



Workforce Digital Skills Summit

2025: Building a future-fit workforce



Date: 30 April 2025
Time: 10am – 3.30pm
Venue: Guildhall, City of London

Headline Agenda

09.30 **REGISTRATION OPENS**

10.00 **FORMALITIES START**

Opening remarks Liz Williams MBE, Chief Executive, FutureDotNow
Sir Peter Estlin, Chair, FutureDotNow

Guest speaker Baroness Jones
Minister for the Future Digital Economy and Online Safety

Session 1: **Presentations and Panel Discussion**

Building the business case: The economic and social value of a digitally capable workforce

Launch of new research on the economic and social value of a workforce with the essential digital skills for work, followed by panel discussion.

Moderator: Holly Chate, Chief Operating Officer, FutureDotNow

Panellists include Dr Dave Smith, National Technology Adviser and Phil Smith CBE, Chair of Skills England

Reflections from the NHS: James Freed, Deputy Director, NHS Digital Academy, followed by table discussions.

Session 2: **Presentation and Panel Discussion**

Facing the future: Building a workforce ready to adapt and prosper

Presentation by Dr Matthew Forshaw, Alan Turing Institute, exploring the link between essential digital skills for work and the rapidly evolving AI landscape, followed by panel discussion.

Moderator: Jitender Arora, CISO, Deloitte

Panellists include Peter Cheese, Chief Executive, CIPD, Tammy Fevrier, Deputy Director, Department for Work and Pensions and Karen Licurse, Managing Director, Digital Boost

13.00- 14:00 **NETWORKING LUNCH**

Session 3: **Interactive workshop**

Impact at scale: Routes to closing the digital skills gap for 20 million

Interactive workshop exploring routes to reach people at scale through the lenses of place, sector, skill area, those not currently in work and reaching young people.

15.30 **EVENT CLOSE**
