking place at Excel London this November, aligning with London Life Sciences Week to create one of the UK's most influential gatherings for the global life sciences and biotech community.

Bringing together 4,000+ attendees and 120+ exhibitors, the event will serve as a leading platform for innovation, strategic partnerships, investment opportunities, and high-level networking across biotechnology, healthcare, pharma, MedTech, and life sciences.

BIONOW MEMBERS EXCLUSIVE OFFER: Get 15% off all packages. Contact david.holmes@bionow.co.uk for a discount code.

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Bionow Oncology Conference

bionow ONCOLOGY CONFERENCE 2026

The Elm (formerly AP Conference Centre), Alderley Park

Thursday 26th November



Exploring the Future of Oncology

The Bionow Oncology Conference brings together industry, researchers and clinicians to explore the latest advances and ongoing challenges in cancer research and innovation. The event provides a forum for sharing insight, fostering collaboration and supporting progress across the oncology ecosystem.

With cancer continuing to present a major global health challenge, innovation in oncology research and development remains critical. This conference will examine how advances in early detection, treatment approaches and enabling technologies are shaping the future of cancer care, and where further collaboration and investment are needed to improve patient outcomes.

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BIOTECH & BEERS | bionow

Biotech & Beers
The Churchill Tree, Alderley Park

Thursday 26th November



Carry on the conversation after the Bionow Oncology conference as Biotech & Beers returns to Alderley Park on the evening of 26th November

Join us for an agenda-free networking evening that provides opportunities for conference attendees to network and socialise with their peers in an informal setting over a drink or two.

We look forward to catching up with you on Thursday 26th November.Meet us in the Green Room at The Churchill Tree pub, Alderley Park straight after the Oncology Conference.

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Biotech & Bubbles
The Town Wall, Newcastle

Thursday 3rd December



Join us in Newcastle on 3rd December for a final (and festive) Biotech & Beers of the year. ALL are welcome.

As 2026 draws to a close, kick off the Christmas countdown with Bionow and the North East life sciences community for a very merry Biotech & Bubbles (Biotech & Beers: Festive Edition)!

Whether you've attended throughout the year or this will be your first Biotech & Beers, come along for an informal evening of conversation, connection and celebration with colleagues, collaborators and friends from across the sector. With no presentations, no agenda and no pressure, it's simply an opportunity to get together, share stories from the year, exchange ideas and enjoy a drink in good company.

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Genesis 2026
1 Wimpole Street, London

Thursday 10th December

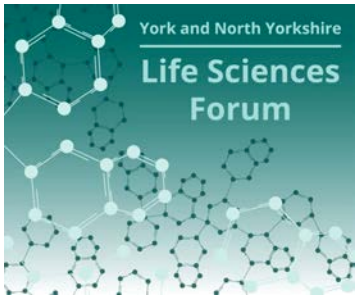
Under a headline theme of Maximising Returns from Life Science Innovation the event will feature:

- High content mix of keynote talks and panel discussions from key opinion leaders
- NEW! Company Showcase stream of One Nucleus Awards finalists
- NEW! One Nucleus Awards including Gala Reception
- Networking with 400+ delegates on the day
- Option to arrange 1-2-1 meetings with delegates via the event app
- Genesis Fringe events for informal in-person networking
- Exhibition for invaluable innovation support from our network

Genesis 2026 is set to deliver a fantastic opportunity for the ecosystem to connect, collaborate and create return for innovators, investors, patients and society.

10% DISCOUNT AVAILABLE FOR BIONOW MEMBERS: As a proud supporter of this event, Bionow can offer members discounted rates. Please contact clara.borg@bionow.co.uk for the discount code.

