

Cambridge Wireless Content Production and Delivery SIG
'Tools and Technologies Shaping Business models for the Broadcast Industry'
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This SIG is championed by David Crawford, **University of Essex & Ravensbourne University**, Susan Hewitt, **Hewitt Innovation**, Tony Lavender, **Lavender Consulting & Chris Nokes, Ofcom**

Venue: Digital Catapult, 101 Euston Rd, Kings Cross, London, NW1 2RA
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Draft AGENDA

13:30	Registration over tea & coffee
14:00	Welcome from Cambridge Wireless Michaela Eschbach, CEO of Cambridge Wireless
14:05	Welcome from Digital Catapult
14:15	Session 1: Chaired by Tony Lavender, Lavender Consulting & Cambridge Wireless SIG Champion
14:15	'Creativity, Convergence, and Foresight: a research ecology surfacing the future of media production from the CoSTAR Foresight Lab' Professor Jonny Freeman, Director CoSTAR Foresight Lab and Managing Director i2 Media Research Limited
14:35	Q&A
14:40	'AI, Streaming and Advertisement - New Methods, Challenges and Solutions in a Rapidly Changing Landscape' Susan Hewitt, Founder, Hewitt Innovation
15:00	Q&A
15:05	Refreshments & Networking
15:40	Session 2: Chaired by Chris Nokes, Ofcom & Cambridge Wireless SIG Champion
15:45	'Modernising Media Creation & Delivery' Gerard Phillips, Technical Lead Systems Engineering, Arista
16:15	Q&A
16:20	'Virtual Production Trends' James Uren, Technical Director, Mo-Sys Engineering Ltd
16:45	Q&A
16:50	'Holodeck or The Matrix? - A look into the crystal ball of content' A fireside chat with Matt Stagg, MTech Sport & Professor David Crawford, University of Essex & Ravensbourne University
17:15	Concluding remarks & event closes

With the permission of the speakers, presentations will be available following the event

Profile of organiser

Cambridge Wireless - www.cambridgewireless.co.uk

Cambridge Wireless (CW) is a global not-for-profit membership organisation at the forefront of innovation in connectivity and digital technology. Since 2000, CW has united industry leaders across connected devices, networks, software, data analytics, telecoms, satellites, and more. CW exists to champion and connect the global connectivity and digital technology community. We bring our members together to foster innovation, enable collaboration, and provide opportunities for continuous learning and professional growth. From flagship conferences and Special Interest Groups (SIGs) to networking events, strategic innovation projects, and skills development, our programmes create valuable opportunities for members. With headquarters at the heart of Cambridge, UK, CW partners with other international industry clusters and organisations to extend its reach and remain at the forefront of global developments and business opportunities. www.cambridgewireless.co.uk

Profile of Event Host

Digital Catapult - www.digicatatapult.org.uk

Digital Catapult is the UK authority on advanced digital technology. Through collaboration and innovation, we accelerate industry adoption to drive growth and opportunity across the economy. We bring together an expert and enterprising community of researchers, startups, scaleups and industry leaders to discover new ways to solve big challenges that will unlock the UK's future potential. Through our specialist programmes and experimental facilities, we make sure that innovation thrives and the right solutions make it to the real world. Our goal is to accelerate new possibilities in everything we do and for every business we partner with the journey – breaking down barriers, de-risking innovation, opening up markets and responsibly shaping the products, services and experiences of the future. Digital Catapult is part of the Catapult Network that supports businesses in transforming great ideas into valuable products and services. We are a network of world-leading technology and innovation centres established by Innovate UK.

