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About techUK

techUK represents the companies and technologies that are defining today the world that we will live in tomorrow. Around 850 companies are members of techUK. Collectively they employ more than 700,000 people, about half of all tech sector jobs in the UK. These companies range from leading FTSE 100 companies to new innovative start-ups. The majority of our members are small and medium sized businesses.

techUK is committed to helping its members grow, by:

• Developing markets - techUK works with its members to identify and advance innovation in the key markets representing the most significant opportunities for growth both domestically and internationally.

• Developing relationships and networks - techUK helps companies broaden their network, build connections and deepen relationships with potential customers, partners and suppliers.

• Reducing business costs & risk - techUK affords unique insights on key issues to help members make more informed decisions - and ensure a competitive edge in their markets.

techUK’s commitment to showcasing its work and the work of its members and partners nationwide means we always have relevant, high profile speakers on the key issues concerning the technology sector.

The techUK flagship event programme consists of 10-12 events every year, including drinks receptions, full day conferences and networking dinners. Our flagship events attract delegates from across the tech industry, sector leaders and public sector stakeholders.
Why become a sponsor?

Sponsoring techUK’s flagship events is a fantastic opportunity to promote your company as a thought leader, share a platform with sector leaders, meet key government and regulatory stakeholders, and network with peers and prospects from a range of sectors.

You will be given the opportunity to work closely with the techUK team to shape event content, enabling you to convey key messages and raise your profile amongst industry and policy makers.

All our sponsorship packages contain a range of branding opportunities before, during and after the event across digital, print and social channels. We are always happy to work with you to develop and enhance packages to ensure they are meeting your company’s needs so you will get the most out of sponsorship.

Planning for 2020 is already under way so make sure to get in touch to learn how you can utilise our events by becoming a sponsor.

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Flagship Events | 2020

Dinners

• techUK Annual Dinner

• Defence Dinners | Spring and Winter 2020

• Health and Social Care Industry Dinner

Drinks Receptions

• Justice and Emergency Services Reception

Conferences and Summits

• Building the Smarter State

• Skills and Diversity Conference

• Cyber Innovation Den

• Digital Ethics Summit

In addition to our returning flagship events we are also exploring new events for 2020 and beyond, make sure to sign up to the techUK Flagship Events mailer on our portal to keep up-to-date on new events.
The techUK Annual Dinner is a must attend event for the tech sector. In 2019 the dinner brought together over 500 guests, including almost 100 senior Government and civil service leaders.

The evening begins with a drinks reception, allowing ample networking opportunities, followed by a fabulous dinner and speeches from the country's leading technology stakeholders. Previous speakers include Margot James MP, Minister of State for the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS), Karen Bradley MP, Secretary of State for the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS), Lord Bridges of Headley, and journalists Andrew Neil and Emily Maitlis.

In 2019, the techUK Annual Dinner charity auction raised over £5,000 for ChildNet, a non-profit organisation working with others to help make the internet a great and safe place for children.

Offering unparalleled networking opportunities, with keynote speeches from the country's leading business and technology stakeholders the techUK Annual Dinner is an evening not to be missed.

**2019 Keynote Speakers**

- Rt Hon James Cleverly MP, Chairman of the Conservative Party
- Cathy Newman, Journalist and News Presenter, Channel 4

[www.techuk.org/annual-dinner](http://www.techuk.org/annual-dinner)
The techUK Defence Dinners are an excellent opportunity for techUK members to meet with key stakeholders to discuss where the UK defence technology industry is headed and offer sponsoring companies exceptional opportunities to position your brand as a leading authority and innovator.

The Defence dinners have attracted attendees from MOD Head Office, the three Front Line Commands (FLCs), Information Systems & Services (ISS), and the Defence Science & Technology Laboratories (Dstl). Our Defence dinners are always very popular with members, civil servants, and members of the armed forces alike. The Defence Dinners are growing in popularity, our Defence Winter Dinner 2019 was our biggest yet with over 250 attendees, we expect similar attendee numbers at our Spring Defence Dinner on 22 April 2020.

