

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, Environment Agency

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

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

Theme 2: Sustainability – Positive Solutions

11:00 – 11:30 | Understanding Scope 3 Impacts – Metrics, Diversity, Water Quality

Sarah Wynn, ADAS Climate and Sustainability

11:30 – 12:00 | Networking Break

Theme 3: Novel Foods & Innovation

12:00 – 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