

CONVERGE

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Awards 2023

Wednesday 4 October
The Old Fruitmarket,
Glasgow

#ConvergeAwards



Welcome!

After such a long time apart, it's wonderful to be here with you all tonight at our first in-person Awards event since 2019!

Being here together, in one room, to recognise and reward the inventiveness, grit and sheer determination of our incredible finalists is a very special moment – for them, for us and for all the people who have played their part in getting them to this stage. By shining a light on their brilliance, we hope to encourage a new generation of aspiring academic entrepreneurs to take that important first step and to capitalise on Scotland's world-leading research, creativity and talent.

Scotland is truly blessed to have such a dynamic and connected innovation ecosystem - many of the key players are here tonight – providing the critical early-stage support which is so vital to emerging innovators.

Similarly, at Converge, collaboration is key to everything that we do and tonight's Awards and the entire Converge programme would not be possible without the continued support and commitment of our funders, sponsors and partners including the Scottish Funding Council, Creative Scotland, our university partners and our network of strategic and professional partners. Can I also offer my sincere thanks to the many people who work tirelessly behind the scenes to make all this good stuff happen including our judges, our Strategic Advisory Group and Steering Group members, and of course, the Converge Team.

In the meantime, good luck to all our finalists and thank you to everyone for being with us here tonight to share and celebrate this important occasion.

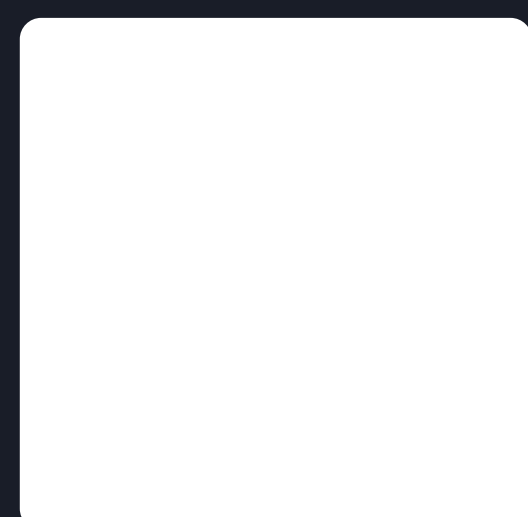


Dr Claudia Cavalluzzo

Executive Director, Converge

Check out our Digital Showcase!

Scan the QR code to view profiles and video pitches from our 2023 finalists.



Event programme

18.00 Drinks reception on The Old Fruitmarket Balcony

18.45 Formal proceedings begin.

Welcome by Claudia Cavalluzzo, Executive Director, Converge

Principal's address by Prof Sir Peter Mathieson, Principal and Vice - Chancellor, University of Edinburgh

Presentation of KickStart Challenge Awards

🍴 STARTER

Chair's address by Paul Atkinson, Chair of Converge Strategic Advisory Board & Partner, Par Equity

Minister's address by Richard Lochhead MSP, Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade

Presentation of Create Change Challenge Awards

Presentation of The Royal Bank of

Scotland Award for Female Entrepreneurship, by Jo Forster (title?)

Presentation of the Future Tech Award by Ishbell Macphail, Country Lead Scotland, Cisco UK and Ireland

🍴 MAIN COURSE

Presentation of IBiolC Award by (tbc)

Presentation of CENSIS Award by (tbc)

Keynote address by Alison Edgar, "the entrepreneur's godmother," author and business coach

Presentation of Net Zero Challenge Awards, by Rachel McEwen, Chief Sustainability Officer, SSE plc

🍴 DESSERT

Address by Holly Butler, Head of Development, Dxcover

Presentation of Converge Challenge Awards by Richard Lochhead MSP

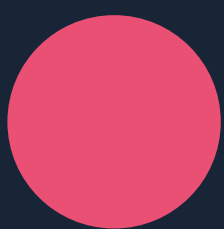
22.15 Closing remarks

0.00 Carriages

Trophy blurb (100 words)
(pic of trophies to come)

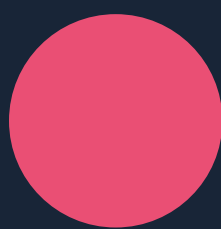
Finalists 2023

Kickstart



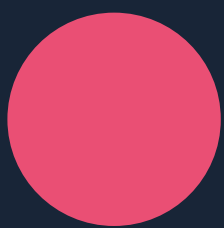
Rory Bone, 4SB Mobility Glasgow School of Art / Heriot Watt University

4SB are designing and manufacturing a small, swappable, ‘jerry can’ battery for electric vehicles. It attaches to the electric vehicle’s main battery, topping it up and giving the user 90 miles extra range. When drained, these battery units can be swapped in 2 minutes.



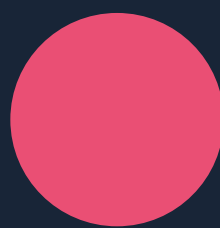
Ryan Anderson, AllSteady University of Dundee

AllSteady is creating a uniquely fast and easy-to-use video stabilisation platform to enable everyone to remove shakiness and make their video smooth and cinematic when editing, no matter what camera they use.



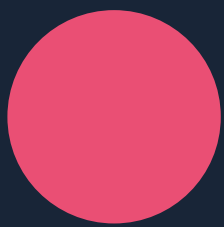
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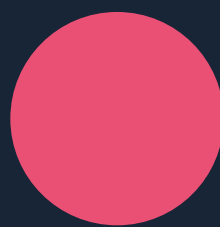
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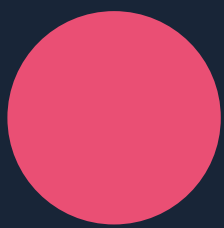
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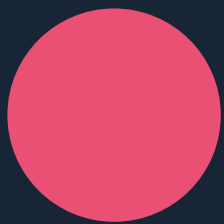
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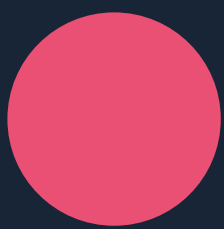
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Create Change



Fantasy Fibre Mill

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Person Centred Solutions

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Screen Hustler

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Two Raccoons

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NetZero



FireHorse

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VailLab

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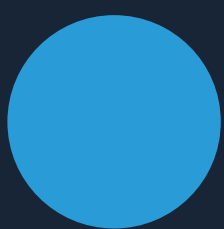
Zephyrus Aerolabs

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Converge Challenge



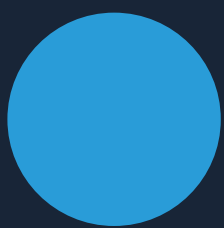
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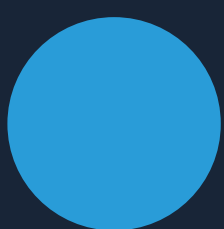
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