

SKIN Good Practice Recording Template

Foodovation	
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SKIN good practice 'Hot Topic(s)' CATEGORY 2	Transfer of learning: The potential for transfer of learning exists creating a multi disciplinary approach between public sector bodies, universities and colleges.
SKIN good practice 'Hot Topic(s)' CATEGORY 3	Support to entrepreneurs: to develop new food and drink products for the market
SKIN good practice 'Hot Topic(s)' CATEGORY 4	Technology: provide new methods and tools to the entrepreneurs and small producers.
EIP Practice Abstract Format: Short summary for practitioners in English on the (final or expected) outcomes (1000-1500 characters, word count – no spaces). This summary should be as interesting as possible for farmers/end-users, using a direct and easy understandable language and pointing out entrepreneurial elements which are particularly relevant for practitioners. Research oriented aspects which do not help the understanding of the practice itself should be avoided.	Short description of the 'good practice': Foodovation is Northern Ireland's most exciting business centre of excellence for food development and technology, and is located in North West Regional College's Northland Building, Strand Road Campus, Derry-Londonderry. Aimed at providing a one-stop-shop for current and aspiring industry producers across the region, Foodovation is a new state of the art research and development which offers a sanctuary to develop excellence in food Innovation, science and technology. As well as encouraging and nurturing small to medium sized food businesses, Foodovation will provide industry specialists with the technical advice to ensure their route to market is successful and sustainable. Foodovation will also help support the economic growth of the entire region. With the right expertise, food and drink manufacturers can find new markets, develop new product ideas and generate employment opportunities within the sector. Currently there is no single venue in the North West that offers a complete end-to-end new product development model for food producers in the region. Foodovation has already celebrated success in the form of stock maker Carol Banahan who has made the centre her new workplace, and Limavady pig farmer Alastair Crown from Corndale farm. The NWRC and Foodovation Centre is aimed at supporting entrepreneurs, artisan food producers and small and medium enterprises to develop new food and drink products for the market.
	Main results/outcomes of the activity (expected or final):

	<p>It has supported more than 140 businesses over 6 years with technical know-how and 1:1 support diversify their menus, raise awareness of nutrition and allergens, develop new products with export potential. In the past year the Foodovation Centre has assisted 15 small businesses to attain Invest NI Innovation Vouchers to develop new products. It has supported 36 businesses with skills via the Dept. of the Economy InnovateUs and Skills Focus programmes and has established itself as the go to centre for small business support within the food and drink sectors.</p> <p>The main practical recommendation(s): what would be the main added value/benefit or opportunities to the end-user if the generated knowledge were implemented? How can the practitioner make use of the results?</p> <p>The centre will be a great asset to the college and will be very important for food producers locally. Foodovation is great centre for students to see and will be so educational.</p> <p>Further information/Reference: https://foodovation.wpengine.com/</p>
Pearls, Puzzles, Proposals?	
What needs did the 'good practice' respond to?	
Methodology Used:	
Actors/Stakeholders:	<u>Actors</u> : small food and drink producers. <u>Stakeholders</u> : public sector bodies, universities and colleges
Relevant SKIN Innovation Challenge Workshops(s)? Please specify	
Sectors	All Sectors
Region, Country	Nothern Ireland
Media attachment (e.g. video) or other attachment (e.g. benchmarking data)?	

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