



TRANSFORMING THE FOUNDATION INDUSTRIES



# Network+ Vision

- *Our network will engage academia, industry, policy makers and non-governmental organisations to identify and address challenges and opportunities to develop and adopt transformative technologies, business models and working practices.*
- *Through our programme of mini-projects, workshops, knowledge transfer, outreach and dissemination, the Network will test concepts and foster the development of innovative outcomes to help transform UK foundation industries.*



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## Themes

- Energy efficiency
- Circular economy
- Next generation processes
- Manufacturing informatics
- Supply chain resilience
- Equality diversity and inclusion
- Enhancing working practices

# Activities to date



- 19<sup>th</sup> April workshop: *“Roadmapping for the Foundation Industries”*
- 11<sup>th</sup> June: first mini-project call on energy efficient manufacturing in the foundation industries (closed)
- 23<sup>rd</sup> June workshop: *“Energy Efficient Manufacturing in the Foundation Industries”*
- 12<sup>th</sup> April, 13<sup>th</sup> May and 15<sup>th</sup> June- ‘Blue Skies, greener future’ webinar series with Profs. John Provis, Clive Randall and Mark Rainforth

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# Dates for the diary



- 23<sup>rd</sup> July- second call for mini-projects, theme: Resource Efficiency, Recovery and Circular Economy. Closes 1<sup>st</sup> Oct
- 21<sup>st</sup> Sept - Third workshop theme: Resource Efficiency, Recovery and Circular Economy
- 24th Sept. - Blue Skies, Green Future Webinar by Professor Lenny Koh (University of Sheffield)

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## *Flexible fund*

- £1.45M will be allocated on a competitive basis for small projects to run ~6 months.
- Eligible projects may include desk based studies, fieldwork, experimental studies or secondments.
- Matched industry funding may increase the available budget to £2.8M and allow between 20 to 30 projects to run.
- The flexible fund will provide equipment, facilities and access to expertise for projects co-created with academics for the benefit of the foundation industries.
- Of the £1.45M, £300k will be set aside for post-doctoral researchers (PDRAs) and research fellows (RF) for short term projects of their own design but still focusing on the requirements of the Foundation Industries.