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York and North Yorkshire Life Sciences Forum 2027
York Biotech Campus

Thursday 14th January

Connecting Innovation, Talent and Opportunity in the Heart of the North

Join us for the next York and North Yorkshire Life Sciences Forum, bringing together the businesses, researchers, investors and organisations helping to drive innovation and growth across the region's health and life sciences sector. Delivered as part of the York and North Yorkshire Health and Life Sciences Cluster Mobilisation Project, the forum provides an opportunity to strengthen connections, share expertise and explore new opportunities for collaboration.

Who should attend?

Life sciences and healthcare companies, researchers, entrepreneurs, investors, public sector representatives and support organisations looking to connect with the region's innovation community, gain fresh insights and contribute to the continued development of York and North Yorkshire's life sciences cluster.

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Bionow New Year Virtual Coffee Break
Online

Tuesday 19th January

Join Bionow's New Year Virtual Coffee Break online on 19th January 2027 for a look back at 2026 and sharing goals for the year ahead.

Virtual Coffee Breaks offer the chance to take a break and have a chat with fellow Bionow members – just register in advance, grab yourself a beverage of your choice and log in. What better way to stay connected than with a coffee and chat from your laptop!

This event is reserved for Bionow Members and Premium Members. It is free to attend, however please register in advance so we know who to expect.

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If you would like to be involved with Bionow Events we would love to hear from you - contact info@bionow.co.uk

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Member News

Keep up to date with Bionow Member, Partner and Sponsor News

Codis Completes Demolition and Begins Construction on PSD-4 Expansion at Haverhill



Codis has reached the next major milestone in the expansion of its Haverhill, UK manufacturing site, with demolition now complete and construction underway for its new PSD-4 facility.

Codis is a global contract development and manufacturing organisation (CDMO) specialising in commercial spray drying, amorphous solid dispersions (ASDs), particle engineering and finished dose manufacturing, with cGMP facilities across the US and UK.

The Haverhill investment will add a GEA Pharma-SD® type PSD-4 solvent-capable spray dryer, significantly expanding Codis' commercial-scale spray drying capacity for ASDs. The new facility is planned to be operational in 2027.

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Bionow members and companies across the life sciences have an opportunity to tap into some of the region's brightest emerging bioscience talent



Bionow members and companies across the life sciences have an opportunity to tap into some of the region's brightest emerging bioscience talent. Through the YBDTP PIPS programme, organisations can host a PhD student for a three-month professional placement, gaining enthusiastic, highly skilled additional resource while giving the student valuable commercial experience outside academia:

Overview of the YBDTP

- The YBDTP is a BBSRC funded doctoral training partnership, and our aim is to train the next generation of bioscientists and biotechnologists for careers in the UK bioeconomy.
- We recruit ~40 PhD students per year to universities across Yorkshire and Teesside (Leeds, Sheffield, York, Bradford, Huddersfield, Hull, Leeds Beckett, Sheffield Hallam and Teesside).

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Build, shape and accelerate your adoption of responsible AI: Dates for funded opportunities announced



Powered by GrowAI and delivered by a partnership led by Manchester Metropolitan University, ChallengeAI connects businesses with universities, researchers and industry experts through funded pathways designed to support the responsible adoption of Artificial Intelligence (AI).

Whether you're exploring new opportunities, tackling sector-specific challenges or developing innovative solutions, the ChallengeAI partnership is here to help your organisation unlock the potential of AI.

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Liverpool City Region Microbiome Innovation Fund - Call for Applications

Are you a Liverpool City Region business developing an innovative microbiome-related product, technology

or service?

The Microbiome Innovation Fund is now calling for applications from businesses looking to accelerate research, development, testing, validation or commercialisation of microbiome-focused innovations.

With a total fund of £85,000, this LCR Innovation Fund programme will support up to 8 businesses with approximately £10,000–£11,000 of technical support per successful applicant.

Applications are now open until 20th November 2026

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Frontier AI: SME Champions, Phase 1 – Funding for Next-Generation AI Technologies



Artificial intelligence is transforming industries, creating opportunities for businesses to develop new products, improve operational performance and address complex technological challenges. However, developing genuinely novel AI technologies requires substantial research, technical validation and a clear strategy for commercialisation.