These dinners are the prime place to engage with the techUK Defence community - individuals, businesses and serving personnel brought together through common interests and goals.

Previous keynote speakers

- Charles Forte, Director General, Chief Information Officer, Ministry of Defence
- Sir Brian Burridge FRAeS, Chief Executive Royal Aeronautical Society
- Air Chief Marshal Sir Stephen Hillier KCB CBE DFC ADC MA, RAF
- General Sir Christopher Deverell KCB MBE ADC, Gen, Commander of Joint Forces Command
- General Sir Gordon Messenger KCB DSO* OBE ADC, Vice Chief of Defence Staff

[www.techuk.org/defence-spring-dinner](http://www.techuk.org/defence-spring-dinner)
Health and Social Care Industry Dinner | November 2020

The annual techUK Health & Social Care Industry Dinner provides a forum for industry to come together to have an informal dialogue around the realities of digital transformation and technology in health and social care. The evening includes informal networking opportunities with representatives from across the industry and keynote speeches from senior figures in industry.

The event provides a significant platform for businesses in the sector to gain visibility, reach key stakeholders and is an excellent opportunity to network with members of techUK Health and Social Care Programme (all dedicated in driving innovation in the industry through the smart use of new intelligent technology).

The Health and Social Care Dinner is growing in popularity each year, the 2019 dinner was our biggest yet, attended by almost 250 delegates - we expect similar numbers in 2020.

Previous keynote speakers

• The Rt Hon Matt Hancock MP, Secretary of State for Health and Social Care (2018)
• Lord O’Shaughnessy, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Health (2017)

www.techuk.org/health-and-social-care-industry-dinner
Justice & Emergency Services Reception | October 2020

This reception is an informal occasion, bringing together industry and public servants interested in the digital transformation of public safety and justice. It is an opportunity to meet fellow members of the supplier community, to hear from senior police figures about the future of digitised justice and emergency services, and to network with colleagues and public sector stakeholders. Previous speakers included Commissioner Cressida Dick CBE QPM of the Metropolitan Police Service and Angus McCallum, Chief Information Officer of the Metropolitan Police Service.

In 2019, the reception brought together over 120 people from industry and the public sector. Representatives from across the criminal justice system spent a highly enjoyable evening mingling with the leading lights of the technology supplier community.

2019 Keynote Speaker

• Martin Hewitt, Chair, National Police Chiefs’ Council

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Building the Smarter State (formerly techUK PS2030) is techUK’s flagship Public Services Conference. For the last five years it has successfully attracted digital leaders from across the breadth of public and the private sectors to showcase how technology is shaping today’s and tomorrow’s public services – helping to build a smarter state.

As well as high-profile keynotes, Building the Smarter State will include dynamic breakout sessions, panel discussions and demo opportunities giving sponsors a variety of options to showcase their work and establish themselves as thought leaders in this space.

Following the success of the 2019 event, which brought together almost 250 delegates - Permanent Secretaries and CDIOs to CEOs and VPs - the 2020 conference will be bigger, more diverse and more exciting than ever.

2019 Keynote Speakers

- Dr Nina Cope, Director General (Capabilities), National Crime Agency
- Simon Hart, Minister for Implementation, Cabinet Office
- Paul Maltby, CDO, Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government
- John Manzoni, Permanent Secretary, Cabinet Office
- Simon McKinnon, CDIO, DWP

[www.techuk.org/building-the-smarter-state](http://www.techuk.org/building-the-smarter-state)
Skills and Diversity Conference | Autumn 2020

The UK’s tech sector is thriving, growing at almost three times the rate of the rest of the economy creating new jobs and opportunities up and down the country. techUK and our members are committed to ensure that these opportunities are open to all. In 2019, techUK was excited to hold its first flagship skills and opportunities conference, Creating Digital Futures.

