



2026 CPHC Conference Manchester Metropolitan University Business School

Schedule & biographies

Day 1: Thursday 16th April

From 09:30	REGISTRATION
10:00-10:15	Welcome from the host – Vice-Chancellor Professor Malcolm Press CBE DL
10:15-11:15	Talk/Q&A: AI & Digital Ethics and Policy – Tadhg Hickey , AICC
11:15-11:45	NETWORKING BREAK
11:45-12:45	Panel discussion: Market employment trends for Computer Science graduates – Nicky Danino , Chair of CPHC, Emma Grant , Manchester Digital, Tadhg Hickey , AICC and Emily Timson , Leeds Trinity University
12:45-14:00	NETWORKING LUNCH
14:00-15:15	Talk/Q&A: Wonkhe – Jim Dickinson
15:15-15:55	World Café: Leading in a time of uncertainty – Nicky Danino , Chair of CPHC, Jim Dickinson , Wonkhe and Kate Hone , Brunel University London
16:00-16:30	Talk/Q&A: Computer Science as a civic force – Damien Foster , Aston University
16:45-17:15	CPHC AGM – Nicky Danino
19:00-21:30	NETWORKING DINNER (North Atrium, MMU Business School) – James Davenport , CPHC Vice Chair ‘Universities and the Digital Divide’

Day 2: Friday 17th April

09:30-10:00	Engagement with academia as part of BCS's 2030 Strategy – Sharron Gunn , BCS CEO
10:00-10:40	Workshop: Essential knowledge & skills for entry to computer science degrees – Julia Adamson MBE , Niel McLean OBE , BCS
10:40-11:10	Talk/Q&A: Research Culture – Jane Hillston MBE , University of Edinburgh
11:10-11:30	NETWORKING BREAK
11:30-12:15	Workshop: CPHC Special Project Grants – Steve Riddle , Newcastle University
12:15-13:15	Workshop: Funding – Silvester Czanner , University of Chester; Damien Foster , Aston University; Daniela Tresoldi , EPSRC; Moi Hoon Yap , MMU; Ashok Keerthi , University of Manchester; Timothy Burnett , University of Manchester; Ben Scott , EPSRC
13:15-13:30	Wrap up
13:30-14:30	NETWORKING LUNCH & close