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Gold Partnership Programme 2025/26

The Sci-Tech Daresbury Gold Partnership Programme is an initiative that brings together a network of regional and national organisations with proven expertise and services that can benefit companies on the Sci-Tech Daresbury campus.

As a leading science and technology campus, Sci-Tech Daresbury recognises the value of collaboration and partnership in driving innovation and growth.

Through the Gold Partnership Programme, companies on the campus can tap into a diverse range of resources, knowledge, and experience to enhance their competitive edge and accelerate their development.

The programme offers a unique opportunity for companies to access a broad range of support services that can help them thrive and grow in today's dynamic business environment.

Our Gold Partners are keen to help and we would encourage an early conversation “over a coffee” where you have business questions or challenges related to their area of expertise, whether for a first conversation or a second opinion.

Gold Partners

ASSET LIFECYCLE SOLUTIONS

Passionate about security, service and sustainability.

- Secure IT Disposal
- Secure Logistics
- Secure Storage Facilities
- Secure IT Relocation



BRITISH BUSINESS BANK

The UK's economic development bank dedicated to helping UK small businesses prosper and grow.

- Debt finance
- Equity finance
- Nations and Regions Investment Funds
- Access to finance business guidance



BOUYGUES ENERGIES & SERVICES

Specialising in multi-disciplinary engineering design and build, supporting:

- Scale-up & Pilot Plant Design & Delivery
- Advanced Process Manufacturing Facilities
- Cleanrooms/Laboratories Processes



DAVID ANTROBUS MARKETING

Delivers successful traditional & digital marketing campaigns.

- **Marketing Consultancy/Strategy** – developing aligned marketing strategies
- **Branding & Design** – creating authentic brand identities
- **Website Development** – building objective-driven websites
- **Search Engine Optimisation** – proven techniques for lasting results
- **Advertising & Campaigns** – Measurable traditional and digital campaigns
- **Exhibition & Event Marketing** – Maximising market connection opportunities



GRANT THORNTON

Expert financial and advisory solutions.

- Accounting Services including bookkeeping
- Audit and grant assurance
- Taxation services including Company/Personal tax, along with specialist areas such as R&D and VAT
- Advisory services including Corporate Finance, Transaction Support & Dispute resolution.



IBM

Supporting SMEs in technology and innovation to help extend their reach, scale and opportunity.

- Consulting
- Software
- Systems
- Cloud
- Infrastructure



KONSILEO

Providing bespoke risk management and insurance solutions for commercial clients across various sectors.

- Risk management and tailored insurance programmes
- Commercial property and liability insurance
- Industry-specific insurance
- Cyber and FinTech Insurance
- Innovative broking technology and insurance management system



MARKS & CLERK

Experts in all areas of Intellectual Property (IP), including:

- Advanced engineering & materials
- Biomedical
- Energy
- Healthcare, incl. MedTech, pharmacology & biotech
- IoT/digital technologies incl. software, emerging tech & AI
- Branding, designs and copyright



RTC NORTH

Is one of the UK's leading providers of business support and innovation services, helping organisations to grow, innovate, and compete on a global scale.

- Business Strategy
- Innovation
- Operational Improvement
- Internationalisation
- People Development



SLATER HEELIS

Legal Partners for Innovation and Growth.

- Commercial & Technology Contracts, Supply Agreements, SaaS, Pass and Cloud
- Intellectual Property Agreements & Advice, R&D and Collaborations
- Corporate Structures & Governance
- Capital Investments, Mergers & Acquisitions
- Directors Service Agreements
- Employment Contracts, Handbooks & Policies



UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL

Providing interdisciplinary world-leading research, unique model for collaboration & cutting edge facilities to deliver innovative solutions for your organisation.

- Access student and graduate talent
- Collaborative Research & Development (CR&D) and access to funding
- Consultancy and Facilities & Equipment Services
- Knowledge Transfer Partnerships (KTP)
- Licensing Technology and Spin-outs
- Workforce training and development





Asset Lifecycle Solutions (ALS) is an industry leader in sustainable IT equipment and laboratory equipment disposal and recycling services, helping businesses safely and responsibly dispose of their unwanted equipment, while minimising the environmental impact of electronic waste.

