

Research, Innovate and Emerge (RIEm) 2026 Delegate Profiles

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1	 <p>Sharon Isaac-Upton</p>		<p>Sharon Isaac-Upton is a Director at Airbon Home Ltd, which she founded to develop innovative and efficient filtration solutions for improving indoor air quality in homes. She introduced the Smart Air brand to the UK and is currently delivering one of the country's largest local government air quality initiatives for the Mayor of London.</p> <p>Airbon Ltd is a new UK-based company designing and manufacturing air-filtration systems for public buildings, delivering high-efficiency standalone and integrated filtration solutions with consistent, low-noise performance.</p>
2	 <p>Betul Karakuzu PhD</p>		<p>Betul Karakuzu PhD is a bioengineer working on advanced lab-on-a-chip and single-cell diagnostic technologies. Her expertise spans microfluidics, bioassays, and translating complex biological measurements into scalable diagnostic solutions.</p> <p>Beyond Blood Diagnostics Ltd is developing a label-free microfluidic platform for single-cell analysis, with a focus on circulating tumour cells. Its technology combines optical and electrical sensing with AI-driven analysis to enable advanced cell characterisation without labels or antibodies.</p>
3	 <p>Malcolm Pickles</p>		<p>Malcolm Pickles previously worked in Law Enforcement for 31 years; He founded BGP Global Services in 2006.</p> <p>BGP Global Services Ltd is developing an AI-powered evidence presentation system to improve efficiency and transparency in court proceedings. Its technology aims to accelerate access to justice by modernising how digital evidence is presented and understood.</p>
4	 <p>Yewande Adesida, PhD</p>		<p>Yewande Adesida, PhD is passionate about sports, using her experience as an athlete, coach and researcher (PhD in Wearable Technology), to generate evidence and validate technology at Botz.</p> <p>Botz Ltd is a start-up with an interest in how people move, developing a smart device that can capture and assess gait metrics, to optimise form and reduce the risk of injury.</p>

5	 Bradley Wilks		<p>Bradley Wilks, founder of Cambridge Contour Clinic, inventor of a patent-pending cryotherapy system redefining access, safety, affordability, and outcomes permanently.</p> <p>Cambridge Contour Clinic Ltd, delivering benign lesion treatments since 2017, validating a decentralised, scalable model and ecosystem transforming treatment access permanently; providing £350k of free treatments since 2021 and saving communities £3.5m.</p>
6	 Myca Lee		<p>Myca Lee, Serial entrepreneur. Previous exit: encrypted secure messaging platform. Now on a mission to transform education through future-ready, AI-powered learning experiences for learners aged 6 to young adults.</p> <p>Enrich360 Ltd is an AI-powered EdTech platform preparing learners for the future of work through interactive courses including AI, robotics, entrepreneurship, film and digital media, brought to life by real-time conversational 3D AI avatars.</p>
7	 Evelyn Peters		<p>Evelyn Peters Evelyn Peters is co-founder and CEO of FutureAlgae, combining a background in investment banking with experience building and scaling deep-tech ventures.</p> <p>Future By Insects Ltd (FutureAlgae) is a biotechnology company developing microalgae-derived carotenoids and bioactive compounds, focused on establishing a more resilient and sustainable supply of natural ingredients.</p>
8	 John Stones		<p>John is part of the leadership team at Gas Safe Europe Ltd, supporting the development of innovative smoke and carbon monoxide alarm testing solutions and working closely with customers and partners to bring new ideas to market.</p> <p>Gas Safe Europe is a family-owned UK manufacturer and global leader in innovative smoke and carbon monoxide alarm testing equipment, with over 35 years of engineering expertise. The company is award-winning for product innovation and customer service, with a clear mission of <i>saving lives</i>.</p>
9	 Nicole Ponsford		<p>Nicole Ponsford is an award-winning education researcher and former school leader specialising in inclusion, EdTech ethics, and system-level change. Her work focuses on translating intersectional data into practical, evidence-informed approaches that support more equitable education systems.</p> <p>GEC (Global Equality Collective) is a research-led organisation, enabling schools and public-sector partners to evidence impact, address inclusion gaps at scale, and embed ethical, data-informed practice across education systems.</p>

10	 Myra Waiman		<p>Myra, CEO & Director, is a serial investor in early-stage science and technology startups.</p> <p>Infi-Tex Ltd is a smart sensor company, using proprietary conductive inks to create a new class of patented smart pressure sensitive materials which will enable new switches and sensors to be printed onto textiles.</p>
11	 Melvin Jay		<p>Melvin Jay, is Co-Founder of Insightology.ai, building advanced agentic AI tools to transform how market research agencies generate deeper insights. With 35+ years' experience in marketing and research, he is focused on empowering researchers to thrive in the AI era.</p> <p>Insightology.ai helps market research agencies optimise every stage of the research workflow using advanced AI tools. The platform drives deeper insights, higher efficiency, and stronger commercial outcomes beyond everyday LLMs.</p>
12	 Burcak Alp PhD		<p>Burcak Alp PhD, is award winning researcher, co-founder & CTO at Intace, has 20+ years' experience in R&D and business development.</p> <p>Intace Ltd is a sustainable materials company which has developed a revolutionary biofoam that transforms renewable bio-based content into a high-performance conductive material, suitable for specialized electronics and semiconductor packaging.</p>
13	 Dr Pal Bhusate		<p>Dr Pal Bhusate is a digital health leader driving innovation in clinical technologies, specialising in transforming healthcare workflows and improving outcomes through modern, human-centred software solutions.</p> <p>Kinseed Limited develops advanced digital platforms for healthcare, helping organisations streamline clinical and occupational health processes, enhancing data quality, and improving experiences for clinicians, patients, and workforce through secure, intuitive technology.</p>
14	 Wesley Fogel		<p>Wesley Fogel is a former investment strategist turned health tech entrepreneur. He co-founded On The Mend following his own knee surgery and lengthy recovery, inspiring him to improve the physical rehab experience for patients everywhere.</p> <p>On The Mend, founded in 2017, supports patients, providers, and payers to achieve more in physical rehabilitation. The company is trusted by the NHS, partners with Aviva Insurance, and is expanding internationally with projects in the US and China.</p>

