

[News story: Venturefest East: connect with businesses and investors](#)

Entrepreneurs, innovators, researchers and investors are invited to attend the second [Venturefest East](#) networking event next week. It will take place on Thursday 21 September 2017 at the [Newmarket Racecourse](#), Suffolk.

Innovate UK is supporting the event. Entry is free.

Find out how to attract investment

Delegates can attend [a session to find out what investors are looking for, to help them secure successful funding](#). The panel includes self-made millionaire Mike Greene, business angel and former CEO of FSE group, Sally Goodsell, and experts from [Cambridge Innovation Capital](#) and the [Department for International Trade](#).

Pitchfest will give innovative businesses the chance to pitch their ideas to potential investors.

In addition, Innovate UK's Access to Finance Manager, Bruce Colley, will be part of a panel discussion on attracting investment. Innovate UK's Director – Health and Life Sciences, Dr Ian Campbell, is also a keynote speaker.

Get inspired

Attending Venturefest East will give you the chance to:

- hear from some of the UK's most inspiring start-up companies
- learn about how to develop your business and speed up growth
- find out how to reduce your time to market
- network with innovators, investors and entrepreneurs
- get advice on how to attract funding and support

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 [Knowledge Transfer Network](#) launched the [Venturefest Network](#) in 2014. Its aim is to strengthen connectivity between innovators, investors and entrepreneurs.

[Press release: PM calls with Arlene Foster and Michelle O'Neill: 12 Sept 2017](#)

In separate phone calls the Prime Minister made clear the importance of restoring a power-sharing Executive to Northern Ireland as soon as possible and she recognised their continued leadership towards reaching agreement.

They discussed key outstanding issues that remain for both parties and the Prime Minister encouraged both leaders to come to an agreement soon in the interests of everyone in Northern Ireland.

The Prime Minister assured them both that the Northern Ireland Secretary would continue to work closely with the parties towards a successful outcome.

[Press release: Government launches Defence Industry Dialogue with Japan](#)

Damian Green, the First Secretary of State and Minister for the Cabinet Office, will give the opening speech at the UK-Japan Defence Industry Dialogue event in London.

The First Secretary will be reinforcing the Government's commitment to strengthen ties with Japan and its defence industry at a critical time for both the UK and Japan – with the continued aim to spread jobs and prosperity across the two countries.

Japan is the UK's closest security partner in Asia, and the Prime Minister recently signed a Joint Declaration on Security Cooperation with the Prime Minister of Japan that evidences our strengthened defence and security cooperation.

The event at the ExCel centre showcases the very best of the British defence and security industry and exhibits cutting edge technology from the UK and around the world. The First Secretary will also use the event to meet with key businesses in the defence industry and speak to them about how both Governments can support stronger trade links between the UK and Japan.

Damian Green, First Secretary of State said:

The UK and Japan have a long-standing relationship and I am keen

that our talks today will further strengthen this bond.

We want to see UK industry work closely with Japan to provide both our nations with the latest defence capabilities, and go further in developing technology, skills and innovation.

Today's event will spark a series of future meetings and workshops between the UK and Japanese defence industries, delivering on the Government's commitment to support an ever more outward-looking global Britain.

[Press release: PHE launches Rise Above for Schools programme](#)

Dynamic new resources for teachers will help build crucial life-skills for young people to boost their resilience and improve their mental health and wellbeing, as part of a new evidence-based programme for schools unveiled by Public Health England (PHE).

With around 1 in 5 young people experiencing cyberbullying and 1 in 3 reporting that their body was "too fat", pupils aged between 11 and 16 will be taught how to cope with some of modern life's most challenging issues, equipping young people with resilience skills that will help them throughout adulthood.

PHE has developed a series of new resources for secondary school teachers to use in their lesson plans as part of the Rise Above for Schools programme. The resources will help teachers to engage pupils with coping strategies about 'traditional' health issues, like smoking and alcohol, while also addressing some of the most challenging pressures young people face today in an 'always on' social media generation.

The 7 Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education (PSHE) lesson plans have been accredited by the PSHE Association and piloted with teachers, ensuring they are robust and of the highest quality. The resources include a range of techniques for teachers to employ to enable pupils to safely learn, explore and discuss coping strategies for dealing with issues, such as:

- bullying and cyberbullying
- alcohol use and smoking
- positive relationships and friendships
- exam stress
- online stress and social media
- body image in a digital world

The launch comes as new analysis by PHE shows that a supportive learning environment in schools, including good quality PSHE provision, is associated with improved health and wellbeing. Growing evidence also suggests that the skills and qualities acquired through PSHE have a significant impact on students' academic achievement, employability and future life chances.