To support UK businesses working at the forefront of AI innovation, Innovate UK has launched the Frontier AI: SME Champions, Phase 1 competition, making up to £3.1 million available for early-stage feasibility and industrial research projects.

Closes: 11 November 2026, 11:00am UK time

Read more and find out how Inventya can help.

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University allocated £16m Good Growth Fund investment for manufacturing and creative innovation facility



Manchester Met has been allocated £16 million from the Greater Manchester Good Growth Fund to establish FUSE-M, a groundbreaking innovation facility bringing together immersive technologies, AI and advanced manufacturing to help businesses develop, test and commercialise new ideas.

The allocation forms a key part of the latest round of investment from the Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA), which has earmarked funding for a range of projects through the innovation strand of its Good Growth Fund.

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Apply for the British Industrial Competitiveness Scheme (BICS)



The British Industrial Competitiveness Scheme (BICS) was announced as part of the Industrial Strategy to cut electricity costs for British manufacturers, strengthening competitiveness and protecting skilled jobs.

Eligible businesses will be exempted from the indirect costs of the Renewables Obligation, Feed-in Tariffs and the Capacity Market, worth up to £40 per MWh, with exemptions reaching bills from April 2027. They will also receive an additional payment in 2027 to reflect the support businesses would have received had the scheme been in operation earlier.

Applications close at 23:59 on 30th November 2026

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Manchester maintains highest KEF6 rating for IP and commercialisation



The University of Manchester has maintained the highest possible rating for ‘IP and commercialisation’ in the latest Knowledge Exchange Framework (KEF6), recognising continued strength in translating University research and intellectual property into new technologies, spinout companies and commercial opportunities.

The result follows an incredible year of commercialisation activity led by the University of Manchester Innovation Factory, with 11 new spinout

companies launched during 2025/26 and more than £65 million of external investment secured by companies across our portfolio.

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Major milestone for Atom Valley as Sustainable Materials & Manufacturing Centre base build completes



A major milestone has been reached for Atom Valley with completion of the base build of the Sustainable Materials & Manufacturing Centre (SMMC) at Kingsway Business Park in Rochdale, which is set to become a nationally significant gateway driving the development of the advanced materials and manufacturing cluster in the region.

The 30,000 sq ft centre is the first major physical development within the Atom Valley Innovation District (AVID), a 25-acre hub for advanced materials and manufacturing in Rochdale, bringing together businesses, researchers, investors and innovation partners in one location. AVID provides an environment where organisations can innovate, grow and commercialise new technologies, strengthening Greater Manchester's position as a leading centre for advanced materials and manufacturing.

Completion of the building represents a major milestone for years of partnership working between Rochdale Development Agency (RDA), Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA), The University of Manchester and wider innovation partners.

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£5,000 of funding to use the University of Edinburgh's world-class cellular imaging facilities

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We have an opportunity for SMEs (UK and EU) to access the facilities housed at The Edinburgh Super-Resolution Imaging Consortium (ESRIC), which is based at the Institute of Genetics and Cancer, Western General Hospital. The team of cell biologists and physical scientists use super-resolution microscopy, which reveals cellular detail far finer than conventional microscopes, to study how cells function and how disease develops.

This is open to SMEs based in Scotland, the rest of the UK, and mainland Europe, with no matching funds required.

Application deadline: 13 November 2026

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Help Shape the Next Generation of Life Sciences Talent Through a T Level Industry Placement

Liverpool Life Sciences UTC
T Level Science

Bionow member companies in the Liverpool region are encouraged to consider offering an industry placement to students studying the T Level Science qualification at Liverpool Life Sciences UTC, helping to develop future talent while strengthening links between education and industry.

The T Level Science programme is a two-year technical qualification for 16 to 19-year-olds, designed in collaboration with employers to provide a direct route into careers in science. Equivalent in size and academic value to three A Levels, the qualification combines classroom learning with a mandatory industry placement lasting at least 45 days (315 hours) across the two-year course.

