



## Intellectual Property Office Food & Drink Sector Workshop



### Every Business Owns IP: How does it affect you?

Most successful businesses, large or small, are built on well managed intangible assets like intellectual property (IP).

The UK food and drink sector create and use intellectual property (IP) all the time, perhaps without realising it. IP in the sector affects anything from a brand name, web site, the distinctive shape of a product bespoke machinery to a secret recipe. Who owns it and how can it be protected, this workshop will help attendees to gain a better understanding of this and much more.

The Intellectual Property Office (IPO) helps businesses, innovators and entrepreneurs understand how IP can create value from their ideas, turning inspiration into sustainable business success.

**Background** – The IPO's very successful workshop has been expertly adapted specifically for the food and drink sectors and has now been delivered to a wide range of stakeholders in partnership with a variety of professional bodies. The workshop aims to give participants a good overview of IP and how it can impact on businesses within the food and drink sector.

**Workshop description** – The audience is broken up into small teams and presented with a series of five sector related scenarios which demonstrate the relevance of IP to a business. Once the teams have discussed the scenario amongst themselves, the speaker(s) will take the audience through the answers to the problem.

**Support material** – Workshop booklets will be provided alongside other relevant literature relating to the course content.

**Target groups** - Business advisers (accountants, bank staff, business coaches and mentors) as well as businesses in the food and drink sector.

**Level of expertise** - Basic to intermediate.

**Framework** - The workshop is facilitated by the Intellectual Property Office.

**Duration** - 3½ hours approximately.

**Outcome** - Participants will gain a good understanding of copyright, trade marks, patents, designs and confidentiality.

**Pre learning** - Please complete the IP Equip online course, [www.ipo.gov.uk/blogs/equip/](http://www.ipo.gov.uk/blogs/equip/) before attending this workshop.

**Further information** - If you would like to find out more information about the workshop please email [market@ipo.gov.uk](mailto:market@ipo.gov.uk)

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