

Agenda

Kent Business School, Sibson Building, University of Kent, Canterbury, CT2 7PE

12 January 2024

Business breakfast

08:00 – 09:00 **Business Breakfast** Registration, welcome and networking
Showcase of collaboration success between business, academia and strategic partners
Sibson Atrium, ground floor

Morning session

09:00 – 09:25 **Welcome & Opening Remarks**
Professor Marian Garcia | Dean, Kent Business School, University of Kent
Deborah Turner | National Policy Lead for Women in Enterprise for the Federation of Small Businesses (FSB)
Roger Gough | Leader, Kent County Council
Adam Bryan | Director of Place, Medway Council

09:30 – 09:55 **Economic Outline**
Kitty Ussher | Chief Economist, Institute of Directors
Lecture Theatre 3, first floor

10:00 – 10:40 **Session 1: Sustainability** | Balancing Environmental, Social and Governance
Chair: Martin White | Founder and Director of Green Business
Headline Panelist: Paul Gannaway | Director, Betteridge and Milsom
Panellist: Josh Pitman | Managing Director, Priory Direct
Panellist: Dr Ramin Raessi | Senior Lecturer, Director of the Centre for Logistics and Sustainability Analytics (CeLSA), Kent Business School
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10:45 – 11:25 **Session 2: Productivity** | Interacting with the circular economy
Panellist: Professor Catherine Robinson | Deputy Dean (Medway) Kent Business School, University of Kent
Panellist: Rupert Butler | Barrister, Head of Legal Practice, Leverets Group
Panellist: Jon Mills | Brewer, Distiller and Founder, Canterbury Brewers and Distillers, The Foundry
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11:25 – 11:55 **Networking break**
Sibson Atrium, ground floor

Concurrent sessions

12:00 – 12:40 **Session 3: People** | Solving the skills shortage
Chair: Professor Patricia Lewis | Professor of Management, Kent Business School, University of Kent
Panellist: John Parkinson | Director, HR GO Plc
Panellist: Dr Joel Montgomery | Lecturer in Management, Director of Studies, Kent Business School University of Kent
Panellist: Lucy Druesne | Skills Programme Manager, Local Skills Improvement Plan KICC
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12:00 – 12:40 **Session 4: Business finance options** | Start up, Scale up and Stay ahead
Chair: Susan Elliott | Senior Manager, British Business Bank
Headline Panelist: Xeinadin | Business advisory & accountancy group
Panellist: Dr Ortenca Kume | Lecturer in Finance, Director of Studies, Kent Business School, University of Kent
Panellist: Emma Palmer Foster | Director, Discovery Park Ventures
Panellist: Angela Collins | Principal Project Officer, Kent & Medway Business Fund Kent County Council
Business Case Studies: Growing Kent & Medway's Food & Drink Accelerator businesses share investment opportunities
Lecture Theatre 2, first floor

12:45 – 13:15 **Keynote: Dr Esther Fee Feichtner** | Pianist and AI Scientist
Head of Digitalisation (Artificial Intelligence in Culture and Arts), Lecturer at the University of Music and Performing Arts Munich
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Networking lunch

13:15 – 14:15 **Networking lunch**
Enjoy a buffet of Kent produce
Sibson Atrium, ground floor

Atrium Advisors

08:00 – 14:15 **Quiz The Experts** UoK Careers & Placements | UoK Global and lifelong learning |
Sibson Atrium, ground floor