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RoslinCT Awarded £7.25 million Scottish Enterprise R&D Grant to Advance Digital Cell Therapy Manufacturing

RoslinCT
your advanced therapy solution

RoslinCT, a leading global cell therapy Contract Development and Manufacturing Organization (CDMO), today announced it has been awarded a Research & Development grant from Scottish

Enterprise to accelerate the digital transformation of its manufacturing operations in Scotland.

The funding, supported by a Scottish Enterprise R&D grant of up to £7.25 million, forms part of RoslinCT's ambitious digital expansion plan, a multi-year initiative designed to enhance the company's integrated digital and AI capabilities and further strengthen Scotland's position as a global hub for advanced cell and gene therapy manufacturing. The programme will enable the development of a digitally integrated manufacturing environment, improving operational efficiency, data connectivity and manufacturing excellence across RoslinCT's operations.

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Manchester Met welcomes its latest cohort of Biological Science Degree Apprentices



Last week, Manchester Metropolitan University welcomed its latest cohort of Bioscience Degree Apprentices.

The new academic year follows an exciting milestone for the University, with the first cohort of the Scientist (Biological Scientist) Degree Apprenticeship graduating in July 2026. The majority achieved either a First-Class or Upper Second-Class (2:1) degree.

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HGF strengthens French Presence with Acquisition of Cabinet Marconnet

HGF has announced the acquisition of Cabinet Marconnet, reinforcing the firm's commitment to the French market and supporting its continued growth across Europe.

The acquisition forms part of HGF's long-term strategy to expand its presence and strengthen its position in France, a journey that began with the launch of HGF's French operation under the leadership of Vivien Verbrugge, who established the firm's Rennes office in February 2021 and continues to lead HGF's French team and growth strategy across the region.

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Ready to take your healthcare AI innovation into the real world?



The University of Edinburgh's CHAI Hub are are excited to announce the CHAI Catalyst Competition!

We're offering 3 x £50k CHAI seed awards to support projects focused on causality in AI for healthcare across the UK.

Key Details:

- Funding: £50k seed award for 6–12 month projects
- Who can lead: UK residents & academic employees/students at UKRI-eligible institutions (who do not currently own/operate a registered business)
- Projects: Early-stage innovations (TRL 3 → TRL 5) with strong potential for UK economic and/or societal impact and relevance to causality in healthcare AI

Applications Open: 2nd November 2026
Applications Close: 2nd December 2026

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Information

Product and service information, blogs, funding rounds, reports and more from our Members and the wider life science sector

Guardtech supporting critical manufacturing equipment segregation with localised Isopod cleanroom enclosures



GUARDTECH are helping manufacturers introduce targeted contamination control with their specialist Isopod Equipment Enclosures – rapid-build cleanroom pods designed around machinery, production equipment and critical processes.

The enclosures allow organisations to create a locally controlled environment without upgrading an entire factory, laboratory or production hall. By positioning HEPA-filtered airflow directly over equipment, an Isopod can provide a cleaner, higher ISO-classified zone than the surrounding host environment, subject to the completed system being appropriately designed, commissioned and validated.

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Understanding Failure: Intellectual Property (IP) Strategy for Drug Rescue Programmes



If a drug can be rescued, what exactly should be protected?

The biotechnology sector has traditionally rewarded discovery. Novel targets, promising therapeutic candidates and breakthrough technologies attract attention because they represent the starting point for future products and, ultimately, future revenues. Intellectual property strategies have evolved around the same principle, with patent portfolios typically designed to protect the outputs of successful research and development.

