

Monday 14 September

	Showcase Cambridge
Venue	The Bradfield Centre
09:00 – 10:00	Registration and Refreshments Atrium
10:00 – 10:05	Welcome from MC: Michaela Eschbach, CEO, Cambridge Wireless and Cambridge Tech Week Steering Committee
10:05 – 10:20	Welcome to Cambridge Science Park – Auditorium Dr Mike Short CBE FREng, Chair of Cambridge Tech Week – Steering Committee, and UK Telecoms Labs James Parton, Managing Director, Bradfield Centre
10:20 – 10:30	Mayor's Opening Address Mayor Paul Bristow, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority
10:30 – 11:10	Beyond the Corridor: How Do Global Innovation Ecosystems Compare and Collaborate? Around the world, ecosystems are making bold bets on AI, quantum, and advanced technologies. The question is not just how these approaches compare, but how they can connect and strengthen one another. Bringing together leaders from across the globe, this session explores how different ecosystems are structuring their innovation ambitions and where collaboration can accelerate progress. Across talent, capital, technology, academia, and infrastructure, many of the same challenges recur, and increasingly, no single ecosystem can solve them alone. The value of this discussion lies not only in comparing approaches, but in identifying what can be shared, scaled, and built together. From practical partnerships between deep tech clusters to ideas and perspectives from more distant or different ecosystems that can spark new approaches to innovation. The discussion will ask: where are ecosystems making real progress, and how can others build on that through collaboration? What do shared challenges, from talent shortages to deep tech commercialisation, look like across different contexts? And crucially, how can international ecosystems work together in ways that enable them to innovate beyond what any one region could achieve alone? Chair: Dr David Cleavelly CBE FREng FIET, Chair of Chemify and Focal Point Positioning Vinny Beranek, Partner, Engine Ventures Tokunboh Ishmael, CFA, Co-Founder & Managing Partner, Alitheia Capital Jaana Tuomi, Chief Executive Officer, Enter Espoo Karen Yu, President, ITIC (Industrial Technology Investment Corporation)
11:10 – 11:40	Refreshment Break Atrium
11:40 – 12:00	Keynote: Cambridge: the Curate's Egg? Martin Rigby, Managing Director, ET Capital Limited
12:00 – 12:45	Cambridge, Oxford, Manchester: What Does Collaboration Deliver? The UK's most significant innovation clusters are no longer operating in isolation. The Oxford-Cambridge Growth Corridor, The Cambridge x Manchester Partnership, and Innovate Cambridge, are each being actively positioned as major assets to the future of innovation in the UK – and together they sit within a broader landscape of national investment in AI, life sciences, materials science, advanced manufacturing, creative industries, quantum, climate tech, and semiconductors. Oxford, Cambridge, and Manchester represent a concentration of capability that is increasingly central to the UK's economic and technological strategy – not as a single homogeneous cluster, but as three distinct ecosystems whose different strengths, sectors, and communities create opportunities that no one city could offer alone. This panel brings together leaders from across that landscape to explore what joined-up working actually delivers: for the UK's GDP, for its global competitiveness, and for the sectors shaping the next

	decade. Panellists will examine how each location's uniqueness – from collective academic research strengths from each cities universities, to Manchester's industrial depth and inclusive growth model, to Oxford's translational science base, to Cambridge's deep tech and venture ecosystem – can unlock opportunities that only emerge through connection. The session will address three core questions: What does inter-city collaboration contribute to the UK's national tech strategy and economic output? How do cross-city programmes and partnerships create value that standalone clusters cannot – and what is the honest answer on where that value is still to be proven? And what should international partners and investors understand about how these collaborations work, and what it would actually take to commit capital to them? • Matt Allen, Executive Director, Oxford-Cambridge Supercluster • Kathryn Chapman, Executive Director, Innovate Cambridge • Faye Holland, Ecosystem Builder, FayeHolland.UK, Partnership Director, The Cambridge x Manchester Partnership
12:45 – 13:00	Keynote: Cambridge Silicon Radio: Going Global • Phil O'Donovan FEng, Entrepreneur, Mentor, Investor and Speaker
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch Atrium
Venue	The Bradfield Centre
14:00 – 14:45	From Collaboration to Scale: Delivering Growth Through Connected Innovation The UK's innovation clusters are increasingly collaborating across regions and internationally. The question is no longer whether collaboration is valuable, but how that collaboration translates into measurable outcomes. How do connected innovation ecosystems attract investment, support scale-up businesses, accelerate commercialisation and strengthen national competitiveness? Bringing together leaders from industry, investment, government and innovation ecosystems, this session will explore what successful collaboration looks like in practice and what is required to convert innovation advantage into long-term economic growth. • Chair: Dr Mike Short CBE FEng, Chair of Cambridge Tech Week – Steering Committee, and UK Telecoms Labs • Mike King, Head of Investment for Southeast of England, Office for Investment • Ceri Morgan CBE, His Majesty's Trade Commissioner for Europe • Magnus Melander, Co-founder & Evangelist, THINGS and Deeptech Advisor, DeepTech Alliance
14:45 – 14:50	Closing Remarks and Introduction to the Afternoon
14:50 – 15:15	Walk to St John's Innovation Centre
Venue	St John's Innovation Centre
	International Tech Innovation & Investment Corridors – In Practise!
15:15 – 15:45	Welcome Drinks & Networking
15:45 – 16:15	Connecting Cambridge with the World's Leading Innovation Ecosystems This panel is dedicated to international innovation corridors, focusing on the collaboration opportunities with a Cambridge-Lausanne corridor, and a Cambridge-US corridor with North Carolina's Research Triangle Park (RTP). • Chair: Kathryn Chapman, Executive Director, Innovate Cambridge • Krista Covey, CEO & President, First Flight Venture Centre • Stephane Dufour, CEO, EPFL Innovation Park • Barnaby Perks, CEO, St John's Innovation Centre
16:15 – 17:15	Scaling Globally: Founder Perspectives from Cambridge, Lausanne and Beyond This session brings together international founders to share how their respective innovation ecosystems have supported international growth, alongside first-hand insights from a Cambridge based entrepreneurs on building global connections through innovation corridors. • Quintana Hoyne, Founder and CEO, Embreier – Lausanne • Anna-Maria Kypraiou, Founder and CEO, EyeSea Green

