

# CIA Sustainability Conference 2025

The Chemical Industries Association's Sustainability Conference returns to Leeds bringing together leaders, innovators and policymakers to address the challenges and opportunities of achieving a sustainable, low-carbon future.



## About the Conference

Sponsored by On-Site Energy and SLR Consulting, our annual Sustainability Conference for the chemical industry returns uniting leaders, innovators and policymakers to explore cutting-edge developments, practical solutions and evolving policy frameworks critical to achieving a sustainable, low-carbon future.

Hear from a variety of speakers on how to shape a greener, more sustainable future for industry.

## Why Attend



### Deep Industry Experience

Gain insight from expert speakers across industry, government and academia.



### Further your knowledge

Examine practical pathways toward net zero and regulatory compliance.



### Networking opportunities

Network with peers and stakeholders from across the UK chemical industry.

### Event Date

Tuesday 14 October 2025

### Time

09:00 AM to 16:00 PM

### Location

Hilton Leeds City Hotel, Neville Street,  
Leeds, LS1 4BX

## Sponsors



SLR are global leaders in full-spectrum sustainability solutions: providing clients with strategic advice and on the ground support, partnering with them in Making Sustainability Happen.



On-Site Energy was founded to support energy intensive manufacturers to achieve their sustainability goals whilst minimising their energy costs.

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## Conference Agenda Morning



### 09:00 ARRIVAL

Registration, coffee and exhibitors

### 09:45 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

*Helen Coy, Global Senior Sustainability Manager, Innospec (Conference Chair)*

Helen Coy will open the day with a brief introduction, covering essential housekeeping, an overview of the conference themes, and a warm welcome to all attendees. She will also acknowledge the generous support of our event sponsors and encourage delegates to visit the exhibitors throughout the day.

### 09:55 SUSTAINABILITY DATA MANAGEMENT: CHALLENGES AND SOLUTIONS

*Rosanna Greenwood, Associate Director, SLR Consulting*

Rosanna Greenwood will explore how companies can unlock the true power of sustainability data to drive strategic decision-making. She will address emerging industry expectations, tackle real-world challenges in data management, and showcase proven approaches to delivering transparent, credible reporting that fuels impactful and lasting change.

### 10:20 SUPPLY CHAIN DUE DILIGENCE - HUMAN RIGHTS & MODERN SLAVERY

*Neil Everett, Head of Sustainable Sourcing practice, SLR*

Neil Everett will provide a high-level overview of regulatory trends and stakeholder expectations around ethical sourcing. He will discuss how chemical companies can operationalize human rights due diligence and build resilient, transparent supply chains.

### 10:45 – COFFEE BREAK

### 11:00 PANEL: INNOVATION AND SUSTAINABILITY - THE ROLE OF YOUNG PROFESSIONALS IN SHAPING INDUSTRY CHANGE

*CIA's ChemTalent Network*

This panel of emerging professionals will discuss the critical skills and mindsets needed to lead the chemical industry into a low-carbon future. Drawing on personal experiences and sector-wide trends, they will explore how adaptability, systems thinking, and cross-disciplinary collaboration are reshaping the workforce of tomorrow.

### 12:00 – LUNCH BREAK

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### 13:00 INDUSTRIAL DECARBONISATION AND CHEMICAL DEFOSSILISATION

*Dr Edmund Ward, Deputy Director, DESNZ*

Dr Ward will outline the UK Government's strategic vision for industrial decarbonisation and defossilisation of the chemical sector. He will highlight key levers including CCUS, electrification, hydrogen, and low-carbon product markets in delivering a just, competitive transition.

### 13:25 ENERGY, GEOPOLITICS AND NET ZERO: BUSINESS PERSPECTIVE

*David Kipling, CEO, On-Site Energy*

David Kipling will examine the geopolitical dimensions of energy and their implications for industrial net zero strategies. He will share practical insights on decentralised energy solutions and long-term resilience planning.

### 13:50 SUSTAINABLE PACKAGING INNOVATION

*Nick Cliffe, Deputy Director, Innovate UK (SSPPC)*

Nick Cliffe will explore how Innovate UK is accelerating packaging innovation across the supply chain. He will spotlight pioneering materials, system-level redesign, and the policy landscape shaping the next generation of sustainable packaging.

### 14:15 CERTIFICATION AND CHAIN OF CUSTODY IN SUSTAINABLE FEEDSTOCKS

*Berk Büyükbaz, Senior System Manager, ISCC PLUS*

Berk Büyükbaz will offer an expert view on ensuring traceability and integrity in sustainable supply chains. He will outline the growing role of certification in enabling credible claims, compliance, and investor confidence in low-carbon transition pathways.

### 14:40 – COFFEE BREAK

### 15:00 INNOVATION IN ACTION: CIA SUSTAINABILITY AWARD ENTRANTS CASE STUDY

*GSK – TBC*

GSK will showcase its award-winning solvent optimisation project, a scalable initiative reducing reliance on virgin materials, energy use, and emissions. The session highlights how data-driven innovation delivers environmental and operational benefits, offering a model for impactful industry change.



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### 15:25 CASE STUDY: SUSTAINABLE AVIATION FUEL FROM SEWAGE

*Keith Mead, Sustainability Manager, Haltermann Carless – TBC*

Keith Mead will present a novel industrial application for producing sustainable aviation fuel from wastewater. This case study exemplifies the sector's capacity to deliver transformative carbon savings through cross-sector innovation.

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### 15:50 CONCLUDING REMARKS

*Helen Coy, Global Senior Sustainability Manager, Innospec (Conference Chair)*

Helen Coy will close the conference by summarising key insights from the day, thanking speakers, sponsors, and attendees, and ongoing opportunities within the sustainability journey.

16:00 – CLOSE