

THEME – YCF AS A BRIDGE

IDEAS FROM SESSION 1

Better links with universities
Centre for industrial collaboration
Could YCF help formulate a framework for collaboration - would it be valuable? - would it cost more?
Councils
Forum for blue sky technologies - use university strengths
Information about what is required for a placement on the YCF website
Knowledge Sharing - happy to include service providers if not a sale pitch - YCF as a billboard for posting knowledge - blog or discussion forum
Knowledge Transfer between R&D interested organisations
Mentoring system i.e. expert finder
Promote existing SME's for university R&D rather than from new spin outs
Regulatory authorities
Universities
YCF and Government Agencies
YCF as a bridge to work placement / part time degrees / student sponsorship
YCF as a conduit for local SME's and universities
YCF could source and bring together groups for FP7 projects (European Framework Programme)
YCF to produce a user's guide to universities IP and people you need to work on a specific project
Government innovation support is nationally orientated; some located locally (Sheffield / York)
Government procurement - YCF making sense for companies of new public sector landscape

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OUTCOMES FROM SESSION 2

To Education Schools outreach key ages 14 / 16 / 18
Help image of industry
Promoting chemical and related industry as a great career choice engaging and enthusing children as they think about a career
To Education role models / demonstrations/ competitions / case studies/school visits - all funded by a dinner plus sponsorship
Links with training organisations