	• Hamza Munir, Founder, Zambeel Machine Craft • Christopher Rudolf, Founder & CEO, Volv Global • Gayle Storey, Founder & CEO, Tutti Toot
Venue	Merlin Place, Kadan's Science Partner
17:15 – 17:45	Walk to Merlin Place
17:45 – 17:50	Welcome from Event Host • Katie Nelson, Head of Leasing UK, Kadans Science Partner
17:50 – 17:55	Welcome from Cambridge Tech Week Team • Olu Orugboh, Chair, CWConnected, CEO & Co-Founder, Black Talent & Leadership in STEM and CEO, Synergy Solutions
17:55 – 19:30	Drinks Reception & Networking
19:30	Event Ends

Tuesday 15 September – Visionary Tech Day

Corn Exchange

(Innovation Alley open from 10:30 – 16.30 Guildhall)

	Visionary Tech Day
Venue	Corn Exchange
09:00 – 09:50	Registration and Refreshments Foyer
09:50 – 10:00	Opening Welcome MC, Eric Van der Kleij, Co-Founder & General Partner, EdenBase
10:00 – 10:15	Keynote Mary Jones OBE, Director of AI Adoption and Preparedness, Department for Science, Innovation & Technology
10:15 – 10:40	Keynote: Daanish Masood Alavi , Founder & CEO, Cygnus X-1 When We Give AI the Keys to Our Infrastructure, Proof Is Everything We have spent a decade making AI that can generate anything. The systems that keep the lights on, the data centres cool, and the water flowing now need something different: AI that can prove what it does before it acts, and that knows when to stop. As the AI build-out strains the physical infrastructure beneath it, the scarce resource is no longer intelligence; it is verifiable trust. This keynote argues that proof and legitimacy, not power, are the gates the AI economy must pass through.
10:40 – 11:30	Opening Panel: How Deep Tech Changes the World A global conversation on how deep tech is moving out of the lab and into the world, from quantum computing to applied AI, bringing together the researchers, founders and investors turning frontier science into working systems. Chair: Suhair Khan, Founder, Fractal brain and @open-ended Konstantina Palla, Senior Research Scientist, Spotify Lord Kulveer Ranger, The Lord Ranger of Northwood Lisa Shu, Fellow, Renaissance Philanthropy Ilana Wisby, Entrepreneur in Residence, Cambridge Innovation Capital Lucy Yu, CEO, Centre for Net Zero (Octopus Energy Group)
11:30 – 12:00	Refreshment Break Foyer
12:00 – 12:05	Welcome Back MC Eric Van der Kleij, Co-Founder & General Partner, EdenBase
12:05 – 12:50	Sovereign AI: Power, Security and the Race for Strategic Capability Sovereign AI has quickly become one of the most repeated phrases in technology policy, and one of the least clearly defined. Does sovereignty mean national ownership, trusted access, regulatory control, sector-specific capability, data security, or resilience in a more fragmented world? As AI becomes foundational infrastructure, the question is no longer simply who builds the best models. It is who controls the compute, data, energy, talent, capital and security architecture that modern economies will depend on. Britain has committed to a twenty-fold increase in national compute capacity by 2030, launched AI Growth Zones, and begun investing in strategic capability through public infrastructure and research. But sovereign AI is not just an infrastructure challenge. It is also a question of geopolitical positioning, national security, industrial strategy and market design. This session asks what sovereign AI really means in practice: what capabilities must be built at home, where international dependency is unavoidable, which sectors matter most, and how government,