ALS understand the importance of data security and environmental sustainability when it comes to IT equipment disposal. That's why they offer secure collections from anywhere in UK using their own fleet of secure CCTV recorded and GPS tracked vehicles.

Their business is accredited by ADISA to DIAL (Data Impact Assurance Level) 3 with distinction which is the highest level of accreditation awarded in recognition of their secure data wiping facility, processes and service levels.

All equipment is delivered to their state-of-the-art facility based in Cheshire, where they utilise the latest technologies and best practices to ensure that your data is securely erased and your equipment is sustainably recycled.

With Asset Lifecycle Solutions Limited as your partner, you can rest assured that your IT equipment will be disposed of and recycled in a safe, secure, and sustainable manner, while also freeing up valuable space and resources for your business.

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The British Business Bank is powering UK growth by helping small businesses to prosper and grow. Small businesses are crucial to the UK's economy and the Bank, backed by the government are mission driven to improve access to finance for small businesses and provide financing solutions so small businesses can reach their potential.

We design, deliver, and manage a range of products through over 200 delivery partners, helping to increase both the supply and diversity of finance available to smaller businesses.

- Our Banking business encourages lending through:
 - Start Up Loans for new entrepreneurs
 - Government-backed guarantees that reduce risk for finance providers, making them more willing to lend
- Through our Investment business, we attract private capital into venture and growth markets. This helps innovative companies expand while providing a strong return for UK taxpayers
- We also provide an extensive range of resources and toolkits offering business guidance to help smaller businesses understand their finance options and be better prepared to access the right funding to achieve their goals.

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Bouygues Energies & Services (BYES) specialises in designing and building process facilities and cleanrooms for the pharmaceutical and life sciences sectors.

With more than 50 years' experience, we work with clients ranging from SMEs to global pharmaceutical companies.

Our projects cover the full spectrum—from laboratories and pilot plants to scale-up facilities and large-scale manufacturing.

We deliver safe, efficient, and sustainable solutions that meet the highest regulatory standards, supporting organisations at every stage of their growth and production journey.



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David Antrobus Marketing: Strategic Growth Partners

With nearly three decades of experience transforming businesses, we're a dedicated team making marketing accountable, profitable, and transformative. Our expertise spans global institutions and growing SMEs, understanding that every business has unique challenges, opportunities, and ambitions. We believe in genuine partnership – our team becomes an extension of yours. We listen first, understand deeply, and then create strategies uniquely tailored to your business and market position.

What We Do

- Strategic Marketing Consultancy – Developing aligned marketing strategies
- Branding & Design – Creating authentic brand identities
- Website Development – Building objective-driven websites
- Search Engine Optimisation – Proven techniques for lasting results
- Advertising & Campaigns – Measurable traditional and digital campaigns
- Exhibition & Event Marketing – Maximising market connection opportunities

Our Why

We exist to help ambitious businesses grow through strategic insight, creative thinking, and practical expertise. When strategy meets execution and creativity meets accountability, remarkable transformation happens.

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They are the UK member firm in the global Grant Thornton network that employs more than 62,000 people in over 140 countries. Locally they have large offices in Liverpool and Manchester with over 600 staff.

They focus on delivering a local service, but with global reach, providing support in the areas of:

- Accounting Services including bookkeeping;
- Audit and grant assurance;
- Taxation services including Company/Personal tax, along with specialist areas such as R&D and VAT, and
- Advisory services including Corporate Finance, Transaction Support and Dispute resolution.

The combination of their local presence, with national and international reach means they can support you whether you are an early-stage business operating in one market, or an established player with global scale.

They invest in listening, understanding your concerns, so you consistently get a great service you can trust.



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At IBM Research they live by the scientific method. It's at the core of everything they do. They choose impact over market cycles, vision over vanity. They deeply believe that creative freedom, excellence, and integrity are essential to any breakthrough.

