



#InnovationInAction

South Yorkshire Innovation Programme



Productivity challenge

For South Yorkshire Manufacturers (with 10-25 employees and turnover of >£1million per annum.)

What is Innovation in Action

Innovation in Action is a collaborative business-led network that identifies and applies solutions to real issues and opportunities faced by South Yorkshire manufacturers.

The Opportunity: Invitation to join the Productivity Challenge

The Productivity Challenge is a 6-month programme that will make access to technology and innovation adoption easy by demonstrating, testing and piloting practical tech applications that improve your business' production process and outputs - supported by peer-to-peer learning, industry leading mentors, and regional tech experts and partners.

Key Objectives

- + Increase productivity of South Yorkshire manufacturers.
- + Unlock growth in SMEs via targeted innovation adoption.
- + Equip businesses to innovate on capacity, equipment, planning, and processes.
- + Deliver tangible business benefits: increased outputs, competitiveness and profit margins.

Why Join

- + Action-focused: Start small, short-term low-risk pilot of tech, measurable change.
- + Tailored to you: Choose and test solutions that match your needs.
- + Supportive environment: Structured yet supportive with industry mentoring.
- + Shared Learning: Peer-to-peer collaboration sharing what works with like-minded SMEs.

What You'll Achieve

- + Data visibility and insights informing opportunities and improvements.
- + Live KPI dashboards for production, quality, and lead time.
- + Improved machine uptime and capacity use.
- + Prototype automation tools for quoting, scheduling, IoT capture.
- + An Innovation Story: Quick wins, practical lessons, clear next steps and support pathways.

What's the commitment and cost

- + Active participation in 1 day Discovery & Solution workshops followed by 4x 90min monthly collaborative progress discussions.
- + We are asking for £1,000 contribution from participants (20% of the £5,000 per business costs).

For more information and to register your interest Please get in touch with InnovationInAction@sheffield.gov.uk