	investors, regulators and industry should act now. The sharper question is not whether sovereign AI matters. It is what kind of sovereignty is actually possible, what kind is desirable, and what choices in the next twelve months will shape Britain's position by 2030. • Chair: Alistair Starling, Founder and Managing Director, European Diplomats OÜ • Simon Fabri, CEO, HMGCC • Dr. Rosemary Francis, Chief Technology Officer, CommonAI Compute • Adie Holt, Founding Defence Lead, Cosine • Victoria Sinel, Non-executive Director, Teens in AI
12:50 – 13:00	Keynote: International Collaboration in era of Frontier technologies • His Excellency Mr Teemu Turunen, Ambassador, Embassy of Finland, London
13:00 – 14:05	Break – chance to visit Innovation Alley
14:05 – 14:10	Welcome Back MC • Eric Van der Kleij, Co-Founder & General Partner, EdenBase
14:10 – 14:20	Keynote: The Innovation Psyche: Why business leaders are turning to deep tech A new era of AI-driven deep tech innovation is here, so what's stopping global business leaders from embracing radical bets? Join CC's Tim Fowler as he explores the innovation psyche. • Tim Fowler, Chief Commercial Officer Cambridge Consultants
14:20 – 15:05	Scaling Intelligence: Powering the AI Economy As AI scales, its real constraints are physical, not digital. This plenary brings together grid operators, data centre leaders, chip providers, and climate-tech founders to examine the energy, water, connectivity and compute bottlenecks shaping the future of AI – and what must change to overcome them. • Chair: Karen Silverman, CEO and Founder, Cantellus group • Max Beverton-Palmer, Head of Public Policy UK, NVIDIA • Sana Khareghani, Chief Strategy Officer, Era4 • Joe Northwood, Director of Portfolio Strategy and Development, National Grid • Sidhartha Sahu, Founder & CEO at VaprTech
15:05 – 15:35	Refreshment Break Foyer
15:35 – 15:40	Welcome Back MC
15:40 – 15:50	Keynote: Building the Infrastructure of the Future: Why High Altitude Platform Systems Matter Historically, economic growth has been enabled by strategic infrastructure, from roads and railways to fibre networks and cloud computing. Today, a new generation of technologies is emerging to support increasingly connected, data-driven and AI-enabled societies. High Altitude Platform Systems (HAPS) have the potential to create a new layer of infrastructure between terrestrial networks and satellites, enabling applications ranging from resilient communications and environmental monitoring to sensing, emergency response and national capability. • Rico Chandra, Programme Director Advanced Research + Invention Agency (ARIA)
15:50 – 16:35	Building the Next Deep Tech Platforms (2026 – 2030) How do you turn world-class science into globally competitive companies? An outlook on the technologies with the potential to become global platforms. This session examines how clusters, capital, and industrial alignment help visionary deep-tech companies scale ideas into category-defining businesses. • Chair: Dame Hayaatun Sillem DBE PhD, Founder & CEO, Argentic Associates • Rachel Finegold, CEO & Co-Founder Frontier Health • Professor Harald Haas, Van Eck Professor of Engineering, University of Cambridge & Director, TITAN Telecoms Hub • Agata Nowicka, Founding Partner, Moonshot Capital • Graham Sills, Co-Founder and Director of AI, Luminance
16:35 – 17:00	Closing Keynote: Intelligence as Infrastructure

	Chips, data and models are becoming the utilities of the next economy, and the countries that decide who gets access will decide who grows. • Kenneth Mulvany, Executive Director and Chair, BenevolentAI
17.00	Closing remarks • Michaela Eschbach, CEO, Cambridge Wireless and Cambridge Tech Week Steering Committee

	The Tech Leaders' Dinner
Venue	The University Arms
18:00 – 18:45	Registration and Drinks Reception
18:45 – 19:00	Call for dinner – guests are seated
19:00 – 20:30	Dinner The Ballroom
	Dinner Sponsor Welcome
	CW Chair Thank-you
20:30 – 21:00	After-dinner Speaker: Technology Drives Revolutions, Revolutions Destroy Technology Technology creates many economic changes, but that makes people afraid. The consequences have the potential to disrupt the economic benefits of technology and create increased economic disruption. • Paul Donovan, Chief Economist, Global Wealth Management, UBS
	CW Chair to thank speaker and close event
21:30	Event close

Wednesday 16 Sept – Startup to Scaleup Day
Corn Exchange
(Innovation Alley open from 10:30 – 16.30 Guildhall)

	Startup to Scaleup Day
Venue	Corn Exchange
09.00 – 10:00	Registration and Refreshments Foyer
10:00 – 10:10	Welcome from MC • Faye Holland, Ecosystem Builder, FayeHolland.UK, Partnership Director, The Cambridge x Manchester Partnership
10:10 – 11:00	Building the Next Global Tech Champions How do early-stage founders make the leap to high-growth scale-ups? This session brings together leaders from the most dynamic growth companies to unpack what it really takes to scale: leadership, talent, capital, international expansion and execution. A practical, high-signal conversation designed to give clear roadmap and direct insight from those who have done it. • Chair: Amali de Alwis MBE, Senior Investor Manager, AWS • Suranga Chandratillake OBE, General Partner, Balderton Capital • Irene Graham OBE, CEO, ScaleUp Institute • Sasha McMurray, Head of Programmes, Deeptech Labs • Chengxi Taylor, Co-Founder & President, General Reasoning & Founder, SEENCLUB
11:00 – 11:15	Keynote: • Debbie Toms, Chief of Staff, Cusp.ai

