

# FACE2FACE

## WELCOME TO THE INTERFACE NEWSLETTER



I hope you all had an enjoyable summer . As we see the end of our first month of year seven operations, it really is an exciting time for the Interface team.

During the summer months Interface celebrated its 6th birthday. AY 2010/11 was our most successful yet with a 47% growth in collaborations . Looking ahead, we have already begun to make significant progress in taking forward the recommendations from our evaluation last year with a focus on recruitment.

David Chapman, has now been joined in our Inverness office by Kathryn Fraser . Kathryn and David have certainly hit the ground running with many meetings and events planned over the next few weeks across the Highlands and Islands.

Our new colleague in the West of Scotland, Shelley Breckenridge has joined us. Shelley is responsible for increasing the visibility of the expertise and facilities available within Scottish Universities and Research Institutes to companies in the West of Scotland. Alan Feighery joined as operations manager this week and Helen Pratt will complete the line up in October to lead on the Food and Drink industry innovation programme.

I am sure you will meet our new colleagues shortly as our events schedule and diaries seem to be filling up very fast!

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank those of you who responded to our annual survey. The results of which will be released shortly.

We have also received great feedback on our mobile app, InterfaceOn, which was developed in conjunction with the SCET team at the University of the West of Scotland. Let us know if you have tried it and have any feedback.

Hope to see you at one of our forthcoming events .

Best wishes  
Donna Kudarenko

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## MEET THE TEAM

19/9/11 - **Scottish Renewables Marine Conference & Exhibition**

21/9/11 - **Be Inspired to Innovate for your Future**

29/9/11 - **Food & Health Innovation Service - Annual Conference & Workshop**

## FUNDING

**Off-set the cost of your collaboration with the Scottish Funding Council Innovation Voucher Scheme**

## SPOTLIGHT ON BURGONS ON EYEMOUTH

Crab processing is the core of the Burgons business, and a new factory was developed to specialise in the processing of Scottish crab.

Burgons had found the disposal of crab shell waste a growing financial burden and a potential threat to the long-term security of the business.



Previously, Burgons transported crushed waste to a land fill site, however, due to a dramatic increase in land fill tax, the cost of this method began to pose a threat to the future of the business in a challenging economic climate.

Through a follow-up meeting with Interface, their requirements were sketched out - to develop its crab shell waste into bait for whelk.

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