They're discovering new materials that will be used in the next generation of computer chips; they're building bias-free AI that can take the burden out of business decisions; they're designing a hybrid-cloud platform that operates as the world's computer. They're moving quantum computing from theory to systems that are redefining the world.

They operate with a backbone. They don't cut corners. They take responsibility for technology and its role in society. They make decisions with a conscience — for a future that we believe is worth living in.

We recognize the immense power and potential of computing — not as a commodity, but as an agent of progress and connection.

This is the future, built right.

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We're disrupting the insurance landscape by giving our brokers the freedom, resources, and technology to truly protect their clients and help businesses like yours get the protection they need to grow. We've spent years building the tech stack to power the broker of the future and create the most comprehensive version possible. Combining innovative technology with a collaborative approach, we strive to transform the commercial insurance broking model.

Our expert brokers are given full freedom to utilise the latest tools, ensuring that you receive the very best advice and guidance possible for your business. Our team are also continually updating the broking platform using tech and organisational insight in order to optimise both client and broker experience.

Your business is unique. So are we.

Konsileo find insurance and risk management solutions that don't fit in a box – but do fit you.



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Marks & Clerk set up its first office in the UK in 1887. Today, they're a leading global intellectual property firm, working in partnership with businesses of all shapes and sizes all over the world.

Providing them with people whose legal, technical and commercial expertise exactly meets their needs. Shaping their services around them. Protecting, enforcing and maximising the value of their intellectual property to support them in achieving their business ambitions.

They put time and thought into finding exactly the right people for your business. They are people who know your world and speak your language. They have over 300 practitioners to draw on. Whatever the science or technology, whatever the sector or product, however complex the work, they'll find people who have precisely the right expertise and who fit well with your culture.

When it comes to IP, they are true specialists – focusing on IP and IP alone. With patent attorneys, trade mark attorneys, commercial lawyers and IP litigators, they can provide every type of intellectual property service you need. Their expertise is globally acknowledged - in their top tier status, the awards they've won and in the cutting-edge work they do, which helps shape future law.

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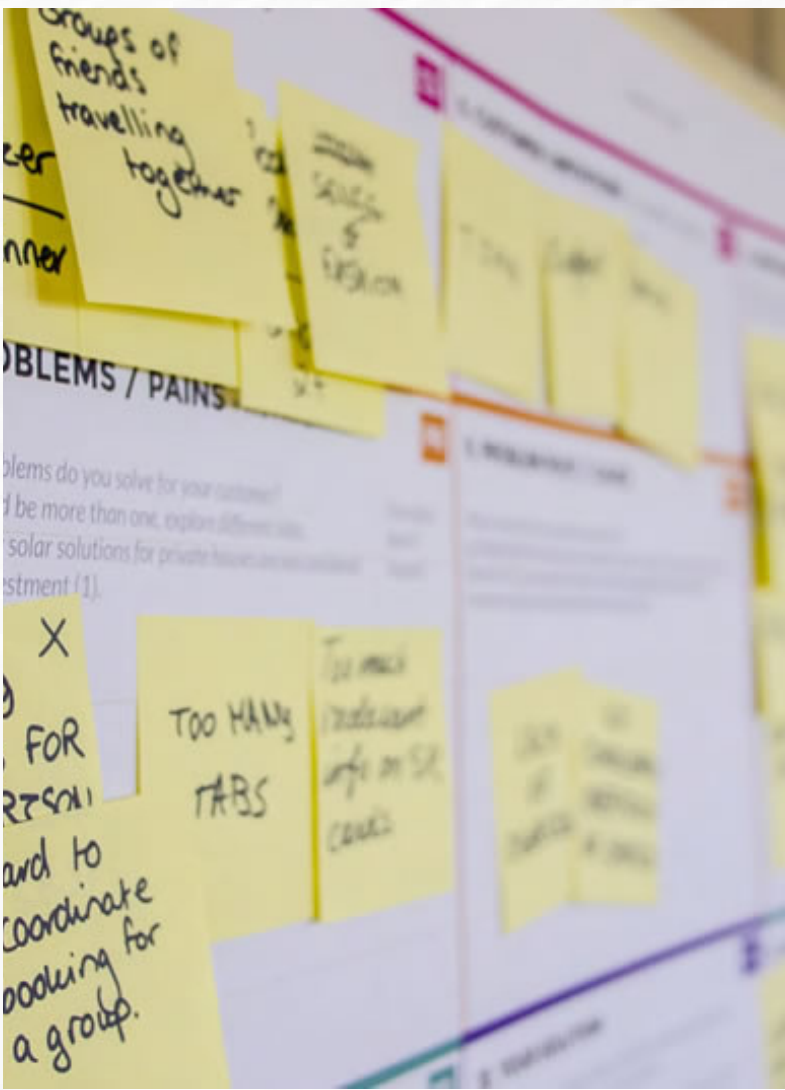
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RTC North is one of the UK's leading providers of business support and innovation services, helping organisations to grow, innovate, and compete on a global scale. Established in 1989, RTC specialises in supporting technology-based businesses, developing new products, and opening routes to new markets, having worked directly with over 20,000 SMEs across the North of England.

