

NETWORK NEWS

Greetings from Cambridge!

So much has happened since our last newsletter. We hope you enjoyed some of the events at the recent [Cambridge Festival](#), and had a chance to read all of the International Women's Day interviews on our website. As well, Dr Cameron Petrie and Dr Adam Green [describe](#) how their team adapted their research due to COVID-19 challenges.

The [Mandala Consortium](#), led by Professor Martin White, Professor of Population Health Research in the MRC Epidemiology Unit, University of Cambridge will focus on transforming urban food systems for planetary and population health. Our Co-Chair Dr Jag Srail, and our steering committee members Dr Lynn Dicks and Dr Jean Adams are also involved in this initiative.

We will be hosting our next Food for Thought Panel Talk Series event, called "[What a Waste: circular food systems and sustainable diets](#)", on 29 April. Please also note our event, [Early Career Researcher: Grant Writing Workshop](#), on 6 May.

Please keep an eye out for our upcoming [panel talk](#) on plastic waste on 27 May, where we will be asking questions such as: whether plastic waste is a real problem, whether we can do without it, whether it is essential to keep our food fresh and reduce waste, or whether we should simply invest in more sustainable manufacturing and recycling processes. This interactive talk will be helmed by a panel of interdisciplinary academics from the [Institute for Manufacturing](#) and industry experts (including Sainsbury's), and is organised by the Cambridge Global Food Security and Energy IRCs, supported by [#AnnualFoodAgenda](#), an EIT Food project.

On a final note, with food security being intricately linked to human health, we co-organized and facilitated the '[Pulses for healthy guts \(and healthy environment\)](#)' with CambPlants Hub on 25 March. The workshop was held to build networks between academics and industry, within and beyond Cambridge, in order to link expertise across the broad area of pulses and

human health. These networks will develop opportunities for research and innovation across the chain from agriculture through manufacturing to health.

LISTINGS

INTERNAL EVENTS

Please note that some of our past events were recorded, and the [links](#) have been added to the original event listings.

Every Friday during term time. [Coffee Break Seminars](#). Please find information on our previous and forthcoming talks. The next talks will take place on 30 April, 7 May, 14 May and 21 May.

26 May. [Cambridge Conversations: Transforming agricultural processes to feed the world.](#)

29 - 30 June. [Early Career Researcher: Open Innovation Forum "Delivering a Sustainable Food System"](#)

EXTERNAL EVENTS

28-29 April. [New Food Conference.](#)

29 April. [Agri-TechE International Missions: Missouri & UK Agritech Connect Programme.](#)

30 April. [Ask the Author: A 20-year retrospective review of global aquaculture.](#)

11 May. [TABLE and LEAP present: A Dialogue on Regenerative Agriculture.](#)

12 May. [From Farmer to Pharma – and Beyond – with Medicinal Cannabis and Industrial Hemp.](#)

24 May. [Agri-Tech Explore: Improving Farm Safety With Innovative Agri-Tech.](#)

26 May. [Agri-Tech Express with Itaka International - Innovative vegetable production; successful introduction of natural products to improve plant resilience.](#)

PUBLICATIONS AND MEDIA

**[Contact us](#) if you are an IRC member and would like support in promoting your new publication.*

[Growing Underground](#). By Louise Walsh.

[Taxonomy, Race Science, and Mexican Maize. Isis. 2021](#) By Dr Helen Anne Curry.

[‘Let them choose not to eat cake...’: Public health ethics, effectiveness and equity in government obesity strategy. Royal College of Physicians. 2021.](#)
Involving Dr Jean Adams.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

If you are a University of Cambridge researcher interested in putting together an interdisciplinary application and would like assistance in finding suitable collaborators/coordinating a group meeting, please [contact us](#).

[Kan Tong Po visiting fellowships](#). **Deadline: 10 June.**

[International exchanges scheme – Taiwan cost-share programme](#). **Deadline: 29 September.**

[International exchanges scheme – China cost-share programme](#). **Deadline: 29 September.**

[International exchanges scheme – Japan cost-share programme](#). **Deadline: 29 September.**