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19 June 2025 | Science Creates, Bristol

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Forum Agenda

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13:00

Registration & Networking Lunch

13:35

Welcome address

Karim Palant, Director of External Affairs, BVCA

13:45

Deeptech R&D and spinouts

Panel

Moderator: Karim Palant, Director of External Affairs, BVCA
Catherine Fletcher, Partner, SCVC
Thomas Storey, Senior Associate, Future Planet Capital

14:25

Vision Fireside Conversation - Impact of private capital on
business growth in South West & Wales

Panel

Moderator: Peter Abel, Director, Growth Capital, Santander
Clem Connor, Chief Executive Officer, Western Global
Jesper With-Fogstrup, Chief Executive Officer, MoneyPenny

Further speaker to be announced shortly

14:55

Networking Break





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15:15 **Supporting scale-ups and growth capital investment**
Panel

Moderator: Mei Lim, CFO, Anthemis
Sally Basker, CEO, Exeter Science Park
Melanie Goward, Partner, Maven
Dewi Hughes, Head of South West and Wales, LDC
Dave Tindall, Senior Investment Manager, South West Investment Fund, British Business Bank

15:55 **Growth in the South West and Wales - local leadership, infrastructure planning and investment**
Panel

Moderator: Isobel Clarke, Director of Policy, BVCA
Patrick Fallon, Head of Developments, Science Creates
Louise Harris, CEO, Tramshed Tech
Stephen Peacock, CEO, West of England Combined Authority

16:35 **Closing remarks**

Leon de Bono, Managing Director of Industry Development, BVCA

16:45 - 17:45

Networking Break

17:45

Close of Forum





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