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How Biotech Companies Can Strengthen Brand Visibility Across Search and AI

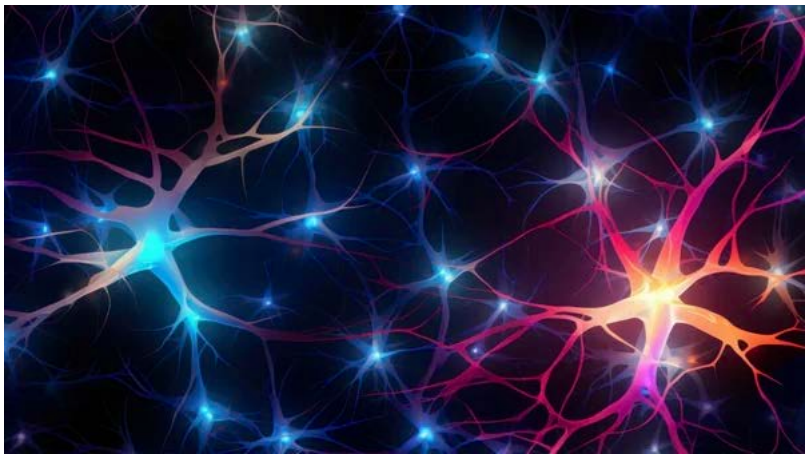


Search is changing. Your brand needs to change with it.

For life sciences, biotech, pharma and healthcare organisations, visibility means Google search results. New players are now in the search space. You need to appear in the right searches and build recognition with the audiences that matter, so how can you show up in ALL of the places where people are looking and researching?

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Creative Biolabs Supports Neuroscience Research with Microglial Phagocytosis and Neuronal MEA Assays



Creative Biolabs is highlighting neuroscience research services and products that address a practical experimental challenge: selecting measurements that connect cellular responses with the biological question under investigation. Its capabilities include microglia phagocytosis assays, human microglia products and neuronal microelectrode array (MEA) assays for investigating disease mechanisms and evaluating experimental compounds.

For researchers and R&D decision-makers, interpreting a cellular response requires an appropriate model, relevant endpoints and suitable controls. Creative Biolabs offers customised study planning to align cell models and assay endpoints with specific project objectives.

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DataLoch: enabling improvements in health and social care

DataLoch is a data service that has been developed by the University of Edinburgh and NHS Lothian to bring together routine data collected as part of people's day-to-day interactions with health and social care services. DataLoch's focus is on making data research-ready as well as supporting NHS services.

DataLoch works with data in several ways: collaborating with clinicians to improve data quality; linking datasets – across primary and secondary care – to enable broad insights; and maintaining a high-quality metadata catalogue with the support of NHS expertise.

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One Agency, Your Vision. The Power of Connecting Your Biotech Brand and Website

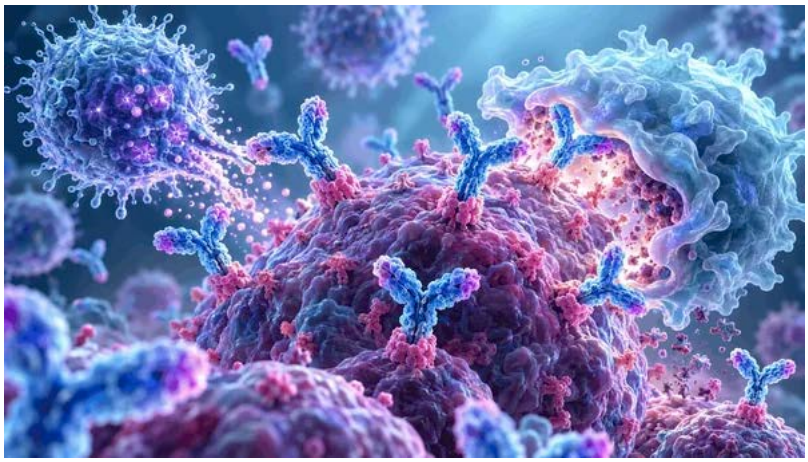


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Dinutuximab Has Established GD2 as a Clinical Target—But Is Target Recognition Enough for the Next Generation of Antibody Immunotherapy?



