

# IFST Autumn Conference 2025

## Programme Overview

### 09:30 – 09:50 | Welcome & Housekeeping

Chris Gilbert-Wood, IFST

### 09:50 – 10:00 | Opening Remarks

Judith Batchelar OBE, FIFST, Honorary President, British Nutrition Foundation

### 10:00 – 10:30 | Keynote: Challenge of Food Resilience and Preparedness for Shocks

Professor Tim Lang, Professor Emeritus of Food Policy, Centre for Food Policy, School of Health Sciences, City St George's, University of London

### Theme 1: Education & Skill Gaps – Positive Solutions

10:30 – 11:00 | Inspiring the Next Generation – Outreach Toolkit Launch

Robin Leaper, Education and Careers Manager, IFST

Jessica Gray, Food Innovation Technologist, The Food Innovation Centre, University of Nottingham

### 11:00 – 11:30 | Networking Break

### Theme 2: Sustainability – Positive Solutions

11:30 – 12:00 | Understanding Scope 3 Impacts – Method, Metrics and Water

Sarah Wynn, ADAS Climate and Sustainability

12:00 – 12:30 | IGD strategic vision for a thriving UK food system

Kate Reynolds, Senior Manager, Resilience Programme, IGD

### Theme 3: Novel Foods & Innovation

12:30 – 13:00 | Emerging Trends in Food Innovation

Innovate UK

13:00 – 13:15 | Novel Foods Expert Network for Regulatory Challenges UK (NFX UK)

Sonalika Jain, RSSL

### 13:15 – 14:15 | Lunch & Networking

### 14:15 – 14:45 | Sponsored Sessions

1. Ryan Rafferty, Centric Software – From Crop to Code: Resilient Food Innovation in a Digital Era
2. James Brace, Daymer

### Theme 4: Impact of Climate Change

14:45 – 15:15 | Plant-Based Foods in a Changing Climate

Gareth Payne, Adamo Foods

### 15:15 – 16:15 | Panel Discussion: Food Security & Resilience – Reflections and Actions

Chair: Judith Batchelar OBE

Panellists:

- Barbara Bray – Nutrition: Plant-based food & feed; diet, diversity and the future of food
- Sarah Wynn, ADAS – Sustainability
- Kelly Vere MBE, Institute for Technical Skills & Strategy – Skills & Routes into the Sector
- Elaine Hindal, British Nutrition Foundation – Nutrition

### 16:30 | Closing