

Innovation Nexus

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Happy Holidays from Enterprise and Innovation!

As 2023 comes to a close, we reflect on some of the key Enterprise and Innovation successes at St George's this year:

- [St George's joins forces with London Universities to develop the UK's first MedTech company builder](#)
- Consultancy numbers and submission of Invention Disclosures have doubled.
- Successfully run our first Innovation Programme, outlining the fundamentals of IP, Commercialisation and Venture Creation.
- Increased Student Engagement with Careers Fairs and Graduate School Programmes

10 Years of Bridges Self-Management

Founded from a 15-year programme of healthcare research at Kingston and St George's University of London, Bridges launched as a social enterprise spin out company in 2013. Bridges has trained more than 10,000 healthcare professionals across multiple NHS pathways, by changing the way healthcare teams work with patients with long-term conditions. Starting in stroke, Bridges has also been evaluated in major trauma, brain injury, MS, cancer and more recently in long Covid. Speaking about the novelty of Bridges, Professor Fiona Jones, Founder and CEO says:

"We employ staff and have facilitators with lived experience of the conditions we support, which in turn enhances our co-design activities and credibility"

For more information about Bridges, and to read their [blog](#) reflecting on 10 years of Bridges, please see their [website](#).



Sign up for our January 2024 Events!

• Industry Ignite Competition

Deploy your scientific expertise to create novel solutions and compete for the prize of "Best Innovative Solution" and win up to £5,000 in funding! This year's competition, which will be held on **Thursday 18th January 2024**, is open to all PhD and Master's students. In teams, participants will create an innovative commercial solution and will pitch their solution to a panel of academic and industry judges. If you would like to take part but don't have a team please get in touch. Please register your participation [here](#).

• SME Innovation Voucher Networking Event

The SME Innovation Networking event is an opportunity for you to hear from businesses interested in collaborating with experts at St Georges, University of London. The event, which takes place on **Tuesday 23rd January 2024**, will enable you to find out more about industry partnerships with Small-Medium sized Enterprises, and a chance for you to speak about your field of expertise with the potential to lead to larger collaborative partnership opportunities to help solve business problems. Please register your participation [here](#).

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