



## Workplace Innovation Wednesdays – March 2018 – week one

Workplace Innovation's [Peter Totterdill](#) spent Monday and Tuesday in Belfast this week at a fascinating workshop on employee participation, organised jointly by SIPTU and Royal Holloway University of London.

Following several fascinating presentations, including a great case study from John Roulstone (Production Director of **Kirchhoff Automotive Ireland**), Peter reminded participants of the real gains to be won in terms of productivity, innovation and mental health when companies take employee involvement seriously.

**Comparing like with like, companies that fully engage the skills, experience and creativity of all their employees enjoy a 20-60% productivity bonus and gains in employee health compared with conventional firms, according to several international studies.**

*How do they do it?*

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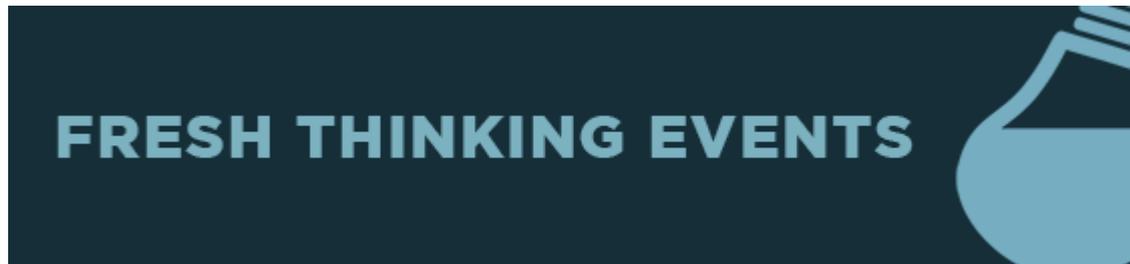
And you can share the participative working practices of companies such as **Leo Pharma, MBDA** and **SAAB Aerospace** by joining us at [Engaging Everyone in Innovation](#), 22nd-23rd March in Linköping, Sweden.

Or if you're concerned with mental health in the workplace, the next [Good Work & Mental Well-Being Lab](#) event is hosted by **Macmillan Cancer Support**, on 27th-28th March in Leeds.

**We'd love to hear from you – [please drop us a line!](#)**

# Fresh Thinking Labs Events

**2018: a Year of Opportunity for high performing people and workplaces**



The full programme can be found [here](#).

<a href="#">Engaging Everyone in Innovation</a>	<i>Linköping, Sweden - 22nd-23rd March 2018</i> Highly interactive Employee-Driven Innovation Lab hosted jointly by the <b>HELIX Institute</b> and the nearby <b>SAAB Aerospace</b> plant.
<a href="#">Good Work &amp; Mental Well-Being Lab</a>	<i>London or Leeds - 27th-28th March 2018</i> Hosted by <b>Macmillan</b> , one of the largest British charities and providers of specialist health care, information and financial support to people affected by cancer.
<a href="#">Public Sector Workplace Innovation</a>	<i>Maastricht - 23rd-25th April 2018</i> Interactive workshop for “advanced” participants in the public sector with an existing organisational commitment to changing workplace practices and culture.
<a href="#">Leading Workplace Innovation</a>	<i>Birmingham, UK - 1st May 2018</i> A tried and tested programme, accredited by the Institute of Leadership and Management (ILM), and grounded in evidence and experience.
<a href="#">Creating Creative Workplaces</a>	<i>Stevenage UK - 16th-17th May 2018</i> Practically-focused two-day Lab hosted by advanced manufacturing company <b>MBDA</b> .
<a href="#">Good Work and Mental Well-Being Lab</a>	<i>London or Leeds - 11th – 12th June 2018</i> <b>Jacobs</b> worked with MIND to develop its <b>Mental Health Matters</b> programme focused on promoting positive mental health and wellbeing.
<a href="#">Industry 4.0 &amp; Workplace Innovation</a>	<i>Irvine, Scotland - 4th-5th June 2018</i> How can we make sense of Industry 4.0 and its practical implications for manufacturing and service companies alike?
<a href="#">Fresh Thinking in Workplace Mental Health</a>	<i>Brighton, UK - 19th September 2018</i>

[Workplace  
Innovation  
Intensive](#)

An interactive conference bringing together experts and experiences from several employers across the UK and other European countries.

Brighton, UK - 18th-20th September 2018

Three days of workshops designed to provide you with practical tools and methods to stimulate and guide change in your organisation, including one-to-one and group mentoring. This à la carte programme combines expert-led masterclasses, forums and workplace visits.

[Access the full programme](#)

**About Fresh Thinking Labs**

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