11:15 – 11:45	Refreshment Break Foyer
11:45 – 11:50	MC Welcome back Faye Holland, Ecosystem Builder, FayeHolland.UK, Partnership Director, The Cambridge x Manchester Partnership
11:50 – 12:30	Capital at Scale: Who Wins the Next Phase of Deep Tech Growth The era of speculative funding is over. Capital is now concentrating around companies that can move from breakthrough to real-world deployment. This session brings together global investors deploying capital across AI, climate and deep tech to explore how investment strategy is shifting as technologies move from discovery to execution. The focus is not just on what is being funded, but where real conviction is forming – across infrastructure, platforms and industrial-scale applications – and what that signals for the next generation of category-defining companies. Panellists will unpack what now separates companies that secure growth capital: technical depth, commercial traction, capital efficiency, and the ability to scale globally from the outset. The discussion will also examine the macro forces shaping investor behaviour, including longer time horizons, higher technical and geopolitical risk, and the continued importance of proximity to leading research and innovation ecosystems such as Cambridge. For founders and ecosystem leaders, this is a direct view of how capital is being allocated today – and what it now takes to build companies that can attract it. Confirmed Speakers: Chair: Sherry Coutu CBE, Chair, SID & FTSE 100 NED Amelia Armour, Partner, Amadeus Capital Partners Tim Guilliams, CEO and Co-founder, Healx Ltd Wootae Kim, Head of Europe, Korea Venture Investment Corporation Tom Wilson, Partner, Seedcamp
	Pitch Competition
12:30 – 12:35	Welcome to the Cambridge Tech Week Pitch Competition Overview of the judging process, timings and audience voting Stage set change
12:35 – 12:38	Sponsor welcome from Mills & Reeve Zickie Lim, Partner & Head of VC & Investments, Mills & Reeve
12:38 – 12:40	Introduction to the Judging Panel Judging Panel: Lead Judge: Zickie Lim, Partner & Head of VC & Investments, Mills & Reeve Marilyna Ioannidou, Director, Metaxi Catalyst Ventures Richard Lewis, Managing Director, Ventures, Foresight Group Emmi Nicholl, CEO, Cambridge Angels
12:40 – 13:30	Finalist Pitches and Judges' Q&A 12:43 – 12:46 (3 mins) Pitch 1: HotHouse Therapeutics Ltd Phil Spence, Head of Informatics & Co-founder 12:46 – 12:49 (3 mins) Pitch 1: Judges Questions 2 min buffer 12:51 – 12:54 (3 mins) Pitch 2: Lambda Energy Ltd - Dr Monica Saavedra, CEO & Founder 12:54 – 12:57 (3 mins) Pitch 2: Judges Questions 2 min buffer

	12:59 – 13:02 (3 mins) Pitch 3: Myonerv • Sam Kamali, CEO 13:02 – 13:05 (3 mins) Pitch 3: Judges Questions <i>2 min buffer</i> 13:07 – 13:10 (3 mins) Pitch 4: Polytecks Ltd • Callan MacDonald, COO 13:10 – 13:13 (3 mins) Pitch 4: Judges Questions <i>2 min buffer</i> 13:15 – 13:18 (3 mins) Pitch 5: Xplore Intelligence • George Arden, Co-founder & CTO 13:18 – 13:21 (3 mins) Pitch 5: Judges Questions 13:21 – 13:26 MC Session Close
13:30 – 14:30	Break – chance to visit Innovation Alley Audience vote opens (13:25 – 13:40) Judges leave for private discussion to finalise winner
14:30 – 14:35	MC Welcome back
14:35 – 14:45	Innovation Alley Pitch session results 14:30 Finalists and sponsors on stage 14:35 Feedback from the judges 14:37 Judges winner announced 14:39 Audience winner announced 14:41 All finalists celebrated, thanks to judges 14:45 pitch event ends
14:45 – 15:30	The (UK) Deep Tech Playbook (2026–2030) An agenda-setting conversation on how deep tech companies can scale over the next five years. Founders, investors, corporate venture leaders, and government innovation leads examine capital stacks, non-dilutive funding, export pathways, and the partnerships required to compete globally as well as offering insights and advice. • Chair: Joanne Hosker, Head of NG Innovation Services, Northern Gritstone • Tom Adeyoola, Executive Chair, Innovate UK • Bradley Jones, Co-Founder and CEO, ThatRound • Owen Thompson, CEO and Co-Founder, Cambridge Future Tech • Dr Christina Yan Zhang, CEO, The Metaverse Institute
15:30 – 16:00	Refreshment Break Foyer
16:00 – 16:05	MC Welcome Back
16:05 – 16:25	Fireside Chat: Building Companies in an Age of Increasingly Intelligent Machines Artificial General Intelligence (AGI) is arriving faster than most organisations are prepared for, and with it, a question that used to sound speculative now demands serious attention: could these systems become conscious? Hyperscalers like OpenAI and Anthropic are already building teams to explore its potential and startups and scaleups need to get on board or risk falling behind. Drawing on themes from the forthcoming book, <i>Perspectives on Machine Consciousness</i>, Calum Chace explores what the path to AGI means for anyone building a company today, answering questions like how close is conscious AI, what would it mean for businesses when it arrives, and why we need diverse voices

