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## UK & Ireland Board

Welcome, there are a lot of exciting events upcoming such as PD+I, 10<sup>th</sup> European Thermoforming Conference in Barcelona, Pack to the Future 6 and PDM to name a few. We would really like to hear from you, our members to learn what you would like to see from the SPE UK & Ireland Division. We want to make sure everyone takes full advantage of all the benefits that the Society of Plastic Engineers provides such as over 25,000 technical resources and discounts to upcoming events. There will be someone from the SPE at each of the events and we look forward to hearing from you.

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Members also giving specialist support as required are Austin Coffey and Keith Barnes but more volunteers are urgently sought by the Board to widen the pool of expertise and help with events.



## Upcoming events

10<sup>th</sup> EUROPEAN  
THERMOFORMING  
CONFERENCE  
2016

EVOLUTION  
THERMOFORMING  
DESTINATION

10 - 11 MARCH 2016  
SITGES (BARCELONA)





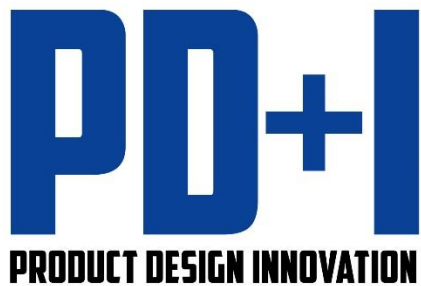
## Pack to the Future 6, University of Birmingham: Polymers in Packaging 16th March 2016- Are the goals of biodegradability and sustainability achievable? Free registration

Challengers of products that suffer from over-packaging have every right to point out the waste of scarce resources and the energy lost in producing, recycling and disposing of such materials. However, they often miss the point that the vast majority of packaging materials such as paper, glass and metals are all viewed as sustainable and recyclable.

Polymers are utilised in flexible wrapping and containers and are beginning to shrug off their unsustainable and unfriendly recyclability mantle. This is because new materials that are organically derived are taking a larger share of the market.

Will such new materials and processes gain traction in the future and meet with the approval of consumers and all other participants in the frame?

Full programme [www.iom3.org/event/pack-future-6-polymers-packaging-are-goals-biodegradability-and-sustainability-achievable](http://www.iom3.org/event/pack-future-6-polymers-packaging-are-goals-biodegradability-and-sustainability-achievable) including our own Peter Cox talking about Sustainability of multilayer packaging.



**18TH - 19TH MAY 2016**  
AMERICA SQUARE CONFERENCE CENTRE, LONDON

DESIGN THINKING FOR NOW AND BEYOND

[HTTP://CONFERENCE.PDESIGNI.COM/](http://conference.pdesigni.com/)



design | moulding | composites | recycling | packaging

**14TH - 15TH JUNE 2016**  
TELFORD INTERNATIONAL CENTRE, TELFORD, UK

## THE LEADING EXHIBITION AND CONFERENCE FOR THE PLASTICS INDUSTRY

For 2016 **pdm event** [www.pdmevent.com/](http://www.pdmevent.com/) returns to Telford for an even bigger show, filled with amazing exhibitors, exciting conference sessions and a bundle of great features.

This year's show will incorporate multiple elements of the plastics industry with a particular focus on design, moulding, packaging, recycling and new for this year composites.

The previously co-located shows **PRE** and **PPS** will join with **PDM** into **pdm event** which will be a truly holistic event for the entire plastics industry to meet at.

Supported by all the major associations, pdm event is the place to meet a cross section of the industry and fulfil multiple purposes all at once.

If you are involved in the industry, this is an event you cannot afford to miss.

## Student Activities

We continue to work with the student chapter of Brunel University along with Imperial College to develop a combined student chapter. If you know of a university that may be interested in learning more about student chapters, please contact Manjula Silva via Stuart Patrick

## Featured topics for future UK & Ireland Newsletters

Let us know what sort of topics you would like to have included in future newsletters. Contact [Stuart Patrick](#)