



# **Space North Breakfast Event - How the North of England can make the UK a Space Tech Superpower**

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June – 0800-0930.**

**Royal Armouries, Leeds.**



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# Introduction

The Space North project is a collaboration between Space Hub Yorkshire, Space North East England and the North West Space Cluster to promote the resilient communications companies, facilities and investment opportunities in the North of England. As part of this project, a breakfast event was created as part of the UK Space Agency's Ignite Space 2024 conference. The event was titled 'How the North of England can make the UK a Space Tech Superpower', and held at the Royal Armouries in Leeds on the 12<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

At the event, attendees:

- Heard about the Space North project and how they can get involved and support.
- Learnt about key findings from the initial mapping task or resilient communication companies, facilities, and research organisations.
- Networked with like-minded professionals, built relationships with potential collaborators, and had the opportunity to question industry experts.
- Registered their interest in future Space North activities and events.

We had a fantastic line up of speakers, including representatives from:

- Northwest Space Cluster
- Resonance
- Microwave Product Group (MPG)
- Filtronic

Participants found out how they can engage with the Space North consortium, contribute to the project and become involved in the industry community.

## Organising Partners

This event was organised by Space Hub Yorkshire and supported by the Space North Members – Northwest Space Cluster and Space North East England.



Figure 1: Space North Breakfast Event organisers.

# Schedule

**08:00-08:30**

**Networking & Breakfast**

**08:30-08:40**

**Welcome from Space North**

*Alan Cross, North West Space Cluster*

**08:40-08:55**

**Space North Mapping Report**

*Robin Sie-Verbruggen, Resonance*

**08:55-09:05**

**Industry Presentation**

*Dan Rhodes, Filtronic*

**09:05-09:20**

**Microwave Product Group (MPG)**

*Andy Stringer, MPG*

**09:20-09:30**

**Q&A**

*Alan Cross, North West Space Cluster*

# Programme

Speakers came from 5 organisations:



North West  
Space Cluster



Resonance



Figure 2: Speakers delivering the event.

# Audience

The event was open to all organisations and businesses within the space/space-adjacent industries, with a particular focus on RF companies, enablers and innovators. It attracted research and innovation participants from academia. Due to purdah, government organisation attendance was limited, but there were still representatives from UKSA and the Satellite Applications Catapult. Industry attendees came primarily from a resilient communications background, as well as companies interested in the findings of the mapping report.

Attendees were broken down into Industry (55), Academia (8), and Government (9).

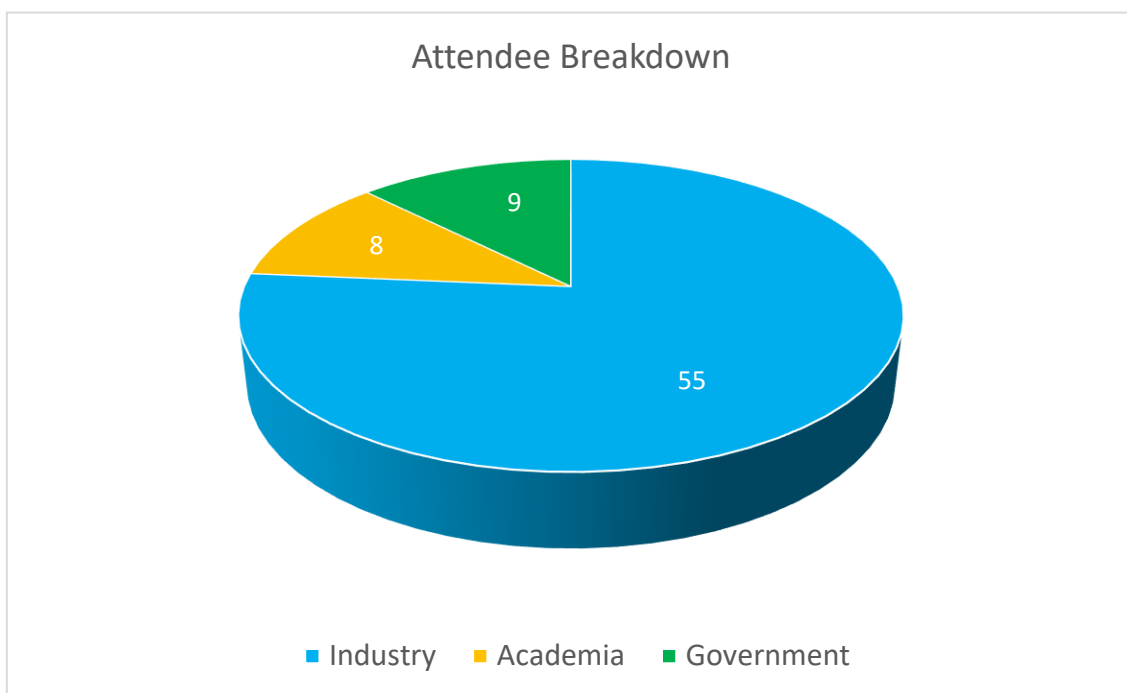


Figure 3: attendee breakdown

# Impact

**Connected** with businesses that were attending a Space Hub Yorkshire event for the first time

**More than 70** attendees from **32** distinct organisations

Attendees made **new connections** at this event.



Figure 4: MPG Presentation

# Summary

This was the first Space North event led by Space Hub Yorkshire to promote the mapping of resilient communications companies and facilities in the North of England. Participants learnt about the opportunity in the North as well as hearing from companies working directly in the space sector and how they can get involved. MPG presented on their upcoming 'Centre of Excellence', which provided an insight into the potential pathway for talent and research and development testing facilities that will be created. The room was a hive of activity and networking, with extra capacity having to be created for attendees turning up on the day.

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Connecting, promoting, and guiding innovation.**

- Space Hub Yorkshire



Figure 5: Space North Welcome



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