	to help shape how it's built and regulated. This session is designed specifically for founders, leaders, and anyone shaping AI strategy that needs to stay ahead of the curve. • Calum Chace, Co-Founder, Conscium • Paula Rogers-Brown, Founder & CEO, PRB Consulting
16:25 – 16:40	Closing Keynote Building the Next Frontier: Creating Companies Around Breakthrough Science Some of the most valuable companies of the next decade will not emerge from incremental innovation, but from breakthroughs that create entirely new markets. Drawing on her experience as founder and CEO of LinkGevity, Dr Carina Kern explores what it takes to transform cutting-edge scientific research into a scalable business with global impact. From identifying commercial opportunities hidden within breakthrough science to attracting talent, investment and long-term belief, this keynote examines how founders can build companies that do more than solve today's problems, they create the industries of tomorrow. • Dr Carina Kern, Founder and CEO, LinkGevity
16:40 – 16:45	MC Wrap up/Closing remarks

Thursday 17 September – Tech Deep Dives

Queens' College

Tech Deep Dives Day: Med Tech/ Health Tech

The future of health tech is not constrained by a lack of innovation, but by the challenge of integrating that innovation into real-world healthcare systems. While breakthrough technologies continue to emerge at pace, the real test lies in how effectively they are translated, adopted and scaled to deliver meaningful patient impact.

This event explores that journey, from the evolution of healthcare systems and infrastructure through the practical realities of adoption, to the delivery of measurable outcomes. It brings together founders, clinicians, policymakers and industry leaders to move beyond theory and showcase what it truly takes to make health technology work in practice.

Structured across three interconnected themes, Systems, Adoption and Impact, the day is designed to balance strategic insight with practical application, ensuring delegates leave with both a clearer understanding of the landscape and tangible takeaways to inform their next steps.

Venue	Tech Deep Dives Day: Queens' College
09:00 – 09.45	Registration and Refreshments
09:45 – 09.50	MC Welcome Prashant Shah, Co-CEO and Co-Founder, o2h group
09:50 – 10.00	Scene setting and introduction to the day Andrew Davies, Executive Director, Digital Health, ABHI
10:00 – 10:15	Opening keynote Professor Shafi Ahmed, Consultant Surgeon and Senior Partner, Purpose Tech Capital

Systems

This session explores how health tech innovation operates within the realities of large-scale, complex healthcare systems. It will provide a clear understanding of system structures, policy direction, and the key shifts shaping care delivery, while focusing on how innovators can successfully navigate this complex environment. Discussion will examine changing care pathways, from hospital to community, and the growing role of data, AI and digital infrastructure. It will also highlight the importance of collaboration across the ecosystem, offering practical insight into how partnerships and networks enable innovation to scale and succeed in real-world healthcare settings, with lessons that translate across health systems globally.

10:15 – 10:25	Systems Keynote Kristin-Anne Rutter, Executive Director, Cambridge University Health Partners
10:25 – 11:05	Systems Panel A discussion on the policies, partnerships and digital infrastructure shaping the future of healthcare delivery, and what innovators need to understand to succeed within complex health systems. Chair: Piers Ricketts, Chief Executive, Health Innovation East Bleddyn Rees, Deputy Chair, Global Health Connector Dr Nnenna Osuji, Chief Executive Officer, North East London Integrated Care Board Dr Michael Watts, Co-founder and CEO of Blüm Health Ltd Dr Adrian Johnston MBE, Innovation Commissioner, Innovation City Belfast
11:05 – 11:25	Systems Solutions and opportunities Short case studies showcasing technologies that are transforming healthcare delivery through real-world deployment, adoption and measurable impact. Giannis Anastasiadis, Head of Government Initiatives, Huma Therapeutics

