

**3<sup>rd</sup> BBNet Conference**  
**Biorefining - Clean Growth - Net Zero**

10-12 April 2024 at [Mercure Sheffield St Paul's Hotel and Spa](#), Sheffield, S1 2GE

**Provisional Programme**

<b>Day 1: Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April</b>	
<b>11:00</b>	<b>Registration</b>
<b>From 11:30</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>12:45</b>	<b>Welcome</b> <i>Keynote speaker: to be confirmed</i>
<b>13:00</b>	<b>Session 1: Demonstrating the clean in 'clean growth'</b> <i>Chair: Gavin Milligan, Green Knight Sustainability Consulting</i>
<b>15:00</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>
<b>15:30</b>	<b>Session 2: Engineering Biology for Clean Growth</b> <i>Chair: Neil Bruce, University of York</i>
<b>18:00</b>	<b>Poster Session / Networking / Drinks Reception</b>
<b>19:30</b>	<b>Dinner</b>
<b>Day 2: Thursday 11th April</b>	
<b>09:00</b>	<b>Session 3: What is waste and why waste is not free</b> <i>Chair: Christine Parry, AB Agri Ltd</i>
<b>10:30</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>
<b>11:00</b>	<b>Session 4: Circular bioeconomy</b> <i>Chair: Patricia Thornley and Joanna Sparks, Aston University</i>
<b>12:30</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>14:00</b>	<b>Session 5: Challenge of scaling-up</b> <i>Chair: Stuart West, BBNet Management Board</i>
<b>15:30</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>
<b>16:00</b>	<b>Session 6: AI and Biotechnology</b> <i>Chair: Paul Mines, Biome Bioplastics Limited</i>
<b>17:30</b>	<b>Networking</b>
<b>18:30</b>	<b>Drinks Reception</b>
<b>19:30</b>	<b>Dinner</b>
<b>Day 3: Friday 12th April</b>	
<b>09:00</b>	<b>Session 7: Policy for sustainable biorefineries</b> <i>Chair: Joanna Sparks and Patricia Thornley, Aston University</i>
<b>10:30</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>
<b>11:00</b>	<b>Session 8: Research funded by BBNet and other funding opportunities</b> <i>Chair: Veronica Ongaro, University of York</i>
<b>12:30</b>	<b>Closing remarks / End of Meeting</b>