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The Innovate UK Young Innovators Awards is a programme that finds, supports and celebrates young people with great business ideas.

The programme has supported more than 250 aspiring entrepreneurs across the UK with:

- A £5,000 financial grant
- Allowance for living costs
- One-to-one business coaching
- Training, networking and role modelling opportunities



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Innovate UK Young Innovator Casey Woodward

Who: Casey Woodward, founder of [Agrisound](#), is deploying a network of sensors to monitor pollinator activity across the globe, helping to define targeted action to boost crop yields and protect bee populations.

Success: Building upon successful sensor deployments with [M&S](#) and [innocent drinks](#), Casey has now partnered with [WWF](#) and [Tesco](#) to monitor pollinators in UK apple orchards.



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Innovate UK Young Innovator Lydia Bolton

Who: Lydia Bolton is a sustainable fashion designer, who produces clothing by upcycling deadstock fabric. Lydia has previously collaborated with Unilever and Nike to promote the reuse of fabrics.

Success: After discovering that 90% of adults avoid cycling depending on what they were wearing, Lydia partnered with **Lime**, the global shared-mobility giant, to create a range of sustainable, cycle-friendly streetwear.



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Innovate UK Young Innovator Adam Root

Who: Every time we wash our clothes up to 700,000 synthetic fibres – microplastics - can make their way to the ocean. Adam Root, founder of [Matter](#), is tackling this often-overlooked pollution with the world's first self-cleaning washing machine filter! No faff. No filter replacements. No extra waste.

Success: Adam had secured \$10million of fresh investment from venture funds backed by Hollywood A-listers [Leonardo DiCaprio](#) and [Ashton Kutcher](#)



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Innovate UK Young Innovator Beth Kume- Holland

Who: Beth Kume-Holland, founder of [Patchwork Hub](#), a social enterprise and talent platform that connects inclusive employers with people facing barriers within the conventional ways of working.

Success: Beth has been awarded by Shaw Trust's [Disability Power 100](#), recognising her as one of the 100 most influential disabled people in the UK!

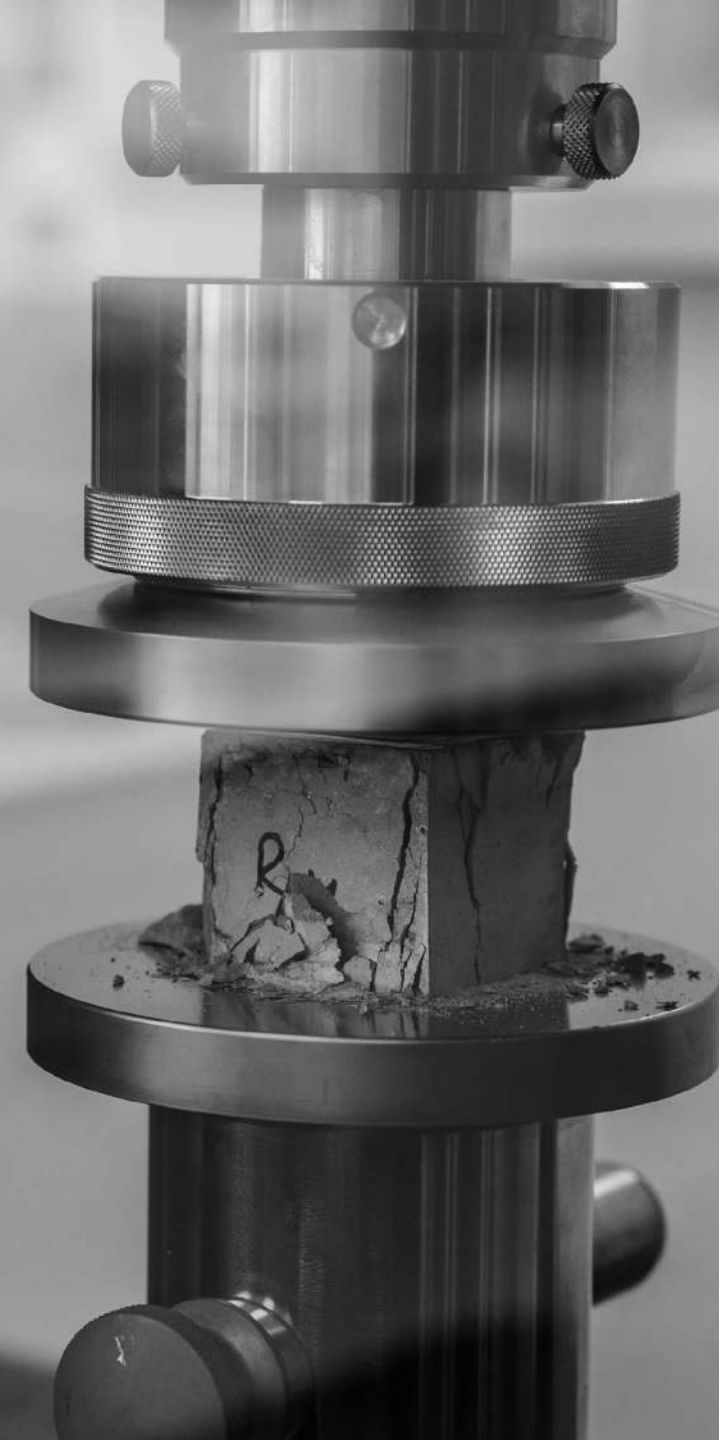




Innovate UK Young Innovator Dalraj Nijjar

Who: Dalraj Nijjar, cofounder of [Concrete4Change](#), is adding novel technology that permanently locks down CO2 into concrete, helping the construction industry achieve net-zero.

Success: Dalraj has been recognised in Forbes' 30under30 list, successfully closed a £2.5 million investment round, and his company has been nominated for the [Earthshot Prize](#) – the £1 million sustainability award spearheaded by the Prince of Wales.





