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Manufacturing and Trade Conference

13 March 2025

Loughborough University SportPark - 3 Oakwood Dr, Loughborough LE11 3QF

AGENDA

08:00	Delegate arrival for tea/coffees and exhibitors
09:00 (5mins)	Welcome – Dawn Whitemore, President, East Midlands Chamber (Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire, Leicestershire)
09:05 (10mins)	<p>Welcome from Loughborough University - Professor Nick Jennings, CB FREng FRS, is Vice-Chancellor and President of Loughborough University.</p> <p>Nick is also the Vice-President for Fellowship Engagement at the Royal Academy of Engineering and was previously the Vice-Provost for Research and Enterprise at Imperial College London, the UK Government's first Chief Scientific Advisor for National Security, and Regius Professor of Computer Science at the University of Southampton.</p>
09:15 (20mins)	<p>Sector overview: Make UK – Chris Corkan, Region Director – Midlands & East of England & Affiliates Partner Programme, Make UK</p> <p>Includes time for Q&A</p>
09:35 (40mins)	<p>The UK Industrial Strategy – where are we?</p> <p>The Government green paper sets out a vision for a modern industrial strategy – a 10-year plan that aims to deliver the certainty and stability businesses need to invest in the high growth sectors that will drive our growth mission. Speakers include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Higher Education's response to the Governments Industrial Strategy green paper - Professor Graham Hitchen, Director of the Loughborough University Policy Unit (20mins) • Update from the Government - Katrina Crookdake, Area Lead, Nottingham/Nottinghamshire, Department of Business and Trade (20mins)
10:15 (55mins)	<p>International Trade – New governmental approach including the relationship with the EU</p> <p>The new governments strategy to exporting and opportunities for manufacturers - Ian Harrison, Head of Export Development, Midlands, Exports Directorate, Department for Business and Trade (15mins)</p> <p>Update from East Midlands Airport on their 60th Anniversary – Chris Lane, Commercial Director, East Midlands Airport (EMA) (10mins)</p>

	<p>Panel – Chaired by Richard Blackmore, Director of Policy and Insight, East Midlands Chamber:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lucy Granger, Head of International Trade, East Midlands Chamber • Ian Harrison - Head of Export Development, Midlands, Exports Directorate, Department for Business and Trade • Chris Lane, Commercial Director, East Midlands Airport (EMA) • Gavin Newman, Operations Director, Pinnacle International Freight Ltd
11:10 (30mins)	Break
11:40 (15mins)	Overview of the Chamber’s most recent Quarterly Economic Survey and response to the Industrial Strategy Green Paper – Richard Blackmore, Director of Policy and External Affairs, East Midlands Chamber
11:55 (40mins)	<p>Attraction and retention of talent and how to improve productivity (through people): Panel discussion - Chaired by Mark Goldby, Chair of East Midlands Manufacturing Network</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professor Eva Selenko - Professor in Work Psychology and the Head or the Work and Organisation Group) Loughborough University • Robin Penny, Managing Director, Penny Engineering Group • Carol Dixon, Director of Commercial Business, Derby College • Jayne Bellenie, Managing Director - JB Engineering (Hatton) Ltd
12:35 (20mins)	<p>Research and Innovation: What’s new for the sector - Professor Anish Roy, Associate Dean of Research & Innovation at the Wolfson School of Mechanical, Electrical and Manufacturing, Loughborough University</p> <p>Anish’s personal research interests are mechanics, materials and machining processes. Anish has published over 100 peer-reviewed papers, book chapters and conferences on a variety of topics including small-scale crystalline plasticity, dislocation mechanics, continuum mechanics, computational mechanics, machining sciences and machine design. He is a Chartered Engineer and Fellow of the Institute of Mechanical Engineering and a Member of the Institute Of Physics.</p>
12:55 (30mins)	<p>Productivity Gains, Sustainability and Lean Manufacturing - Emma Swann, Managing Director, BOAL UK Ltd</p> <p>15min presentation/15 min Q&A</p>
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