Is Finding the Right Tumor Antigen Still the Hardest Problem?

For years, targeted cancer therapy has been driven by a seemingly straightforward principle: identify an antigen enriched on malignant cells and engineer an antibody that recognizes it. Dinutuximab provides a clinically established example of both the value—and the complexity—of that concept.

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How Arrow support can help Life Science Companies based in the North East

Arrow Innovation Support

Arrow allows organisations to access innovation support from across Durham University, Newcastle University, Northumbria University and the University of Sunderland. Arrow support is free to eligible organisations in County Durham, Sunderland, North Tyneside, South Tyneside, Gateshead, Newcastle and Northumberland, thanks to funding by the North East Mayoral Strategic Authority through its Integrated Settlement Fund.

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Talentmark celebrates 55 years of supporting scientific and medical progress



This year marks a special milestone for Talentmark as we celebrate our 55th anniversary and more than five decades of supporting scientific and medical progress through specialist workforce solutions.

Our story began in 1971, when Talentmark Executive became the first executive search business to specialise exclusively in the life sciences industry. Since then, we've grown into a global workforce solutions partner supporting the life sciences and chemical industries.

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Who's at Helix? | Jurek Kozyra on faster diagnostics, drug development and growing Nanovery in Newcastle



You can browse our occupier directory and see the organisations that call Newcastle Helix home. But our *Who's at Helix?* series is about getting beyond the names and meeting the people behind them.

We want to understand what they're working on, the problems they're trying to solve, and what that work could mean in the real world.

Next up, we meet Jurek, founder of Nanovery.

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From Start-Up Lab to Scale-Up: Is Your Space Ready to Grow With You?



Is your laboratory environment capable of growing with the business?

It was a question that felt particularly relevant following the BioYorkshire Bioeconomy Cluster Conference 2026 at York Guildhall, where scaling the UK bioeconomy, bioprocessing scale-up and commercialisation were among the topics explored.

For an early-stage business, laboratory space can often evolve incrementally. Another bench is added, a new piece of equipment arrives, storage is adapted and teams find ways to work around the space they have.

Eventually, however, there comes a point when adapting is no longer enough.

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Creative Biolabs Tackles Glycosylation Challenges in Therapeutic Protein Development

Glycan heterogeneity remains a persistent challenge in therapeutic protein development, influencing molecular stability, biological activity, and product consistency. As biopharmaceutical researchers seek greater control over glycosylation, reliable production strategies and detailed structural characterisation are becoming increasingly important.

Addressing glycan heterogeneity requires more than selecting a suitable expression system. Researchers also need to understand how cellular glycosylation pathways influence protein structure and whether the resulting molecular changes affect biological function. Creative Biolabs supports these investigations through custom glycoprotein production, cell line glycoengineering, and analytical characterisation.

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Guardtech gearing up for an action-packed 2026 exhibition finale

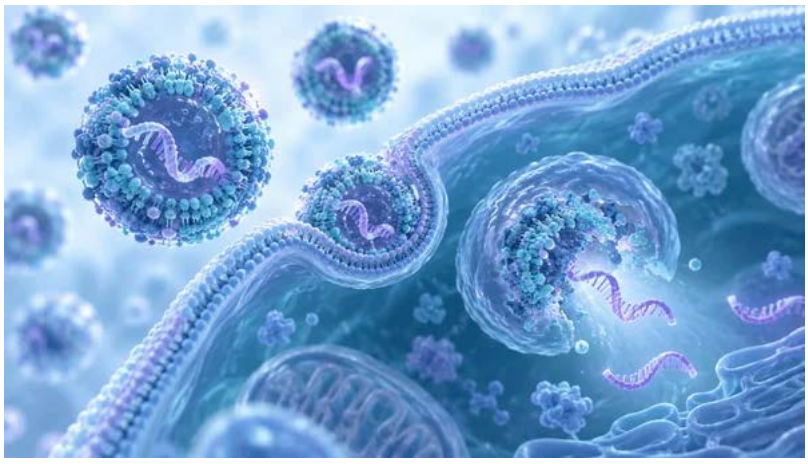


GUARDTECH are gearing up for a busy end to 2026, with four major industry events set to provide the perfect platform for showcasing their innovative cleanroom solutions and helping organisations plan for an even bigger and better 2027.