	• Phil Evans, Director, SCALE Innovation Ltd
11:25 – 11:55	Refreshment Break Bar & Conservatory
11:55 – 12:10	Keynote: Mark Slack, Chief Medical Officer, CMR Surgical Ltd Innovation to Impact: Scaling Robotic Surgery for Better Patient Outcomes Exploring how robotic surgery can dramatically expand access to minimally invasive procedures, while delivering clinical, workforce and economic benefits from training through to implementation.
Adoption This session focuses on the realities of turning innovation into adoption within complex healthcare systems. It will explore why promising technologies often struggle to gain traction, examining key barriers such as regulation, procurement, clinical evidence and scaling challenges. Through real-world founder journeys and practical examples, it will highlight how innovators are navigating these constraints today. The discussion will also consider the role of data, infrastructure and partnerships in enabling deployment, with a strong emphasis on actionable strategies and solution-led insights that support successful implementation in practice.	
12:10 – 12:20	Adoption Keynote • David Lawson, Director, Medtech and Innovation Directorate, DHSC
12:20 – 13:00	Adoption Panel Exploring the practical realities of moving health innovation from concept to implementation, and what it takes to achieve adoption and scale in healthcare. • Chair: Ari Ercole, Consultant in anaesthesia and intensive care medicine, Interim CCIO, Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, Addenbrooke's Hospital • Liz Ashall-Payne, Founder, ORCHA • Dr Andrew Baker-Campbell, Head of HealthTech at TTP PLC Former Chairman and Co-Founder of LEX Diagnostics • Dr Fran Conti-Ramsden, Obstetrics & Gynaecology Registrar/Clinical Lecturer/Chief Medical Officer, Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Trust/King's College London/ Megi Health • Professor George Malliaras FRS, Director, Institute for Biomedical Innovation
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch Bar & Conservatory
14:00 – 14:05	MC Welcome Back – Prashant Shah , Co-CEO and Co-Founder, o2h group
14:05 – 14:25	Adoption Solutions and opportunities Practical examples from innovators overcoming barriers to deployment and bringing new health technologies successfully into clinical practice. • Shuler Xu, Co-founder and CTO, Rapidx Bio • Dr Katerina Spranger, Founder and CEO, Oxford Heartbeat
Impact This session highlights how health technologies move from concept to real-world impact. Through case studies and cross-sector perspectives, it will showcase innovations already delivering measurable clinical, operational and economic outcomes. It will explore how solutions scale from pilot to widespread adoption, including international expansion, while reflecting the diversity of the health tech landscape. The discussion will also consider patient and workforce impact, and the role of data and AI in shaping future care. With a focus on personalised and preventative models, it will offer a forward-looking view of how innovation is driving long-term transformation across healthcare systems.	
14:25 – 14:35	Impact Keynote • Professor George Malliaras FRS, Director, Institute for Biomedical Innovation
14:35 – 15:15	Impact Panel Examining how health technologies are delivering measurable benefits for patients, clinicians and healthcare systems, and what comes next. • Chair: Dr Rozelle C Kane, Practising GP, Clinical lead for digital & innovation CPFT & Founder, EMBLA • Dr Ankeet Tanna, Senior Consultant, Hardian Health

	• Dr Tom Diethe, Executive Director, Discovery AI, Enterprise AI Unit, AstraZeneca • Craig Marshall, Chairman, Panda Surgical
15:15 – 15:45	Refreshment Break Bar & Conservatory
15:45 – 16:05	Impact Solutions and Opportunities Showcasing innovations already demonstrating real-world clinical, operational and economic impact across healthcare. • Ameera Patel, Chief Executive Officer, TidalSense • Benedikt von Thüngen, Founder and CEO, Sanome
16:05 – 16:35	Closing Keynote • Dr Arrash Yassaee, Deputy Director, NHS England
16:35 – 16:45	Wrap up/Closing remarks
16:45	Event close
Gala Drinks Reception	
Venue	Graduate Hotel
18:00	Registration
18:30 – 18:45	Welcome from Cambridge Wireless and our Sponsor
20:15	Event Close

Thursday 17 September – Tech Deep Dives

Guildhall

Tech Deep Dives Day: Quantum & AI and Big Tech Debate

This dedicated deep dive brings together the technologies shaping the next decade of innovation – exploring AI and quantum both as powerful standalone capabilities and as a rapidly emerging, interconnected frontier. The day begins by setting the context, examining where AI stands today, how quantum is developing, and how the relationship between the two is evolving. From there, the focus shifts to real-world challenges and opportunities, moving beyond hype to explore where these technologies are already delivering value, where current limitations remain, and how convergence could unlock new capabilities.

Through a mix of expert panels and a fast-paced showcase of startups and scaling innovators, the programme highlights practical applications across sectors – from early proof of concept through to deployed solutions – offering a grounded view of what is working now and what is coming next. As the day progresses, attention turns to the broader implications of adoption, including trust, ethics and regulation. With AI already raising critical questions around governance, the session explores how to embed responsible innovation from the outset in quantum development, and what organisations must do to build systems that are not only powerful, but trusted. Looking ahead, the final discussions take a forward view to 2030, examining how these technologies will evolve, the industries they will reshape, and how organisations can position themselves to take advantage of the opportunities ahead. The day concludes with the Cambridge Tech Week Big Tech Debate, bringing a provocative and engaging close to the programme.

