

# Bio-based Polymers for Sustainable Future Programme Timetable

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Start Time	End time	12 November 2025 Millennium Point, Birmingham Location: Connect 1,2,3
08:00	09:00	<p><b>Registration</b> Atrium</p>
09:00	10:00	<p><u><a href="#">Bio-based Polymers delegates to join the UK Skills Landscape Keynote &amp; Panel in the Auditorium.</a></u></p> <p><b>Keynote D – UK Skills Landscape</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jonathan Mitchell, Deputy Director for Advanced Manufacturing, Defence and Construction, Skills England</li> </ul> </p> <p><b>Panel D – UK Skills Landscape</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jonathan Mitchell, Deputy Director for Advanced Manufacturing, Defence and Construction, Skills England</li> <li>• Prof Patrick Foster CEng FIMMM, Head of Camborne School of Mines &amp; Professor in Mine Safety, University of Exeter</li> <li>• Beatrice Barleon, Head of Policy and Public Affairs, EngineeringUK</li> <li>• Rachel Timmins, Policy Manager, Ceramics UK</li> </ul> </p>
10:00	10:40	<p><b>Networking Break</b> Atrium</p>
10:40	10:45	<p><b>Welcome Address</b> Prof James Busfield FIMMM</p>
10:45	11:15	<p><b>What place do Bio-based polymers have in Packaging?</b></p> <p>Mike Swain FIMMM Pack IDS</p>
11:15	11:45	<p><b>Notpla's seaweed-based materials and the regulatory landscape shaping sustainable packaging innovation</b></p> <p>Hoa Doan Notpla</p>
11:45	12:15	<p><b>Tony Breton</b> BBIA</p>
12:15	12:45	<p><b>Making Cellulose Fibres: From Textiles to High Performance Filaments</b></p> <p>Prof Steve Eichhorn FIMMM University of Bristol</p>

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**Networking Lunch**  
Atrium

13:30 14:00

**Bio-based thermoplastic elastomers with controllable properties and self-healing ability**

Prof Biqiong Chen  
Queen's University Belfast

14:00 14:30

**ARLANXEO Sustainable Elastomers Roadmap**  
Marjan van Urk, Arlanxeo

14:30 15:00

**Making circular economy products from Natural Rubber**  
Dr Thomas Griggs, Queen Mary University of London

15:00 15:05

**Closing Address**  
Prof James Busfield FIMMM

15:05 15:30

**Close of Satellite Conference & Networking Coffee**  
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