From Healthcare Estates in Manchester to the London Biotechnology Show at ExCeL London, the packed exhibition programme will give Guardtech the opportunity to meet organisations looking to create new controlled environments, expand existing facilities or find smarter ways to improve their current operations.

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Beyond Encapsulation: Creative Biolabs Highlights Application-Specific mRNA Delivery Development



High mRNA encapsulation efficiency is an important formulation measure, but it does not establish whether a delivery system will produce the intended biological effect.

Creative Biolabs provides lipid nanoparticle (LNP) development, lipoplex formulation, and customized mRNA delivery vehicle development to support researchers investigating delivery performance for specific therapeutic applications.

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Swan Introduces AMI-II Fluotrace Oil: A New Standard in Real-Time Oil-in-Water Monitoring



Swan Analytical Instruments is pleased to introduce the AMI-II Fluotrace Oil, a high-sensitivity Oil-in-Water monitor designed for continuous, real-time detection of hydrocarbons in industrial, marine, environmental, and water treatment applications.

The AMI-II Fluotrace Oil delivers outstanding sensitivity with detection limits as low as 0.15 ppm oil and 5 ppb PAH, while providing a rapid response time of approximately 6 seconds for early leak detection and process protection.

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Fewer claims, more R&D spend: what HMRC's latest figures mean for life sciences



The number of R&D tax relief claims has fallen, but HMRC's latest statistics paint a much more positive picture of the R&D behind them.

HMRC estimates that 40,325 R&D tax relief claims were made for the 2024/25 financial year, 17% fewer than the previous year. Yet the amount of qualifying R&D expenditure underpinning claims increased by 7% to £51 billion, while the total value of relief claimed increased by 5% to £8.2 billion.

For R&D-intensive sectors such as life sciences, the distinction is important. Fewer claims do not necessarily mean less R&D is taking place.

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Why the UK's Life Sciences Growth Ambition Has an Energy Problem

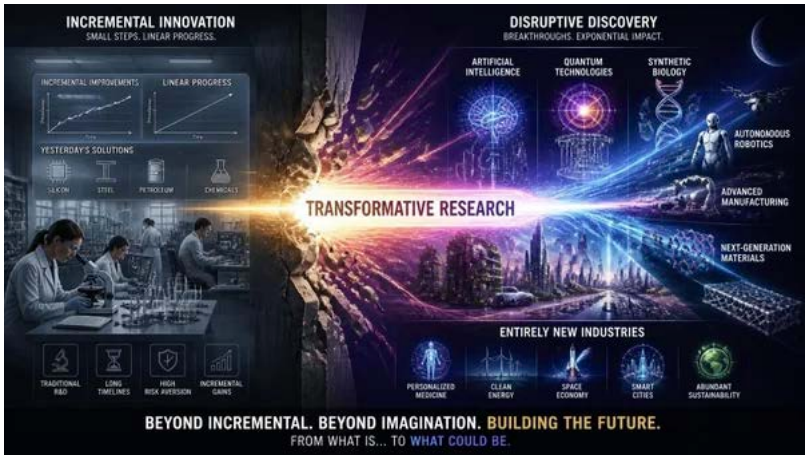


As the UK seeks to expand its life sciences manufacturing base and attract new investment, the sector faces a less visible challenge: how to power the next generation of laboratories, production facilities and advanced manufacturing sites competitively and sustainably.

The UK has made no secret of its ambition to grow its life sciences sector.

