

## 2026 Diet and Health Open Innovation Research Club (OIRC) Webinar

### From Research to the Table: Building a Shared Language for Diet, Innovation and Health

Wednesday 14th May 11:00am-1:00pm

### Webinar Programme outline

11:00	<p>The importance of research collaboration to tackle the big diet challenges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Diet at the Centre of UK health crisis</b> Sara Stanner, Science Director, <i>British Nutrition Foundation</i></li> <li>• <b>The collaborative research landscape</b> (e.g. OIRC, Napic, AfN Network) Dr Lauren Struszczyk, Senior Scientist, <i>British Nutrition Foundation</i></li> <li>• <b>Collaboration to move sustainable diets into the future</b> Rodrigo Ledesma Amaro, Director, <i>Bezos Centre for Sustainable Protein</i></li> </ul>
11:25	<p>Working with each other – Research across boundaries to deliver change</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The View from an Academic:</b> Prof Wendy Hall, Head of Department of Nutritional Sciences and OIRC Funding Award Recipient</li> <li>• <b>The View from the Food Sector:</b> Dr Sue Gatenby, Senior Director, Nutrition Sciences, <i>PepsiCo and OIRC Co Lead</i></li> </ul>
11:45	<p>Case studies - Exploring real world collaboration benefits and challenges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hannah Skeggs, IGD</li> <li>• Dr Victoria Jennesson, University of Leeds</li> <li>• Prof Benjamin Wall, University of Exeter</li> <li>• Dr Laura Wilkinson, University of Swansea</li> </ul>
12:05	<p>Your Questions to the Panel</p> <p>Our Panel of academics and food sector experts will be answering your questions collated from registrants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prof Philip Calder (Chair) University of Southampton</li> <li>• Prof Martin Warren, Quadram Institute</li> <li>• Rob Kidd (independent Consultant across the food chain)</li> <li>• Dr Katie Adolphus, Tate &amp; Lyle</li> <li>• Holly Neill, Yakult</li> <li>• Dr Kelsey Karnik, THIS</li> </ul>
12:35	<p><b>From Partnership to Progress: OIRC Reflections</b> Dr Gemma Walton, PI OIRC Inform Hub</p> <p><b>Collaborating for Impact: How Collaboration can act as a Catalyst for nutrition Science and Innovation for the health of People and Planet</b> Rachel Carey, Chief Scientist, Zinc</p>
12:55	<p>Closing remarks</p>