



Soil Health and Circular Economy: A Sustainable Future for Agriculture

Friday 9th November 2018, 12:00-4:30pm

Sophi Taylor Building, NIAB Park Farm, Villa Road, Histon, Cambridge CB24 9NZ

Part of Agri-Tech Week, celebrating innovation across the eastern region, and located at NIAB's Sophi Taylor Building on the outskirts of Cambridge, this event is aimed at industry research and growers in horticulture and agriculture.

PROGRAMME

- 12:00 **Registration, networking and lunch**
- 12:30 **Welcome and overview of the day**
Dr Lydia Smith, Head of NIAB Innovation Farm and Eastern Agri-Tech Innovation Hub
- 12:40 **What is soil health? Why does it matter? How can we make our soils healthier?**
Prof Jane Rickson, Soil Erosion and Conservation, Cranfield University
- 13.10 **Measuring soil health - Update on AHDB Partnership**
Dr Elizabeth Stockdale, Head of Farming Systems Research, NIAB
- 13:40 **Maximising the value of organic materials in agriculture**
Dr Lizzie Sagoo, Principle Soil Scientist, ADAS
- 14:10 *Refreshment break*
- 14:30 **Working with farmers to enhance soil microbiology**
Dr Lydia Smith, Head of NIAB Innovation Farm and Eastern Agri-Tech Innovation Hub
- 15:00 **Taking the organic step in farming**
Nik Tonev, James Foskett Farms
- 15:15 **Insect frass for improving soil health and pest resistance**
Dr Joe Halstead, Managing Director, AgriGrub Ltd
- 15:30 **From brown to green cultivation**
David White, Hawk Mill Farm
- 15:45 **Open discussion led by Dr Lydia Smith**

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