In 2019 we soft-launched our first ever skills event which showcased the myriad pathways into tech available and explored how we can reach, attract and retain diverse talent. The conference explored how we as a sector can tell our success stories better and ensure that as the economy digitises and the fourth industrial revolution charges ahead, no one is left behind.

In 2020 we will deliver our second skills conference, building on the successes of 2019. The conference offers policymakers and business leaders alike the opportunity to find out what works through interactive workshops throughout the day, take practical actions for implementation and be inspired by new ways of attracting, fostering and retaining talent.

2019 Speakers

- Helen Dalton, Relationship Manager, Institute for Apprenticeships & Technical Education
- Kerry Harrison, Digital Skills Coordinator, Lancashire Local Digital Skills Partnership
- Rachid Hourizi, Director, Institute of Coding
- Samina Kiddier, Policy Delivery Lead, Department for Education
- Priya Ramdas, Digital Skills and Inclusion Team Leader, Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport
- Adele Reynolds, Principal Skills Manager, Greater Manchester Combined Authority
- Chris Skidmore MP, Minister of State for Universities, Science, Research and Innovation

www.techuk.org/creating-digital-futures/about
Cyber Innovation Den | October 2020

In 2019, techUK’s first Cyber Innovation Den brought together cyber practitioners from across government, industry and academia to review and provide insights on the emerging threats and technologies within the cyber security sector - promoting the most innovative cyber security companies and solutions in the UK.

The conference featured senior keynote speakers from government and industry, with delegates hearing about the importance of innovation to the cyber ecosystem, the UK government’s approach to fostering cyber innovation and the emerging threats and technologies shaping the future of the UK cyber security sector. In 2020 we will build upon these discussions and continue to explore the emerging trends and technology within cyber security.

In 2020 we will once again host our Cyber Innovation Pitching Competition. First run in 2019, the competition brings together the most innovative cyber SMEs to pitch their products and services to a panel of expert judges from across the private and public sectors.

2019 Speakers

- Andrew Elliot, Deputy Director, Cyber and Digital Identity, Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS)
- Ashlee Godwin, Communications Lead, Cyber 9/12 UK
- Harry Metcalfe, Co-Founder and CEO, DXW
- Senior Speaker, National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC)

Digital Ethics Summit | December 2020

techUK and partners will bring together academics, philosophers, lawyers, technology experts, policy makers and other key stakeholders at techUK’s annual Digital Ethics Summit.

The Digital Ethics Summit 2019 brought together 350+ delegates to take stock and reflect on developments since the previous conference and question whether digital ethics can provide real answers to touch challenging questions. In 2020 the Digital Ethic Summit will seek to build upon these discussions and examine progress. Through keynotes presentations and breakouts the summit will showcase practical examples of ethics in action and explore the extent to which ethics is having a real impact and delivering genuine benefits to people’s everyday lives.

The Summit is a fantastic opportunity for sponsors to share their ethics stories as development on the summit content is extremely collaborative. techUK works closely with our sponsors and partner organisations (such as Digital Catapult, Royal Society, Open Data Institute, Digital Ethics Lab and more) to develop event sessions and content to ensure that we are advancing the debate and bringing value for our delegates.

2019 speakers

- Elizabeth Denham CBE, UK Information Commissioner, Information Commissioner’s Office
- Lord Tim Clement-Jones, Chair of the Advisory Council, Institute for Ethical AI in Education, Co-Chair, APPG on AI and Former Chair, House of Lords AI Select Committee
- John Thornhill, Innovation Editor, Financial Times
- Mike Clancy, General Secretary and Chief Executive, Prospect Union
- Carly Kind, Director, Ada Lovelace Institute
- Michael Philips, Assistant General Counsel, Microsoft

www.techuk.org/digital-ethics-summit
techUK members who took advantage of these opportunities in 2019
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