



Our schedule (still to be confirmed)

09:00 - 09:55 - VIP breakfast

By invitation.

10:00 - Official opening

You'll be guided through the festival, and will get to explore the festival campus, with climate-tech product demonstrations, future-food tastings, bespoke networking opportunities, and more.

10:10 - 12:30 - Keynote presentations

A lively, informed, engaging and tightly curated session of 10-minute keynote talks, from key figures in climate-tech. Full details to follow in the coming weeks on our [Speakers](#) page.

12:30 - 13:25 - Networking picnic lunch

Your ticket will include a lunch voucher, for a nutritious and tasty vegetarian picnic lunch. But we want you to make new friends, so we'll redeem vouchers only when presented in groups of at least 4 (which means you'll get to meet fellow THE HEAT participants!)

12:30 - 13:25 - VIP private lunch

By invitation.

13:30 - 15:00 - Unconference sessions [and] Six-Minute Ideas

THE HEAT's "unconference" sessions are led by you: over 40-minute sessions, participants run their own workshops, talks, discussions, science demos—anything you're passionate about. It's our "open-source" part of the day, drawing on the crowd's creativity. In the morning, propose your session on a whiteboard with 40-minute slots across 8 locations, then pitch it from the main stage before lunch. Surprise us! AND check out our Six-Minute Ideas sessions: rapid-fire pitches where festival-goers share ideas, experiences, or provocations—no slides, just sharp, energetic insights. We'll schedule these in advance and provide a moderator.



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15:00 - 15.55 - Startup pitch battle [and] Ask Me Anything - meet the decision-makers

You have a choice this hour: Be a dragon and evaluate five-minute pitches from 10 selected climate-tech startups that are currently fundraising. At our 2024 festival, we had investors from Pale Blue Dot, Creandum, Planet A, Village Capital, Norrsken VC, Zero Carbon Capital, Hedosophia, blisce, Manta Ray, and Extantia present, just to name a few. AND Meet some of the key decision-makers in climate-tech for a relaxed and open Ask Me Anything session.

16:00 - 16:55 - Conversation Circles

Join a moderated discussion led by an expert. Topics include 'how to successfully partner with corporate VCs', 'fundraising strategies for scaling your climate-tech', 'Designing climate products for profit & planet' and many more.

17:00 - 18:25 - Workshops & speed networking

You'll have a choice of 40-minute workshops to participate in, led by VOYAGERS with specialist skills to share. There will also be speed-networking sessions, based on participants' mutual interests (which we'll collect in advance).

18:30 - 22:00 - Networking party, music performances & food trucks

Participate in a Senegalese drumming circle, then enjoy a music set while you network that ranges from the VOYAGERS rock band, acoustic singers, to DJ sets . Do you want to perform? Tell david@voyagers.io.

22:00 - Official close; shuttles to Didcot Parkway train station



All-day activities

Tours of Harwell Science Campus

Tours of Harwell Campus led by the people that know it best.

Product demonstrations

Energy from space, climate robotics, tidal generators and lots more.

Future-food tastings

Our future-food curator, Daniel Skaven Ruben, is sourcing the best of new protein and food innovation. Taste the future in this interactive area of the festival site.

Book-lovers' exchange

Bring a book that has inspired you; take away a book that inspired a fellow festival-goer.

Tree of hope

Let's back optimism over despair — and fill a tree with suggestions for ambitious climate solutions small and large.

Music performances

An evening of music performances — including Senegalese drumming, acoustic and DJ sets, and the VOYAGERS Festival Band.

The Hot Takes Climate-Film Festival

Our favourite documentaries and short films with a climate focus.



All-day activities - continued

Art commissions

Displays by artists exploring climate themes.

Bespoke speed networking

THE HEAT is all about making magical connections. We curated meetings we thought you would find valuable.

Office hours

One-on-one meetings between founders, investors, regulators and more.