

Industry Forum November Newsletter

Navigating uncertainty



Last month, we were delighted to hold our first physical meeting since February 2020. 'Can the UK become a new medicines powerhouse?' was the challenging topic. The roundtable was hosted physically in the London office of Pinsent Masons. Everyone enjoyed the opportunities for discussion, networking, and eating lunch, not yet provided by the online platforms.

In 2022, business planning will continue to be disrupted by the the major and unpredictable factors of Covid-19, climate change, technology innovation, and political turbulence. The Industry Forum will continue to work with members and sponsors to provide an open platform for policymakers, business, and academia to discuss and evolve practical policy solutions to existing and new challenges.

Our next meeting will take a hard look at UK economic prospects for 2022 and beyond.

UK economic prospects for 2022 and beyond



25 November 2021

Lead Speaker: Andrew Smith, Chief Economic Adviser, Industry Forum

Chancellor Rishi Sunak delivered his 2021 Budget on 27th October and predicted that it would deliver a stronger economy for the British people including stronger growth, public finance and employment. He was optimistic about the UK moving to a new economic model of higher wages and productivity. Critics have focussed on the cost-of-living implications and the lack of funding provision for the green transition while some Conservatives have criticised the level of government spending. Andrew Smith, Chief Economic Adviser to the Industry Forum, will review the proposals and outline some of the external factors which may impact the UK economic recovery. Vicky Pryce and Kate Bell will add their comments before a general discussion and questions on economic prospects for 2022 and beyond.

Speakers: [Andrew Smith, Chief Economic Adviser, Industry Forum](#)
[Vicky Pryce, Chief Economic Adviser, CEBR](#)
[Kate Bell, Head of Rights, International, Social and Economics Dept., TUC](#)

Other meetings currently in planning for 2022, include:

- Addressing the dementia pandemic
- Realising the potential of green hydrogen
- A new positive relationship with Europe
- Creating enough high quality homes
- The economics of levelling up
- Would PR be better for UK business?
- How digital technologies can propel the UK economic recovery
- Valuing and paying for the NHS

These are all major topics which we hope to cover in some depth at physical meetings. Please let us know if you would like to sponsor and work with us on these or other topics.

In addition to members we invite diplomats, academics, union representatives and business guests to participate in our meetings.

Our recent meetings in 2021 have covered these topics: Can the UK become a new medicines powerhouse?; Expanding US/UK trade and commerce; and How can we create a UK manufacturing renaissance?. As usual these are topical subjects and showcased Industry Forum members. Our last three meetings are listed below:

Policy implications of quantum computing



18 November 2021

Speakers:

Ilyas Khan, CEO, Cambridge Quantum Computing
Marina Jirotko, Professor of Human Centred Computing, University of Oxford
Carolyn Ten Holter, Research Assistant, University of Oxford
Philip Inglesant, Post-Doctoral Research Associate, University of Oxford

Can the UK become a new medicines powerhouse?



20 October 2021

Speaker: **Anne Marie Morris MP**, Chair of the APPG on Access to Medicines and Medical Devices

Expanding US/UK trade and commerce



13 October 2021

Speaker: **Rosemary Gallant**, Minister Counselor for Commercial Affairs, U.S. Embassy London

New member offer

We are interested to sign up new members to work with us and expand our meetings and research activities. We are currently offering new joiners a pandemic discount on our usual fees. If you're not already a member, and would like to help shape our agenda, host events, and receive invitations to all meetings, get in touch by email at info@industry-forum.org, or give us a call to find out more on 0207 434 0090.



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