Working with a wide range of partners including local authorities, universities, and the private sector, RTC offers expert advice in areas such as business growth, digital transformation, commercialisation, skills development, and internationalisation. RTC is committed to fostering enterprise, driving innovation, and empowering businesses to achieve sustainable success.



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Slater Heelis is a full-service law firm with a strong track record of supporting businesses at the cutting edge of technology, life sciences, and innovation. Slater Heelis is proud to work alongside some of the UK's most forward-thinking companies, helping them navigate legal complexities and unlock commercial opportunities.

Their approach is rooted in understanding your goals and providing tailored advice to meet the unique needs of your business, applying fresh thinking and deep sector knowledge to deliver results that matter. Slater Heelis do not offer one-size-fits-all solutions.

Specialist Legal Support for High-Growth Sectors

Slater Heelis advises technology and life sciences businesses on a wide range of legal matters, including:

- Commercial contracts – from SaaS agreements and platform licensing to strategic partnerships and procurement frameworks.
- Intellectual property – helping innovators protect and commercialise their IP assets, including patents, trademarks, and software.
- Corporate law – supporting investment rounds, mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, and governance structures.
- Employment law – providing pragmatic advice on workforce planning, compliance, and talent retention in fast-moving environments.
- Data protection and regulatory compliance – ensuring businesses meet legal obligations while maintaining agility and trust.

Their partner-led teams work collaboratively across disciplines, ensuring seamless service delivery and commercially focused outcomes. Whether you're a start-up preparing for launch or an established business scaling internationally, they can offer the legal insight and strategic guidance to help you succeed.

The team at Slater Heelis prides itself on being more than legal advisors—they are your strategic partners committed to helping you grow, innovate, and lead.

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Founded in 1881 as the original 'red brick', the University of Liverpool is one of the UK's leading research-intensive higher education institutions with an annual research income of £163.1 million.

Consistently ranked in the top 200 universities worldwide, we are a member of the prestigious Russell Group of the UK's leading research universities and have a global reach and influence that reflects our academic heritage as one of the country's largest civic institutions.

We are at the global forefront of translational R&D with distinctive world-leading capabilities in infection, materials chemistry, high-performance computing and AI solutions. We have a growing network of researchers assembled around topics such as digital health, quantum computing and cyber security, with cross-cutting capabilities and work with industry to co-create solutions to some of the world's most complex problems.

We are driving the Liverpool City Region's knowledge economy through close collaboration with fellow universities, industry and the NHS.

Organisations of all sizes and sectors can benefit from the University's world-class expertise through a range of mechanisms including: collaborative research, consultancy, licensing technology and spin-outs, knowledge transfer partnerships, workforce development and access to world-class equipment & facilities.

Our Careers Employability Team delivers creative solutions for employers to connect with and recruit our student and graduate talent, from authentic experiences built into the curriculum to in-person events and digital solutions. Businesses can also access professional development courses through The University of Liverpool Management School, in areas such as leadership, innovation and sustainability.

Our key innovation assets include; The Digital Innovation Facility, Virtual Engineering Centre and the Materials Innovation Factory.



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