



This month's highlights...

- Missed our panel discussion with Andrew Gowers on intellectual property? Download the podcasts
- Get involved with innovations in the health sector
- Advice and support for business start-ups, focussing on the creative industries

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News



['Intellectual Property – In Practice' - podcasts and more](#)

We recently hosted an interactive discussion on the next phase of IP in the UK - and its impact on small businesses. The panel was led by Andrew Gowers, who headed the Gowers Review on Intellectual Property. View and download video and podcasts from the event.



[Enterprise training scheme for new media start-ups in Wales](#)

Insight Out Wales has launched with a new partner, the Welsh Assembly. The programme is designed to provide enterprise training for creative individuals and is specifically tailored for new interactive media businesses. Register your interest now.



[Call for proposals in mental health - deadline approaching](#)

We are still inviting proposals for improving mental health services in the UK as part of our Innovation Challenges programme, launched last month. The deadline for applications is Friday, 18 May.



[Deadline looming for researchers interested in Crucible 2007](#)

We are bringing together 30 early-career researchers from different disciplines to help them think more creatively about their work. The deadline for applications to Crucible 2007 is 30 April, so don't miss out.



[Inspiring young people to take risks](#)

We're inviting proposals for a small number of pilot projects focussed on inspiring enterprising attitudes and behaviours around risk. Applications close on Friday, 11 May - please refer to the website for further criteria.



[The Scottish Arts Council joins Starter for 6](#)

The Scottish Arts Council has announced that it will support Scotland's budding entrepreneurs as part of NESTA's Starter for 6 programme. It will join the programme's existing funding partners to help develop the enterprise skills of up to 300 new entrepreneurs in Scotland, over the next three years.



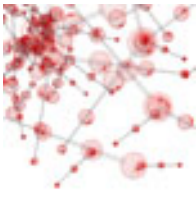
[Funding boost for clean energy technologies](#)

St Andrews Fuel Cells is among six clean energy technology companies to benefit from a £1M+ funding boost from the Scottish Renewable Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Support Scheme. The NESTA investee is developing a new type of solid oxide fuel cell to generate electricity more efficiently.



[New team needed to speed up health innovation - could this be you?](#)

The NESTA-Young Foundation Health Innovation Accelerator is a new model for speeding up the creation and development of social enterprises in the health sector. The Young Foundation is now seeking to recruit a dedicated team to run this project.



[Become part of a new online community for creative industry start-ups](#)

We've launched a new online community site for start-up businesses and those supporting them. The site provides forums, articles and online resources to allow people to share information and expertise. Membership is by invitation only; please email to [register your interest](#).

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Opinion



[Early-stage companies flourish with mentoring](#)

Alan Edwards, a NESTA Investments mentor, shares some of his experience - "providing start-ups with sound mentoring and business advice is crucial to the success of your investment".



[Tailoring education for entrepreneurial people](#)

"We seem to have contrived an education system that divorces enthusiasm from the acquisition of knowledge," says Simon Roberson, one of the Big Ideas ICT Youth Challenge judges.



[The challenge for health in the 21st Century](#)

Lynne Maher argues that "we must empower patients to be able to care for themselves, and stamp out the fear-of-failure culture plaguing our health professionals".

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Spotlight on innovation

What's happening in the world of innovation?

Each month, we'll scan the web for our favourite thought-provoking blog posts and articles about innovation. [Email us your top innovation picks](#) for possible inclusion in a future issue of the NESTA Bulletin.



Website: Guardian Unlimited

[Taking care of business](#)

The government suggests becoming an entrepreneur is the perfect way for women to achieve work-life balance. Lucy Ward asks 'is it all it is cracked up to be?'



Blog post: Something for the Weekend

[Two new resources that are doing the rounds](#)

Leon Cych blogs about the launch of TeacherTube and the online Office 2.0 database. He asks whether prospective users have the skills and experience to make these services 'useful' for their community, and how will they do this?



Blog post: Making Innovation Flourish

[Collaboration and competition in balance](#)

What is the right balance between collaboration and competition in enterprise, asks Roland Harwood?

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Book review

Each month, we're asking friends and colleagues to review a recently published book concerning innovation. [Email us your book reviews](#) for possible inclusion in a future issue of the NESTA Bulletin.



[Fighting Fashion](#) by Helen Storey

Reviewed by Liz Prescott, NESTA Creative Pioneers Team

In *Fighting Fashion*, Storey details the series of events that eventually forced her company into receivership, despite the strength of the Helen Storey brand.

Although this book was published around 10 years ago, anyone with an interest in fashion or in starting a fashion business would find it useful.

It's an interesting and engaging account of the pitfalls of the industry as a whole, with stark reminders that 'real life' (eg. her pregnancy and her husband's cancer) does not work around your business - but also suggests ways in which to help minimise the risks for designers who are just starting out.

Storey feels strongly that the designer should design and create, not try and be a business person. Certainly they need business nous – they must have a strategy and have thought about their exit (they hadn't), but they should not try to be running the business as well as designing.

Events

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[Future Innovators launch, London, 26 April](#)

On 26 April we're launching our Future Innovators programme, designed to develop the attitudes that underpin innovation. Next month's bulletin will feature highlights from the launch event - in the meantime find out more about Future Innovators on our website.



[A Jewellery Affair, London, 1-2 May](#)

Creative Pioneer and jewellery designer, Hannah Martin, will showcase her work, alongside other up-and-coming precious jewellery designers.

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[Education for Innovation: Is the UK education system preparing young people for the challenges of tomorrow?, London, 8 May](#)

Join us at our panel discussion to debate the role of the education system in helping to develop the skills and attitudes required for innovation. Can the formal education system learn from what's going on beyond the school gates?



[In The Wild, London, 10 May](#)

Young people, educators, policymakers and representatives of the broadcast and digital media worlds will explore some of the important challenges facing young people today, at this Channel 4 Education Spring Conference. You can also learn about the future plans for Channel 4 Education on screen and online.



[Commercialise, Sunbury-on-Thames, 15 May](#)

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