Innovate UK Young Innovator Lotti Hawkins

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Who: Lotti Hawkins, founder of [Earthly Biochar](#), has developed innovative techniques for producing biochar – a material that captures carbon, improves soil health and boosts crop yields. Good for the garden. Good for the atmosphere.

Success: Lotti has been double-recognised as a sustainability leader at the [Great British Entrepreneur Awards](#) and the [Marie Claire Awards](#).



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Innovate UK Young Innovator Matthew Issacs

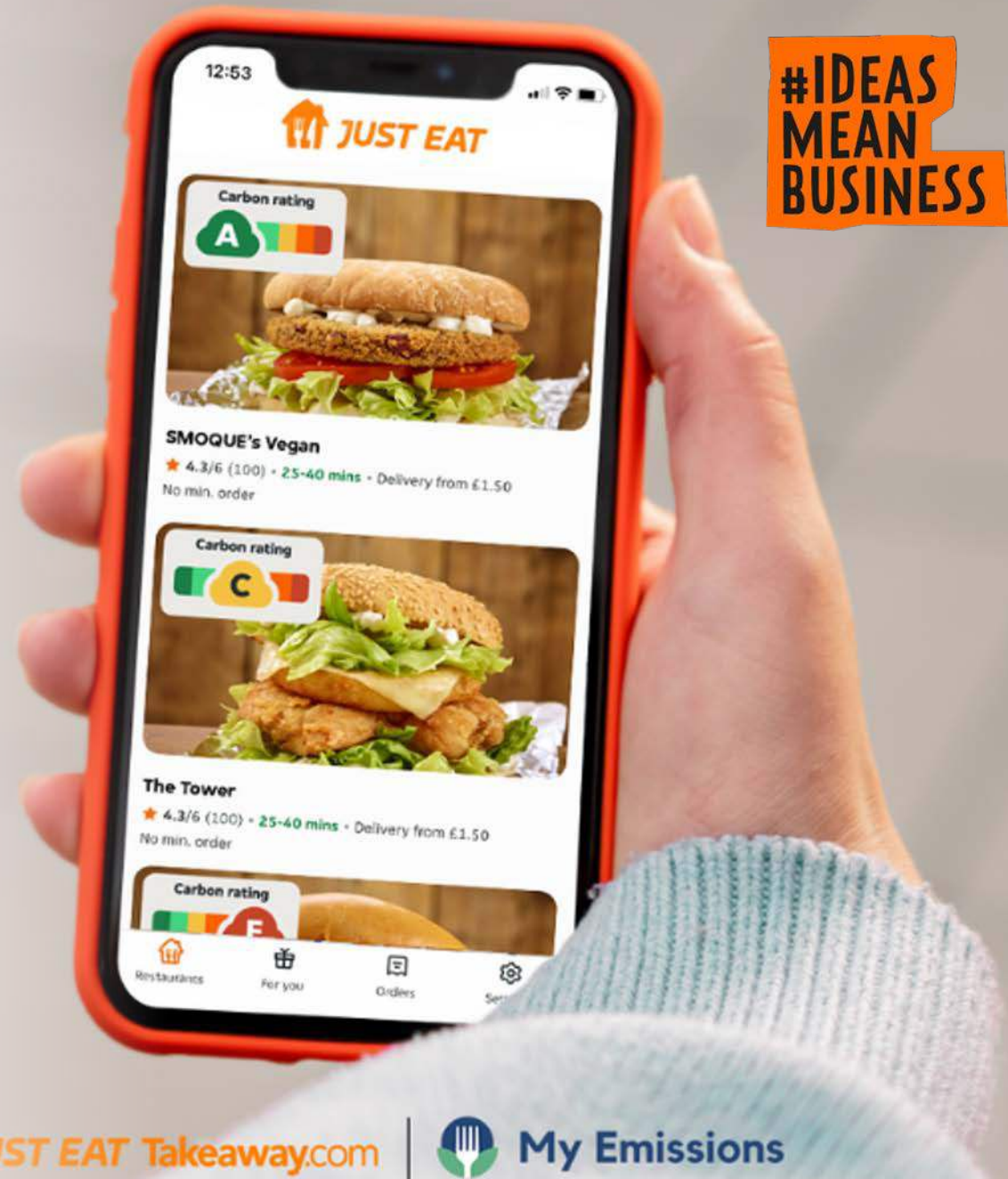
Who: Matthew Issacs, founder of [MyEmissions](#), has created a carbon-labelling system for food products and meals. This is helping people make food choices based on sustainability as well as nutrition.

Success: My Emission have become an official partner for [Just Eat](#) and is now enabling users to quickly assess the environmental impact of their take-away meals.



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 [JUST EAT Takeaway.com](#)

 [My Emissions](#)



Innovate UK Young Innovator Natalie Kerres

Who: Natalie Kerres, founder of [Scaled](#), took inspiration from scaled animals like lizards, fish and pangolins to develop athletic guards, made of interlocking scales. These guards protect vulnerable body parts like wrists and spines, without impairing movement.

Success: Natalie has been recognised in two prestigious business lists; Forbes [30Under30](#) and The Telegraph's [Top 100 Female Entrepreneurs to Watch](#)



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Innovate UK Young Innovator Megan Jones

Who: Megan Jones, founder of [Curated Makers](#), is providing the bridge between big and small businesses. Megan's pop-up stores are offering meaningful retail opportunities to makers, artists and local craft businesses.

Success: Megan has opened Curated Makers across the UK – including pop-up markets in [John Lewis](#) stores, dedicated shops in Liverpool, Sheffield and various London Underground stations. Megan has also launched a flagship store in the newly transformed [Battersea Power Station](#).



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