Profile of SIG Champions

This event has been organised and delivered by the Content Production and Delivery Group and we are very grateful to our Industry Champions who are;

- **Professor David Crawford, University of Essex & Ravensbourne University** - www.ravensbourne.ac.uk
- **Susan Hewitt, Founder, Hewitt Innovation**
- **Tony Lavender, Lavender Consulting**
- **Chris Nokes, Senior Technical Advisor, Ofcom** - www.ofcom.org.uk

Further information about our Champions and the activities of this SIG Group can be found at the CW website www.cambridgewireless.co.uk/groups/content

Profile of Speakers

Professor Jonny Freeman, Director CoSTAR Foresight Lab and Managing Director i2 Media Research Limited - <https://www.gold.ac.uk/psychology/staff/freeman>

Professor Jonny Freeman is a specialist in creative arts and media research, with a combined academic and commercial focus on digital media psychology. From a starting point of fundamental research and methods he leads his teams to generate impact through application of their interdisciplinary approach to work at the intersection of the Creative Industries, Psychology, Design, and Computing. He does this through a unique range of roles: Director of the CoSTAR Foresight Lab; Academic Lead for Knowledge Exchange and Professor of Psychology at Goldsmiths; and founder and Managing Director of Goldsmiths' spin-off company, i2 media research limited.

Susan Hewitt, Founder, Hewitt Innovation

Susan Hewitt brings over 25 years of experience in the technology industry, spanning roles in both large and small companies. Most recently, she served as the Chief Technology Officer and Managing Director of the European subsidiary of Ryff Inc., a Hollywood-based ad-tech company. Susan's expertise encompasses AI and computer vision development, software design, and semiconductor technologies, with a particular focus on GPUs and multimedia

designs. Her career has afforded her extensive international experience, having worked in the Americas, Europe, India, and Asia. Susan has contributed to well-known tech giants such as Arm, AMD, ATI, and Texas Instruments.

Gerard Phillips, Technical Lead Systems Engineering, Arista - www.arista.com

Gerard is a Systems Engineer and M&E Technical Lead at Arista Networks, a role which involves providing deep technical and architectural support to customers during the design, installation and running of complex IP infrastructure, with a focus on the Media Vertical. Before joining Arista 8 years ago, Gerard spent 22 years at the cutting edge of broadcast technology development with Snell and Wilcox, Snell and finally SAM. You'll find Gerard listed as one of the contributors to the VSF's TR-03, much of which eventually became ST2110. Gerard is an AMWA board member for Arista Networks. This mix of broadcast heritage, and deep understanding of the world of Ethernet/IP switching and routing allows Gerard to provide invaluable support to broadcasters looking to make the move from legacy workflows to IP based infrastructures.

James Uren, Technical Director, Mo-Sys Engineering Ltd, www.mo-sys.com

James Uren is the Technical Director at Mo-Sys Engineering and on-set Virtual Production Supervisor. Mo-Sys design and build robotics, tracking systems and software for film and television that enable visual effects and virtual production. Credits include The Curious Case of Benjamin Button, The Social Network, Life of Pi, The Shape of Water and Aquaman, and serial television credits include Stranger Things, House of Cards, Sherlock, Orange is the New Black among many more. In broadcast Mo-Sys have supported the likes of the BBC, ESPN, FOX, Sky and The Weather Channel. Mo-Sys' precision tracking technology opens the door to full virtual production, where real-time graphics engines such as Unreal Engine can be used to create photo-real visual effects, and aid pre-production, production and post.

Matt Stagg

With over 30 years of experience across sport, media and telecoms, Matt Stagg is an award-winning creative technologist and the founder of MTech Sport. He works with leading broadcasters, rights holders and global technology companies to drive innovation from strategy through to delivery, covering product development, technology integration, marketing and fan engagement. Matt is known for his sleeves-rolled-up approach. He doesn't just advise – he gets involved, builds, shapes and delivers. He focuses on how technology can transform storytelling, elevate fan experiences and unlock new creative and commercial models across live, immersive and interactive formats. Beyond consultancy, Matt is a respected industry commentator and a regular contributor to leading publications. He is a frequent speaker at major global events and collaborates with startups, accelerators and innovation programmes to turn ambitious ideas into meaningful, real-world outcomes. Matt plays a key role in shaping the future of sport, media and telecoms by combining deep technical insight with commercial acumen and creative vision.

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