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Big ideas that feel too bold for traditional funding? That's exactly what ARIA is looking for



The Advanced Research and Invention Agency (ARIA) are backing high-risk, high-reward research that could reshape industries and create entirely new markets.

Unlike conventional programmes, ARIA wants the speculative, the interdisciplinary, the "un-fundable" ideas that could change everything.

Key details

Closes: 16 January 2028
Funding: Varies by programme

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Specialist Laboratory Purchasing Scheme for Bionow Members

The Fisher Scientific channel offers a full range of premium brands

The breadth and depth of the Fisher Scientific product range creates a virtual one-stop shop for scientists with a core list that helps to simplify your ordering whilst providing great value and long-term price stability. Browse a dynamic, fully-interactive web catalogue that provides product information and real-time stock availability.

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bionow.co.uk/jobs

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

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Events
Upcoming Member and sector events

LEAF (Liverpool Economic Activity Framework) Workshops

4th - 5th November
Pembroke House and LSTM, Liverpool

Liverpool companies: Take part in LEAF (Liverpool Economic Activity Framework, a University of Liverpool-led, UKRI-funded initiative delivered in partnership with Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine (LSTM) and Liverpool John Moores University (LJMU).

LEAF brings together employers, communities and policymakers to help develop practical solutions to workforce challenges across the Liverpool City Region. With 1 in 4 working-age adults currently out of work, this is an opportunity for employers to help shape initiatives that better connect local people with employment opportunities and ensure future workforce support reflects the needs of regional businesses.

Workshops are scheduled to take place on:

- 4th November 2026, 9-12pm
- 5th November 2026, 9-12pm

You would only need to attend **one** session.

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BIO-Europe

9th - 11th November
Koelnmesse, Cologne, Germany

In 2026, BIO-Europe will continue to set the standard for excellence in partnering while broadening its unwavering commitment to global collaboration. At the heart of this evolution, the event will expand beyond partnering to include:

- A comprehensive programme - expanding beyond partnering and investment to encompass regulatory developments, clinical affairs and manufacturing strategy.
- Convening strategic conversations - for the biopharma C-suite and leadership teams.
- Creating the platform - where global collaboration can thrive, partnerships are formed and innovation can be championed, for all.
- New access options - to support a variety of engagement levels.

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TBI-Reporter/NIHR HRC in Brain Injury: Industry Workshop on De-risking Drug and Technology Innovation in Traumatic Brain Injury

13th November
Wellcome Collection, London

TBI-REPORTER and the NIHR HRC have had success setting up important studies – both publicly and industry funded – exploring new diagnostics, Phase 1b/2a trials, and novel assistive technology. Building on these achievements, we are holding a joint workshop for industry partners in the pharmaceutical, diagnostic, imaging, and technology sectors.

This workshop is intended to establish an ongoing community bringing together academia, industry, clinicians, funders and people with lived experience to accelerate innovation in traumatic brain injury.

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Keele University's School of Life Sciences Careers, Placements and Postgraduate Fair 2026

17th November
Chancellors Building, Keele University

This will be our second School of Life Sciences Careers, Placements and Postgraduate Fair, and we're building on the success of our first to create an even more dynamic, engaging, and impactful event. It's a fantastic opportunity to connect directly with Keele students from a wide range of cutting-edge and highly employable disciplines.

The fair is free to attend.

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Evidence Generation for Diagnostics

24th - 25th November
Online

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Join our practical online course and learn how to build an evidence generation strategy that supports evaluation, commissioning, investment and implementation.

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ImagiNE – North East Imaging Across Scales

4th December
Newcastle University

It's great to see the first ImagiNE conference taking shape, bringing together people working in imaging from across the North East.

Taking place at Newcastle University on 4 December, the day will be a chance to hear about the different imaging research and capabilities across the region, meet others working in the field and hopefully spark some new collaborations along the way.

There's also still time to get involved if you have some work you'd like to share - we're accepting abstracts for flash talks and posters until 5pm on 6 November.

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