

Workshop Programme

Biofilms Beyond Healthcare: Industry Challenges, Solutions and Collaboration

Date: Tuesday 8 September 2026, 09:30 am - 6:30 pm

Venue: Raleigh Room 1, University of Nottingham, Jubilee Campus, Jubilee Conference Centre

09.30 - 10.00	Registration and networking with coffee.
10.00 - 10.15	Welcome from Professor Kim Hardie, NBIC Co-Director, University of Nottingham.
10.15 - 11.00	Case Studies: Industrial Biofilm Challenges <i>10-minute presentations (including Q&A) Chaired by Prof Jeremy Webb, NBIC Co-Director University of Southampton.</i> • Rachel Gomes, University of Nottingham • Joanne O'Keeffe, Unilever • James Lee, Hydro Finesse • Jay Patel, Conidia Bioscience Ltd
11.00 - 11.30	Coffee and networking
11.30 - 12.00	Pitches: Potential Solutions <i>Chaired by Dr Brogan Richards, NBIC Interdisciplinary Research Fellow.</i> • Richard Thomas, Citrox • Jan Hagnell, BIM Kemi • Geoff Diamond, Inspection Tech Ltd • Esther Karunakaran, University of Sheffield • Asma Ahmed, University of Nottingham
12.00 - 13.00	Breakout Session 1: Challenges and Needs <i>Chaired by Dr Jay Sangha, NBIC Enterprise Fellow.</i> <i>What are the challenges and needs in addressing biofilms outside the healthcare sector?</i>
13.00 - 14.00	Lunch
14.00 - 15.00	Breakout Session 2: Solutions <i>Chaired by Joanne O'Keeffe, Unilever.</i> <i>What solutions could be proposed to address the above difficulties?</i>
15.00 - 15.30	Coffee and networking
15.30 - 16.15	Breakout Session 3: Actions <i>Chaired by Prof Jo Slater-Jefferies, NBIC CEO.</i> <i>Which potential solutions should be prioritised and how could they be delivered?</i>
16.15 - 16.30	Concluding remarks from Prof Jo Slater-Jefferies, NBIC CEO
16.30	Workshop close