



Invitation to Sponsor

**IFST Oxford Food Summit 2026:
Driving Food System Change**

Thursday, 9 July 2026 - 09:30 to 17:00

Environmental Change Institute, Oxford OX1 3QY

Introduction from the Chief Executive

I am delighted to invite you to support the Institute of Food Science and Technology (IFST) as a sponsor of the IFST Oxford Food Summit – Driving Food System Change.

Following a highly successful inaugural event last year, we are pleased to bring the Summit back to Oxford, gathering together researchers, industry leaders, policymakers, and students to explore how we can deliver meaningful, practical change across the food system.

The programme will cover key themes including routes to food system change across policy, markets and communities, the role of regulation and innovation, and the realities faced by industry. It will also feature student research presentations, interactive discussions, and dedicated networking opportunities.

Sponsorship provides visibility before, during and after the Summit, alongside opportunities to connect directly with delegates. This event offers a rare opportunity to align your organisation with the future of food, to showcase your brand, and to join the conversation.

We would welcome the opportunity to discuss how you might be involved.



Craig Leadley
IFST Chief Executive



About IFST

The Institute of Food Science and Technology (IFST) is the UK's leading professional body for individuals involved in all aspects of food science and technology. As an internationally respected, independent, and not-for-profit organisation, we support food professionals through knowledge sharing, professional recognition, and evidence-based initiatives.

Our diverse membership includes students, experts, and professionals from across the sector, united by a shared passion for advancing food science and technology. We pride ourselves on being a welcoming, nurturing, and approachable community, driven by the expertise and experience of our members.

Guided by our charitable aims, we are committed to promoting food safety, public health, and the responsible application of science and technology. Everything we do is rooted in evidence, ensuring trust and credibility among the public, policymakers, and our members.



Our Audience and Reach

Employment Sector of IFST Members



Job Titles of IFST Members



Confirmed Speakers

Keynote Speaker: Dr Tara Garnett – TABLE, University of Oxford

Tara is a researcher at the University of Oxford and Director of TABLE, which explores the future of food through interdisciplinary research and dialogue.

Her work focuses on the links between food, climate, health and sustainability, with a particular interest in livestock systems. She also examines how evidence is used by policymakers, industry and civil society, and leads collaborations that bring together different perspectives to address complex food system challenges.



Alex Guest – Group Compliance & Sustainability Manager, J R Dalziel Ltd

Over 30 years’ experience across manufacturing and ingredients, with a focus on compliance, sustainability and industry engagement. Fellow of IFST and active across its committees.



Kirsty Adams – Head of NPD & Innovation, Cranswick

Leads fresh food innovation, with a focus on healthier products and natural protein development using simple ingredients.



Rick Mumford – Deputy Chief Scientific Adviser, Food Standards Agency

Deputy Chief Scientific Adviser at the FSA, leading scientific work on food safety, including foodborne disease and antimicrobial resistance.



More speakers to be announced

Summit Sponsorship Opportunities

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Delegate passes (includes full access, refreshments and lunch)	3	2
Logo displayed on Summit promotional materials	✓	✓ (selected)
Promotion within Summit app (branding, profile, shareable content)	✓	✓
Logo featured on Summit webpage with hyperlink	✓	✓
Acknowledgement in pre- and post-Summit communications	✓	✓
Logo included on main presentation slides	✓	✓
Lecture theatre banner display	✓	-
Dedicated social media promotion	✓	-
Half-page feature in Summit brochure (100 words)	✓	-
Exhibition space (table and chairs provided)	-	✓

IFST Oxford Food Summit Location



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With over **24,000** followers and **21,000** likes, our Facebook page offers the latest news, events, and insights from the world of food science and technology.

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