

### Innovation Award 2023 - sponsored by Appleyard Lees IP LLP

#### Winner - Chemical Processing Services Limited – (FUROX Bio Benzoxazines)

CPS are recognised for the development of FUROX, a high performance Bio-Benzoxazines as an alternative to conventional petrochemical phenolic resins. In contrast to traditional oil derived resins Bio benzoxazines are derived from sustainable feedstocks and enjoy a reduced hazard rating and no by-products. Feedstock is furfural derived from hydrogenation of pentosane rich biomass including corncoobs, sugar cane bagasse and rice hulls. CPS claim that FUROX polymers save between 45 and 85% of the carbon in oil derived equivalents. CPS are collaborating with Fraunhofer Institute for Manufacturing Technology and Advanced Materials and with Röchling to identify business opportunities following a successful launch at K-Fair in Dusseldorf.



### Young Talent in the Chemical Industry Award 2023 - sponsored by SRG



#### Winner - Sian Doyle - Livent Lithium UK Ltd

Sian joined Livent as an apprentice after completing her A-levels. She spent the next 4 years on college release while gaining experience at Livent's Bromborough site. The judging panel appreciated the huge commitment required for this level of study, combined with working full time and with increasing levels of job responsibility. Upon graduation Sian joined the business as a technician and was the first female production operative in 20 years. Further promotions have followed and Sian, now a Shift Team Leader has not finished with studying. In January 2023 Sian completed a HND in Process Engineering. Livent are proud to have Sian as part of their superb workforce and we are delighted to have her working in the North West.

### Corporate Social Responsibility Award 2023 - sponsored by SLR Consulting Limited

#### Winner - The 2M Group of Companies

The Judging Panel considered against two critical elements when considering entries. The different areas of CSR and the breadth and variety of engagement. 2M Group hit all the right markers. The methods of engagement, knowledge sharing, mental health first aiders, charitable giving and Open Door activities to facilitate full engagement with all staff were noteworthy. STEM engagement with local schools and paid time away from work to invest in charitable work beyond best practise. A fantastic effort from a company that is a credit to our sector and region.