Launching Rise Above for Schools at PHE's Annual Conference, Prof. John Newton, Director of Health Improvement at PHE said:

As natives of the social media world, young people have to navigate a minefield of challenges while enjoying the benefits of technology.

The new resources will help young people develop coping mechanisms and life-skills to deal with diverse challenges, from cyberbullying and exam stress to body image, in a digital world.

Rise Above for Schools uses relevant content in creative ways, tapping into inspirational video from vloggers and YouTubers to get young people talking about the things that matter to them, helping build a foundation of healthy behaviours that last into adulthood.

Jenny Fox, PSHE Association Subject Specialist said:

Young people today face a range of new pressures that can potentially harm their emotional and physical wellbeing. By addressing these key issues, resources from Rise Above for Schools support the important role PSHE education plays in helping young people to make positive, informed choices throughout their lives.

The lesson plans provide opportunities for students to engage in active learning and to discuss and reflect upon the social and emotional aspects of issues they face on a daily basis. The lessons are consistently well matched to the needs of young people and enable them to demonstrate progress as their understanding and skills develop.

Rise Above for Schools is inspired by Rise Above, a youth campaign and online hub where young people find and share inspirational content.

Teachers can use the exclusive video content from well-known influencers and positive role models to facilitate open and informed conversations on a range of important issues.

Case studies and teachers are available for comment, along with expert commentary on the programme.

About Rise Above

The Rise Above website and social media channels host exclusive content from vloggers and YouTubers, including films, interactive videos, animations and quizzes.

The content tackles topics that young people are most concerned about, such as puberty, relationships, smoking, drinking, alcohol, peer pressure, exam stress and body image.

Rise Above is an evidence-based campaign developed by Public Health England which impacts behaviour change to delay and prevent risky behaviours among adolescents and give young people the best start in life.

To date the YouTube channel has received more than 2.8 million views.

About Rise Above for Schools

Rise Above for Schools from PHE provides new PSHE resources to support secondary school teachers when promoting positive health, wellbeing and resilience among young people aged 11 to 16.

By using video content featuring influential young people, such as vloggers and YouTubers, the resources will help specialist and non-specialist teachers to facilitate open and informed conversations about sensitive topics among their students.

Children and young people today, face increasingly complex lives where they are experiencing many new pressures that can harm their physical health, mental wellbeing and educational attainment. PHE has created Rise Above for Schools to help young people build resilience and cope with the challenges life throws at them.

Public Health England

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[News story: Reino Unido Participa en Agrofuturo 2017 con temas de](#)

[Agrotecnología y Sostenibilidad](#)

La experiencia británica de talla mundial en temas de agro se destacará en [Agrofuturo 2017](#) , la plataforma de negocios y conocimiento líder para el sector agropecuario en América Latina. Durante este evento participaremos con una delegación comercial de empresas británicas que ofrecen soluciones innovadoras relacionadas con el agro. Igualmente, expondremos sobre los proyectos [Ganadería Colombiana Sostenible](#) y [Semillas del Futuro](#), ambos financiados por el Reino Unido.

Ganadería Colombiana Sostenible:

- Su propósito es promover la adopción de sistemas de producción silvopastoriles en fincas ganaderas para mejorar la gestión de los recursos naturales, incrementar la prestación de servicios ambientales (biodiversidad, suelo, agua y retención de carbono), y elevar la productividad en las fincas participantes. Desde 2010, el gobierno británico ha aportado £15 millones de libras esterlinas, administradas por el Banco Mundial.
- Como resultado, más 40 mil hectáreas de los predios participantes del proyecto tienen prácticas sostenibles, transformando la manera tradicional y extensiva de hacer ganadería, por una más productiva y en sintonía con la naturaleza. Además, cerca de 2700 ganaderos que decidieron inscribirse a través de convocatorias públicas en 12 departamentos, hacen parte del proyecto aprendiendo estrategias que luego implementan en sus predios.

Semillas del Futuro:

- Planea reemplazar las actuales instalaciones del banco de germoplasma del CIAT, en su sede principal cerca de Palmira, transformándolo en un centro de recursos genéticos del siglo XXI que no solamente conserve la diversidad de cultivos, sino que además investigue y promueva activamente su uso para el mejoramiento de los cultivos, la adaptación al clima y la seguridad alimentaria. Esta iniciativa es implementada por el [Centro Internacional de Agricultura Tropical CIAT](#) en alianza con el [Consejo de Investigación en Biotecnología y Ciencias Biológicas del Reino Unido](#). Nuestro Embajador Peter Tibber anunció en marzo pasado una contribución de £1 millón de libras a esta iniciativa.

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