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INNOVATION CATALYST WESTMORLAND & FURNESS TIMETABLE - MAY 2024

Catalyst Activation

15 & 16 May

2 full days with overnight stay at Castle Green Hotel, Kendal

This is the formation of the Innovation Catalyst: A 2-day event for the Taskforce members to build trust, create bonds and develop interaction and energy to activate ideas and establish commitment to tackle the challenges ahead.

Innovation Collaboratories

6 & 25 June | 18 July | 12 September | 3 October

Expertly facilitated by Lancaster University Management School, Innovation Collaboratories are a solutions focused space to exchange knowledge, expertise and resources to accelerate innovation and encourage exponential change. In these sessions Task Force members will have the opportunity to experiment with new ideas and discuss solutions to challenges with policy makers, influential business leaders, and academic experts.

Innovation Accelerators with Innovation Associates

May - October (Flexible dates - as agreed by the group)

These break-out sessions will be formed independently by delegates in either pairs or smaller groups (accompanied by an Innovation Associate). They will provide the Taskforce with space to actively experiment, test and learn from ideas developed during facilitated activity. This could include researching innovation barriers such as resource constraints, organisational structures, processes, or stakeholder conflicts. Findings will be shared with the wider group. This process seeks to develop insight and idea generation - accelerating innovation.

Final Symposium

24 October

This session will reflect on the group's journey and ensure that action is planned to continue to tackle the challenges outside of the Catalyst. By this point, the Taskforce will have developed an ecosystem of firms, industry experts, academics, support service providers and others that has the ability to solve/has solved both individual and shared challenges.

All sessions will be held in person. Please note that session details may be subject to change



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