Venue	The Guildhall
09:00 – 10:00	Registration and Refreshments
10:00 – 10:05	MC Welcome • Roger McKinlay, Chair, UKQuantum
10:05 – 10:15	Framing/Scene setting: AI

	• Sara El-Hanfy, Director of Artificial Intelligence & Digital, Innovate UK
10:15 – 10:25	Framing/Scene setting: Quantum • Sir Peter Knight, Chair of the Strategic Advisory Board of the UK National Quantum Technology Programme
10:25 – 11:15	From Hype to Need: The Hard Problems Driving AI and Quantum Adoption What are the real-world problems that demand both AI and quantum innovation? What are the industry pain points e.g. compute constraints, optimisation challenges, energy demands, trust and security. How do current AI solutions perform, and where they fall short. From there, we examine where quantum technologies may unlock new capabilities, particularly in simulation, optimisation and complex system modelling. • Chair: Ilana Wisby, Entrepreneur in Residence, Cambridge Innovation Capital • Josh Clark, Quantum Research Lead, Qubiterra • Sara Duodu, Programme Manager, Quantum and Digital Twins, techUK • Tim Ensor, Executive Vice President & Global Head of AI, Cambridge Consultants • Jouni Flyktman, Vice President, Defence and Security, IQM Quantum Computers
11:15 – 11:45	Refreshment Break Small Hall Guildhall
11:45 – 12:45	Showcase: From Proof of Concept to Deployment A rapid-fire session spotlighting startups and scaling innovators turning AI and quantum into real-world applications. Covering practical use cases across industries, this showcase explores what it takes to move from concept to deployment, where value is already being realised, and what is coming next. • Alexander Jantzen PhD, Co-Founder & COO, Aquark Technologies • Tony Lowe, CEO Delta.g • Dr Jaymin Patel BSc (Hons) MBBS FRCR, Co-Founder, Chief Operating Officer Hexarad,, Consultant Radiologist • Richard Murray PhD, Co-founder, CEO, ORCA Computing • Evan Sheridan, Senior Quantum Algorithms Scientist, Phasecraft
12:45 – 13:45	Break
13:45 – 13:50	MC Welcome Back • Dr Christina Yan Zhang, CEO, The Metaverse Institute
13:50 – 14:05	Keynote: The Future of Human Intelligence: How AI is Transforming Brain Health and Medicine • Professor Barbara Sahakian, Professor of Clinical Neuropsychology, University of Cambridge Department of Psychiatry
14:05 – 14:55	Panel: Building AI x Quantum Responsibly: Trust, Ethics, Regulation and Readiness With AI already raising questions around trust, transparency and ethics, what lessons can be learned and applied as quantum technologies develop? This discussion explores how existing regulatory approaches to AI may extend to quantum, and where new challenges could emerge as the technology matures. From regulatory uncertainty and evolving frameworks to data integrity and national security, we consider how to embed responsible innovation from the outset, and how to build systems that are not just powerful, but trusted. • Chair: Jonathan Legh-Smith, Executive Director, UKQuantum • Raluca Crisan, CTO, Co-founder EtIQ AI • Anna Knack, Defence AI Policy Lead, AI for Data-Driven Advantage (AIDA) research centre, The Alan Turing Institute • Claudia Perry, Senior Digital Science Associate, Chair of UKQuantum's Responsible Quantum Innovation Working Group • Fern Watson, Financial Conduct Authority, Manager, Emerging Tech & Research
14:55 – 15:25	Refreshment Break Small Hall Guildhall

15:25 – 15:30	MC Welcome Back
15:30 – 16:15	Panel: Looking Ahead: AI, Quantum and the Road to 2030 As AI becomes foundational and quantum capabilities develop, what comes next? This forward-looking session explores the long-term trajectory of these technologies, the industries they will reshape, and the opportunities on the horizon. It also considers how organisations can prepare for workforce transformation and new roles emerging at the AI-quantum interface. • Chair: Karina Robinson, CEO, Redcliffe Advisory, Founder of The City Quantum & AI Summit • Prof. Charlotte Deane MBE FRS, Executive Chair of EPSRC • Priya Guha MBE, NED & Advisor, Various • Stuart Nicol Chief Investment Officer, Quantum Exponential
16:15 – 16:40	Closing Fireside Chat: The New Engines of Growth: AI, Quantum and the Economy Ahead • Daniel Doll-Steinberg, Co-founder, EdenBase • Edie Lush, Journalist, MC & Communication Trainer, Edie Lush Ltd
16:40 – 16:45	Wrap up/Closing remarks
16:45 – 16:55	10 min Turn around / comfort break
	The Big Tech Debate
Venue	The Guildhall
16:55 – 17:55	Dual Use Tech: Redrawing the Line Between Civilian and Defence Innovation Dual-use technology is rapidly reshaping the relationship between civilian and defence innovation. Civilian sectors now drive advances in AI, drones and quantum, leaving defence exposed if it stays at arm's length. With military R&D overshadowed by big-tech investment, closer alignment feels financially inevitable, and some argue that civilian norms could even raise ethical standards. In this view, technology is neutral, governance determines its impact, and democracies should actively harness innovation wherever it emerges. The counter argument warns that merging these worlds carries serious democratic risks. As defence work shifts into civilian companies, oversight weakens, researchers may be drawn into weapons development without consent, and open ecosystems become channels for proliferation. The same technologies that strengthen security and resilience can also be adapted for offensive use or misused at scale, raising difficult questions about accountability and control. Power risks consolidating in a small, unaccountable tech elite. Some argue that resisting integration simply concedes the technological edge to authoritarian states. Others insist that democracies must preserve clear boundaries between civilian and military activity, even at strategic cost. Expect a fast, provocative exchange on whether the erosion of this boundary is a necessary evolution or a step too far. Speakers: • Chair: Edie Lush, Journalist, MC & Communication Trainer, Edie Lush Ltd • Shane Mason, Founder & Director, Strategical • Andy Bailey, Coordinator, UK Campaign to Stop Killer Robots • Hetti Barkworth-Nanton CBE, CEO, Ploughshare and Chair, TAG Alliance • Adam Smith, Technology Advocacy Officer, Privacy International
17:55 – 18:00	Wrap up/Closing remarks
	Gala Drinks Reception
Venue	Graduate Hotel
18:00	Registration
18:30 – 18:45	Welcome from Cambridge Wireless and our Sponsor
20:15	Event Close

