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ICS Invites Industry To Shape 2026 Summit Programme

The International Composites Summit (ICS) has opened its call for industry contributions for the 2026 event, inviting organisations across the composites sector to help shape the conversations that will define the industry's future.

Taking place on 1–2 December 2026 at The Drum, Wembley, ICS continues to position itself as a commercially focused platform where business, innovation, and investment come together.

A Programme Shaped By Industry

Rather than presenting a fixed agenda, ICS is taking a collaborative approach, inviting input from across the value chain to ensure the programme reflects real-world challenges and opportunities.

This open call encourages contributions from:

- Industry leaders and manufacturers.
- OEMs and Tier suppliers.
- Start-ups and scale-ups.
- Academic institutions and researchers.
- Investors and technology providers.

By opening the programme to industry input, ICS aims to create a more relevant, dynamic, and impactful event.

Focused On the Industry's Most Pressing Challenges

The 2026 summit will centre around key themes shaping the future of composites, including:

- High-rate manufacturing and industrialisation.
- Thermoplastics versus thermosets.
- Sustainability and circularity.
- Hydrogen and new energy applications.
- Supply chain constraints.



- Digital thread and smart manufacturing.

These areas reflect the fundamental challenges facing the sector as it looks to scale production, improve sustainability, and respond to increasing global demand.

Encouraging Open and Honest Discussion

Alongside technical and strategic content, ICS is encouraging contributions that address the industry's more complex and challenging questions.

Proposed discussion areas include:

- Is composite recycling commercially viable at scale?
- Can the industry truly predict and prevent failure?
- Will cost and supply constraints limit wider adoption?

By creating space for open discussion, ICS aims to move beyond surface-level conversation and support more meaningful progress.

Connecting Innovation with Commercial Opportunity

The 2026 programme will also include dedicated opportunities for start-ups and emerging companies to engage with industry and investors.

Planned formats include:

- Pitch sessions to investor and industry panels.
- Curated meetings to connect innovators with partners and customers.
- Opportunities to showcase technologies with commercial potential.

This approach is designed to help bridge the gap between innovation and application, supporting companies as they scale.

A Call to Contribute

ICS is now inviting organisations to play an active role in shaping the 2026 programme.

Contributors are encouraged to:

- Share insights and expertise.
- Present case studies and applications.
- Lead or participate in panel discussions.



Please send suggested contributions to info@internationalcompositessummit.com.

This collaborative approach reflects the core principle of ICS: that progress is driven by connection, contribution, and shared ambition.

As the composites industry continues to evolve, those who contribute to the conversation will play a key role in shaping its future.

ICS 2026 provides the platform to do so.