



## Parliamentary Internet Communications and Technology Forum

### Programme of Events 2017

This provisional programme of events is based on securing certain levels of sponsorship and membership. With further sponsorships and memberships Pictfor would intend to expand our programme of events. Timings of events are subject to change and exact speakers are to be confirmed.

#### **Monday 23 January from 19:00**

*CEO Forum in the House of Lords with Malcom Harbour CBE*

*Hosted by Baroness Masham of Ilton*

Theme: Brexit and the Digital Single Market

Title: What is the vision for Digital Britain?

Covering:

- the UK tech sector's potential for new interactions in the global marketplace
- the framework that would best support the internet and tech sector
- options for driving digital growth

#### **Monday 30 January 14:00-16:00**

*Members event in Portcullis House*

*Hosted by Pictfor Co-Chair Chi Onwurah MP*

Theme: Promoting tech skills and protecting diversity online; the changing nature of communication and preventing harassment through social media

Title: Towards an innovative citizenry: How do we develop a tech savvy inclusive society?

Covering:

- boosting tech skills through the UK's education system and apprenticeships
- promoting tech and digital skills through lifelong education and training
- overcoming existing barriers to getting more people online and working in the tech sector

#### **Monday 20 February 19:00-21:00**

*Members event in Portcullis House*

*Hosted by Pictfor Co-Chair Matt Warman MP*

Theme: Local digital growth

Title: How can the UK drive local digital growth?

Covering:

- examining current levels of UK local and regional digital capacity
- identifying latent growth potential
- focusing on policies that encourage more digital growth around the UK

#### **Tuesday 14 March 16:00**

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### March

*Members event*

Theme: International Trade and Brexit

Covering:

- How can we secure access to the Digital Single Market?
- What kind of EU do we want to trade with?
- How should the tech sector respond to Brexit?

### April

*CEO Forum*

Theme: The internet of things, cybersecurity and privacy

Covering:

- As we are living more of our lives online and our data is collected and stored, how do we protect our right to privacy?
- What are the advantages of using big data across government?
- What will secure online identities enable us to do?
- Jurisdiction: How can/should UK legislation apply to companies based internationally?
- What is the risk imposed by the expanding internet of things?
- What can be done to mitigate this risk?

### May

*Parliamentary breakfast briefing*

Theme: Connectivity

Covering:

- 5G
- Broadband rollout
- Digital divide
- Universal access to broadband
- Internet of Things

### June

*Members event in Newcastle*

Theme: Tech in the Northern Powerhouse

Covering:

- How can we facilitate growth outside of London?
- The role of local government

### July

*Summer drinks reception*

Theme: Demo day

Covering

- Where are we now with tech in the UK?
- Automation: Opportunities and challenges – How can we ensure the next wave of innovation is in the interests of citizens?

### August

*New and young members reception in London's Silicon Roundabout*

Theme: Introduction to Pictfor for new and young members and potential members



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### **September**

*Members event – special guest lecture*

Theme: Exploring the wider issues; the future of technology

Covering

- What is the future of innovation?
- How will future technology change our lives?
- What impact will tech make on the socioeconomic makeup of the UK?

### **October**

*Members event in Shoreditch*

Theme: Upcoming legislation

Covering:

- How can we assess the value of tech to the UK economy?
- What are the major changes coming?
- Does current legislation protect intellectual property effectively?
- Are current targets enough for digital infrastructure?
- How can VCs and Angels be better supported?
- How can we ensure that the Digital Strategy is the cornerstone of the evolving industrial strategy?

### **November**

*Parliamentary breakfast briefing*

Theme: TBC

*CEO Forum*

Theme: TBC - Skills/apprenticeships levy or tech finance

### **December**

*Annual Dinner*

Theme: UK as a global destination for tech and innovation