



EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

Our calendar includes many events to support our partners and different programmes of work. Last year was a special one for the Innovation Agency, marking our fifth birthday, the NHS's 70th – and a new five year licence from our national NHS commissioners. Here are some of the highlights.

INNOVATION SHOW

Our fifth birthday party and celebration of the NHS's 70th – an event with fantastic speakers and exhibitors showcasing some of the best innovations in healthcare. The Museum of Failure in Sweden brought a roadshow and its inimitable founder Dr Samuel West was one of the keynote speakers. He is pictured explaining an exhibit to Innovation Agency Chair Gideon Ben-Tovim.



NWC RESEARCH AND INNOVATION AWARDS 2019

Now a well established highlight of the region's healthcare calendar, this joint event organised by the Innovation Agency in partnership with the CLAHRC NWC and CRN NWC attracted fantastic nominations and showcased 12 superb winners.

Pictured, are the leaders of the three sponsoring organisations making a very special presentation from the CLAHRC NWC – the Ruth Young Outstanding Contribution to Research and Development, accepted on behalf of Ruth's family by close friend Dr Helen Lowey.



INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS FESTIVAL

Liverpool City Region Metro Mayor Steve Rotheram (pictured third from right) was one of the speakers in our own theatre at Liverpool's International Business Festival. He spoke about his aspirations for the city region to be a world leading powerhouse for digital businesses. Also pictured are: Innovation Agency Chair Gideon Ben-Tovim; Paul Rice of NHS England North Paul Rice; James Hawkins of NHS Digital; David Hughes of the Innovation Agency; Dr Maurice Smith of NHS Liverpool CCG; and Lorna Green and Caroline Kenyon of the Innovation Agency.



ECOSYSTEM EVENTS

Our quarterly Eco events focus on a different theme each time, bringing together businesses and healthcare staff working on a particular challenge to explore innovations and new approaches. This supports our Innovation Exchange work, matching local needs with relevant innovations. Themes last year were: Digital health in the North; transformation; and workforce productivity.



HEALTH, WELLBEING AND THE ENVIRONMENT

We celebrated the launch of a year of green action in partnership with Liverpool City Region Year of the Environment, focusing on ways to improve health and wellbeing. Our Chair Gideon Ben-Tovim is also Chair of Nature Connected and he brought together leading influencers and active voluntary and public sector groups to share learning and explore new ways of increasing outdoors activities to improve wellbeing.

Pictured from left: Dr William Bird of Intelligent Health; Dave Sweeney of CMHCP; Jo Ward of Voluntary Sector NW; Dr Sarah Plumb, Research Centre for Museums and Galleries; Kate Hall-Wright, Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs; and Craig Lister, The Conservation Volunteers.



INNOVATION IN AF AND STROKE PREVENTION

Some of our 40 AF Ambassadors were at our event to explore ways of using innovations to identify atrial fibrillation and prevent stroke. Innovation Agency Chief Executive Dr Liz Mear is pictured in the centre, with Mike Larkin of Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service at the back.

