<u>News story: Venturefest Scotland:</u> <u>business growth and innovation support</u>

If you're a high-growth small business or ambitious innovator you could benefit from attending this free business innovation event.

<u>Venturefest Scotland</u> gives entrepreneurs the opportunity to meet, collaborate and share expertise with other businesses and investors. It will take place on Wednesday 20 September 2017 at the <u>Glasgow Science Centre</u>.

Innovate UK is supporting the event. Entry is free.

Free business advice

Delegates at Venturefest Scotland can access a <u>meet the expert</u> programme to help them progress their innovation. You can book appointments with experts in tax, intellectual property, design, marketing, training, digital and finance.

There will also be expert speakers and workshop sessions on topics such as:

- uncovering the R&D tax relief hiding in your business
- how to hire for growth
- prototyping and making your idea come to life
- extracting value from your data
- legal basics, including corporate and intellectual property
- ways to raise finance or access grant funding
- how to protect your brand, including trade marks, designs and logos
- how the circular economy can unlock your potential for sustainable business growth

Innovate UK's Deputy Chief Executive, Kevin Baughan, is a keynote speaker.

You will also have the chance to view Innovate UK's infocus women in innovation photographic exhibition. This highlights female role models and aims to change perceptions of what it looks like to be a female innovator.

About the Venturefest Network

Innovate UK and the <u>Knowledge Transfer Network</u> launched the <u>Venturefest</u> <u>Network</u> in 2014. Its aim is to strengthen connectivity between innovators, investors and entrepreneurs.