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Driving change in the East Midlands

AGENDA



Friday 17 June 2022
East Midlands Conference Centre

Join us for the University of Nottingham's annual open business conference.

You will have the opportunity to hear from leading business leaders and politicians from across the region including the Rt Hon Ben Bradley MP and Leader of Nottinghamshire County Council, and Shadow Levelling Up Minister Alex Norris.

Our exhibition zones, supported by the East Midlands Chamber of Commerce, Institute of Directors and the Federation of Small Businesses, will give you the opportunity to find out how the University of Nottingham can support you - from becoming a supplier, accessing our students for placements and internships, developing your staff, to hearing about funded programmes and engaging with our world-leading researchers who want to help solve your business challenges.

We will also have the following headline and breakout sessions happening throughout the day:

8.30am –
10.30am

Unlocking procurement opportunities seminar – run by East Midlands Chamber

This seminar will showcase a range of procurement opportunities, the processes and eligibility criteria, as well as sharing some examples of best-practice. We will hear from the procurement teams from the University of Nottingham, NHS and Nottingham County Council.

This seminar will offer an informal opportunity to raise any questions or concerns about existing processes to the speakers and will provide potential suppliers with the know-how to identify and tender for contract opportunities.

[Find out more about the Unlocking Procurement Opportunities seminar](#)

10am – 11am	<p>Breakout sessions</p> <p>Driving change together Find out how you can use our research, knowledge and inventions to enter new markets, reach new customers and improve your business performance.</p> <p>A world of talent on your doorstep Explore how you can recruit the very brightest students from our international talent pool and the benefits it can bring to your business.</p> <p>EMBA masterclass Discover how we can build on your existing years of management to expand your global career prospects and earning potential.</p> <p>Students supporting businesses Our students are highly-sought after by some of the world’s top companies, innovative start-ups, and third-sector organisations. Find out how they can bring fresh thinking and insights to your business.</p>
11:00am – 11.30pm	<p>Economic Update – Speaker –TBC</p> <p>An overview on how the regional economic ambition of long-term growth can be realised and a wave of private sector investment unlocked in the decade ahead.</p>
11.30am – 12.00pm	<p>Political keynote address by Rt Hon Ben Bradley MP</p> <p>Gain insights on the latest Levelling Up whitepaper and what it means for the region. This keynote will be followed by a panel discussion with some of the East Midland’s most influential organisations.</p>
12.00pm- 12.45pm	<p>How can the Levelling Up cash help my business?</p> <p>Join our panel of regional leaders from politics, business and academia who will explore your trickiest questions about local levelling up initiatives and the opportunities for you.</p>
1pm – 2pm	<p>Breakout sessions</p> <p>Driving change together Find out how you can use our research, knowledge and inventions to enter new markets, reach new customers and improve your business performance.</p> <p>Attracting student and graduate talent Explore how you can raise your company’s profile to maximise your talent pool and recruit your future leaders.</p> <p>Students supporting businesses Our students are highly-sought after by some of the world’s top companies, innovative start-ups, and third-sector organisations. Find out how they can bring fresh thinking and insights to your business.</p>

1.30pm	<p>Headline Session With Alex Norris MP, Shadow Minister (Levelling UP, Housing, Communities and Local Government)</p> <p>What should be in the Levelling Up bill? Share your experience and insights with Alex Norris MP, to help shape the new Levelling Up bill.</p>
2pm – 2.30pm	<p>Keynote address</p> <p>Levelling Up with social enterprise Explore the state of social enterprise, the sector’s role in Levelling Up the region, and consider how your business can better support communities, improve health, and tackle climate change.</p>
2.30pm – 4pm	<p>National Ingenuity Showcase</p> <p>Join a growing community of corporates, SMEs, charities, councils and local organisations committed to supporting the next generation of changemakers. Hear the pitches from the 2022 Ingenuity winners and see how you can collaborate with them to create impact.</p>

A barbecue networking lunch and refreshments will be provided to all conference delegates.

You will have the chance to enter our prize draw which includes a free MBA module worth £3,500, funding towards a placement student, a University of Nottingham goodie bag plus more!

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