FRINGE EVENTS

Date	Time	Company	Event	Location
14 September	09:00 – 18:00	Resilience Nexus	Main Programme Fringe Inside-Out Innovation: Unlocking the Wisdom of the Family Office	Cambridge
14 September	16:30 – 19.30	Mishcon de Reya	Cambridge Tech Showcase – Mishcon de Reya and BDO	Mishcon de Reya, Four Station Square, Cambridge, CB1 2GE
14 September	12:00 – 14:00	o2h Group	Cambridge TechBio Caucus: How is AI Being Used in Life Sciences Today?	Hauxton House, Cambridge, Cambridgeshire
15 September	15:30 – 17:30	Advantage Austria	Main Programme Fringe Austria x Cambridge: A Global DeepTech Exchange	St Catharine's College
15 September	08:00 – 09:00	Birketts	Birketts Cambridge Tech Week Breakfast 2026	Birketts LLP, 22 Station Rd, Cambridge CB1 2JD
15th September	11:30 – 13:00	S&W	Realising the real value of AI: How companies in the East of England can make AI work for them	The Glass House, Innovate Cambridge
15 September	12:00 – 14:00	St. Johns Innovation Centre	The Past, Present and Future of Europe's First Innovation Centre: How St John's Innovation Centre continues to give ambitious innovators the best possible chance of success.	Mishcon de Reya, Four Station Square, Cambridge, CB1 2GE
15 September	18:00 – 21:00	Rathbones	AI Beyond the Hype: Building, Trusting and Scaling Real-World Technology	Market House, Cambridge
16 September	17:00 – 19:30	Deloitte	Main Programme Fringe Deloitte Invites you to our Gen AI Workforce Survey Findings launch	Deloitte 1 Station Square Cambridge CB1 2GA
16 September	16:30 – 18:30	Marks & Clerk	Fireside chat: From University Spin-Out to Global Scale-Up – How IP Powered the Cambridge GaN Devices Journey	Marks & Clerk, 62-68 Hills Road, Cambridge CB2 1LA
16 September	16:00 – 18:00	HCR Law	Future Workspaces: Human leadership in a tech-excited world	Emmanuel College, St Andrew's Street, Cambridge, CB2 3AP
16 September	17:30 – 20:00	Culbert Ellis	TechLaw on Tap	The Cambridge Tap (Upstairs Bar)
18 September	8:00 – 13:30	Cambridgeshire Chamber of Commerce and Industry	Main Programme Fringe Manufacturing, Defence and Security Summit	The Welding Institute
18 September	13:00 – 17:00	Anglia Ruskin University	Trusted AI Showcase: From Industry Leaders to Future Innovators	ARU Cambridge, LAB003 Cambridge, Cambridgeshire
18 September	08:30 – 11:00	Innovate Cambridge	Open Coffee Cambridge	The Glasshouse, Innovate Cambridge
18 September	12:00 – 14:00	Stratagem IP	Patent, Publish or Keep Quiet? Knowing When To Register Your Rights and When Not To	Stratagem IP, Meridian Court,

				Comberton Rd, Toft, Cambridge CB23 2RY
18 September	12:00 – 14:00	Wellcome Genome Campus	The first Quantum Advantage – Genomics and Molecular simulation	Wellcome Genome Campus, Cambridge
18 September	13:00 – 17:00	Cambridge Collaborative Ventures	The Cambridge AI x Robotics Roundtable	Cambridge Central Library
18 September	18:00 – 20:00	King’s Entrepreneurship Lab	King’s E-Lab Networking Event	King’s College Fellows Garden

ROUNDTABLE

Date	Time	Company	Event	Location
17 September	11:00 – 13:30	RAND Europe	Governing AI in Critical National Infrastructure: Risks, Resilience and Readiness	Guildhall Committee rooms 1 & 2 (second floor)