

Circular Chemical Economy Summer School 2023: Delegate Information

A very warm welcome to you in the lead up to the Circular Chemical Economy Summer School 2023.

We look forward to seeing you at The Catalyst on 5th – 7th September. You should find all the information you need for the event in this information pack. Should you have any further questions, please [get in touch](#).

The CircularChem Centre

The Summer School is hosted by the UKRI-funded CircularChem Centre.

The National Interdisciplinary Centre for the Circular Chemical Economy (CircularChem) brings together stakeholders from academia, industry, government, NGOs and the general public to transform the UK's chemical industry into a fossil-independent, climate-positive and environmentally friendly circular economy. As part of a £30 million strategic government investment, the CircularChem centre will play a key role in helping the UK to reduce waste and the environmental impacts of production and consumption and creating opportunities for new UK industries.

You can find out more about the Centre's research on our [website](#), [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#), and watch past presentations on our [YouTube channel](#).

Venue, Travel, Parking & Wi-Fi

The Catalyst is a 10-minute walk away from the Newcastle University's main campus, on the Helix site. **You can find the location on Google Maps via [this link](#)**. The address is:

3 Science Square,
Newcastle Helix,
Newcastle upon Tyne
NE4 5TG



Newcastle Central Train Station is a 10-minute walk from The Catalyst, and the nearest metro station is St James (a 3-minute walk from the venue).

Unfortunately, Newcastle University has no external visitor parking right now, so if you are driving, you can use the Park & Ride, or one of the large multi-storey car parks close by.

- Park & Ride: Great Park, NE13 9NR – open from 6 am and to 7 pm – more info [here](#)
- Multi-story car park: NUFC Stadium, NE1 4ST
- Multi-story car park: The Garage at Helix, NE4 5TF

To access **Wi-Fi** in the venue, you join the 'Catalyst Network' and use the below details:

- **Username: OXINN-Event**
- **Password: event-18!9two**

Event Registration

Registration will open at 12:00 on Tuesday 5th September in The Catalyst.

If you signed up via Eventbrite in advance, please report to the registration desk inside The Catalyst to check-in and collect your name badge. To complete your event registration, please fill in a quick, six-question Check-in Survey. The survey helps the event organisers understand who has attended. **You can speed up your registration when you arrive by completing the Check-in Survey in advance, [by clicking here](#).**

Please remember to hand-in your name badge at the end of the event.

Delegates may request a certificate of attendance; if you would like one, please [email](#) after the event.



Schedule

The Summer School will run from 12:00 pm on Tuesday 5th September to 12:30 pm on Thursday 7th September. Talks will take place inside The Theatre (in The Catalyst building).

If you are attending the optional ECR Workshop, this will run from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm on Thursday 7th September in The Workshop (also inside The Catalyst building).

You can access the up-to-date [event schedule here](#).

OpenLCA Software

During the session on Life Cycle Assessments on Wednesday 6th September, Dr Tom Bradley from Decerna will deliver a demonstration of OpenLCA.

We advise delegates to bring their laptops and download the software in advance. (It's free and takes less than five minutes to download.)

To download OpenLCA, visit: <https://www.openlca.org/>

Instructions for downloading are [available here](#) if required.

Poster Competition

Posters will be displayed on boards situated in the foyer of The Catalyst for the duration of the Summer School. There will be opportunities to talk with delegates about their posters during the Pizza, Posters and Networking session on Tuesday 5th September, as well as during the other breaks.

Those presenting posters will be able to display them as soon as they have completed check-in. Please bring your own poster fixings if possible. Boards are not pre-allocated to specific entrants. If you need help to put up your poster, please just ask the event organisers, we are happy to help.

Posters will be judged by members of the CircularChem Centre. The first prize is £125, the second prize is £75, and the third prize is £50. The poster competition has been kindly sponsored by Shell.

The competition winners will be announced during the closing session at 12:15 pm on Thursday 7th September.

Food and Drink

Food, tea and coffee, and water are available at the Summer School.

There will be food available to suit all dietary requirements and food will be labelled as vegan, vegetarian, dairy or gluten free.

Nutritional information for buffet food is available – please just ask at the registration desk.

To help us reduce waste, **please bring your own reusable coffee cup** if possible.

To claim your pizza during the networking session on Tuesday, you must be wearing your Summer School name badge. Croda has kindly sponsored the pizza for this session. A selection of beer, cider and juice will also be served.

Photography & Videography

Please be aware that photos and video will be taken throughout the event.

By attending the Summer School, you grant the event organisers full rights to use the images from the photography/video filming, for publicity or other purposes to help support the work of both the CircularChem Centre and Newcastle University.

This might include (but is not limited to) the right to use images in printed and online publicity, social media, press releases and funding applications. If you do not wish to be photographed, then please inform an event organiser – many thanks for your understanding.

Social Media

Attendees are very welcome to share their Summer School experience on social media.

Feel free to tag the CircularChem Centre and use the hashtag #CircularChem.

You can also follow the CircularChem Centre on Twitter and LinkedIn for future news and event announcements:

Twitter: [@CircularChem](https://twitter.com/CircularChem)

LinkedIn: [UKRI CircularChem](https://www.linkedin.com/company/ukri-circularchem)

Social Events

There are three social events planned as part of the Summer School.

On Tuesday 5th September, starting at 5:30 pm, there will be a pizza, poster and networking session, for all delegates. This will be held at the main event venue and is a great chance to talk to those who are presenting posters about their work.

We have also arranged for a fun trip to Mr Mulligans for a game of **crazy golf**, at 7:30 pm on Tuesday 5th September. If you have signed-up for this activity, the group will leave The Catalyst after the pizza, posters and networking session (it is approximately a seven-minute walk). For information, the address is: Mr Mulligans Newcastle, 117 Newgate Street, NE1 5RZ.

At 6:30 pm on Wednesday 6th September, there is an evening meal at **Blackfriars Restaurant**. Delegates must sign-up in advance if they wish to join. An arrival drink and one other drink is included with the meal, as well as tea/coffee at the end; delegates can purchase additional drinks at their own expense at the restaurant. If you wish to come with the group, we will leave from The Catalyst, otherwise feel free to meet at the restaurant. It is approximately a five minutes-walk from The Catalyst. The restaurant address is: Blackfriars, Friars Street, NE1 4XN.

Health & Safety

To ensure the safety of all attendees, if you have any symptoms of Covid-19, please take a lateral flow test in the 24-hour period before travelling to the Summer School.

There will be a test fire alarm between 8:30 and 9:00 am on Wednesday 6th September. In case of a fire alarm outside of this time period, please leave the venue as quickly and safely as possible. The assembly point is located on Science Square, between The Catalyst and the Urban Sciences Building.

If you have an accident and/or require any medical attention during the event, please contact an organiser as soon as possible.

Quiet Spaces

If you require a quiet room for remote meetings during the event, please speak to one of the organisers on the registration desk. One room is reserved for this purpose within the Urban Sciences Building, but will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Other areas where you can work nearby include:

- The café inside The Catalyst (closes 3:00 pm)
- Open seating area on the first floor of The Catalyst
- The café inside the Urban Sciences Building (closes 3:00 pm)

The Urban Sciences Building (USB) is located across from The Catalyst. Please keep your name badge on if using spaces inside the USB and be mindful of other events taking place there.

We look forward to seeing you at the Circular Chemical Economy Summer School 2023!



A special thanks to [Shell](#) for sponsoring the poster competition prizes, and to [Croda](#) for sponsoring the pizza and networking session.



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