<p>15</p>	 <p>Dr Nara Daubeney</p>		<p>Dr Nara Daubeney is one of Phaim's founding members, an experienced entrepreneur and healthcare innovator. She is passionate about bringing novel therapies and digital healthcare applications to market as well as nurturing the next generation of leaders and innovators.</p> <p>Phaim Pharma is dedicated to developing potentially curative treatments for auto-immune disease. Phaim's novel therapeutic flagship therapy is aimed at treating and preventing type 1 diabetes, alongside a predictive biomarker kit for first-degree relatives.</p>
<p>16</p>	 <p>Dimple Khagram</p>		<p>Dimple Khagram is a leading figure in vocational education and digital transformation, with over 15 years of experience shaping technology training and workforce development.</p> <p>Purple Beard is an award-winning UK EdTech training provider that equips individuals and employers with high-demand tech skills through apprenticeships, bootcamps and tailored talent solutions, helping people get job-ready and organisations grow.</p>
<p>17</p>	 <p>Justin Murray</p>		<p>Justin Murray is an inventor and Passivhaus consultant advancing climate technology in scalable, low-carbon building systems and circular material innovations for high-growth construction markets.</p> <p>Qube Buildings Ltd/ Bio- SIP transforms post-consumer waste into flat-pack structures for micro homes and industrialised housebuilding, accelerating adoption of circular, low-impact, energy-efficient building systems across the built environment.</p>
<p>18</p>	 <p>Alan O'Neill</p>		<p>Alan O'Neill has over 50 years' experience in motorsport and is sharing that experience via a programme that will make motorsport <i>sustainable</i>.</p> <p>SCU Motorsport Ltd is creating a Motorsport Education programme underpinned by real racing. The programme has inclusion as its core principle, with a strong focus on research to support zero emissions motorsport technology.</p>

19	 <p>Rhian Caffull</p>		<p>Rhian started Veg Life after a pandemic redundancy took her from her expedition leader role working with the UN’s SDGs back to rural Worcestershire, she channelled her passion for sustainability by creating more sustainable, ethical, solutions to egg products that are both nutritious and delicious.</p> <p>Veg Life Ltd is a food innovation company creating plant-based eggs that match the taste, texture, and nutrition of traditional eggs. The company champions sustainability through low-waste production, ethical sourcing, and compostable packaging.</p>
20	 <p>Amir Taba PhD</p>		<p>Amir Taba PhD is CEO and Co-founder, a deep-tech leader in AI and IoT for smart buildings and spatial intelligence. He brings 15+ years’ experience building and scaling intelligent systems for sustainable environments.</p> <p>Direk Ltd is developing an autonomous, agentic AI copilot for intelligent facility and built-environment management. The platform uses real-time data and digital twins to predict issues, optimise performance, and reduce downtime, energy use, and compliance effort.</p>
21	 <p>Idris Ajia</p>		<p>Idris Ajia is a Photonics Engineer at Novomorphic, specialising in ultrafast nanophotonic applications and contributing to innovations that enable photonics-based technology.</p> <p>Novomorphic Limited is a Cardiff-based design house that aims to deliver full-stack solutions up to system-level integration to technological challenges within critical sectors. We specialize in compound semiconductors, photonics, analogue and digital architectures.</p>
22	 <p>Maximillian Smith</p>		<p>Maximillian Smith is Founder of Eluxevo, leading innovation in sustainable, low-carbon heating and comfort technologies. He brings a strong background in brand, product, and commercial strategy, supported by Innovate UK-backed scale-up experience.</p> <p>Eluxevo Limited is developing multi-sensory adaptive comfort systems that connect user experience data with energy and building systems. Its technology enables smarter energy use, improved wellbeing, and flexible, low-carbon comfort in complex environments.</p>

23	 Arya Shabani		<p>Arya Shabani is Co-founder and CTO, specialising in AI, robotics, and intelligent biomanufacturing systems. He focuses on applying machine learning and computer vision to deliver data-driven efficiency across bioprocessing.</p> <p>Native Labs LTD is developing an intelligent quality platform to modernise advanced therapy manufacturing and quality control. Using AI and deep learning, the platform enables autonomous analysis, monitoring, and reporting of bioprocess quality across the product lifecycle.</p>
24	 Mehrdad Alibouri		<p>Mehrdad Alibouri is Founder and CEO, bringing deep expertise in chemical engineering, nanomaterials, and process scale-up. He specialises in translating advanced materials research into commercially viable, large-scale technologies.</p> <p>Nuonano Limited is developing a graphene-based, low-voltage underfloor heating film that delivers uniform, energy-efficient heat with minimal material use. Its scalable coating technology supports durable, roll-to-roll manufacturing for rapid commercial deployment of next-generation heating systems.</p>
25	 Patrick Cohen		<p>Patrick Cohen is a CFO and technology executive with extensive experience scaling high-growth startups. He brings deep expertise across finance, operations, and commercial strategy in technology and energy sectors.</p> <p>Upcycled Plant Power (UPP) Ltd is a UK-based food-tech company transforming underutilised crop biomass into high-value plant protein and fibre ingredients. Its patented process reduces food waste and carbon emissions while supporting resilient, sustainable supply chains.</p>