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Parliamentary Internet Communications and Technology Forum

Programme of Events 2017

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<u>January</u>

Brexit and the Digital Single Market CEO Forum
Title: What is the vision for Digital Britain?
Date: Monday 23 January from 19:00 in House of Lords
Hosted by Baroness Masham of Ilton
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
Speakers:
- Malcolm Harbour CBE, a Director at the Digital Policy Alliance, key player in shaping the digital single economy and former MEP
- Jacqueline Foster MEP, Deputy Leader of the Conservatives in the European Parliament

Skills and Diversity Members Event
Title: Towards an innovative citizenry: How do we develop a tech savvy inclusive society?
Date: Monday 30 January 2017 14:00-16:00 in House of Commons
Hosted by Pictfor Co-Chair and Shadow Minister for Industrial Strategy Chi Onwurah MP
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
Speakers:
- Neil Carmichael MP, Chair of the Education Select Committee
- Yvette Cooper MP – Recl@im the Internet
- Doniya Soni, Policy Manager – Skills, Talent and Diversity, TechUK
- Alex Krasodomski-Jones, Researcher, Centre for the Analysis of Social Media at Demos
- Liz Williams, Director of Tech Literacy and Education Programmes, BT and Chair of the Good Things Foundation
- Amali de Alwis, Chief Executive, Code First: Girls
- Chair: Joanne Cumper, Managing Consultant Technology EMEA, Korn Ferry Futurestep

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<u>February</u>

Driving Digital Growth Members Event
Title: How can the UK drive local digital growth?
Date: Monday 20 February 19:00-20:30 in Portcullis House
Hosted by Pictfor Co-Chair Matt Warman MP
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

Speakers:
- Mims Davies MP, PPS to Matt Hancock, Minister of State for Digital and Culture
- Louise Haigh MP, Shadow Minister for the Digital Economy
- Richard Gregory, Director of Tech North
- John Spindler, CEO, Capital Enterprise
- Rob Bishop, Co-Founder, Magic Pony Technology
- Chair: Max Wind-Cowie, Deputy Director, ResPublica and Director of ResPublica North

<u>March</u>

AGM Parliamentarians-only
Date: Tuesday 14 March 16:00-16:30 in Portcullis House

Brexit and the Future of UK Tech CEO Forum
Date: Tuesday 28 March 8:30 AM in the House of Lords
Hosted by Lord McNally
Covering:
- Jurisdiction
- What are the biggest threats and opportunities resulting from Brexit? How should the government and the tech sector respond?
- In light of Britain exiting the EU, what should Britain make a priority? What does the UK do well already and what sectors should we seek to excel in?
- How can the tech sector combine with other leading UK sectors to innovate and become world-leaders, for example our world-renowned universities?
- What regulations need to be in place to support a fully digital and internationally competitive digital Britain?
- How can we secure a vibrant digital future?

Speaker: Lord Bridges, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Department for Exiting the EU

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<u>April</u>

Industrial Strategy and the Internet, Communications and Tech Sectors Members Event
Covering:
- Connectivity
- R&D investment
- Supporting small businesses
- Procurement
- Market access
- Industrial digitalization
- Using government data to identity how to scale businesses up

International Trade, Brexit and the Tech Sector Members Roundtable
Covering:
- The tech sector and interaction with the global marketplace
- How can we secure access to the Digital Single Market? How can we stay equivalent with the digital single market?
- How can the UK take advantage of the EU's common market both as businesses based in the UK and as UK consumers of EU digital goods and services?
- What kind of EU do we want to trade with?
- How can we eliminate barriers to export?
- What opportunities in international trade are now available?
- What countries and industries should the UK prioritize trade agreements for?
- What are the benefits of trade to the tech sector and the UK? What access is the most crucial to the UK tech sector?

<u>May</u>

5G and Connectivity Parliamentary Briefing
Covering:
- 5G
- Broadband rollout
- Universal access to broadband
- Digital divide

Artificial Intelligence Special Keynote Speech
Date: 16 May 12:30 in the Palace of Westminster
More details TBA

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June

Tech in the Northern Powerhouse Members Event in Newcastle
Covering:
- How can we facilitate growth outside of London?
- The role of local government?
- Tech for good

July

Current Tech and Connectivity Summer Drinks Reception
Theme: Where are we now in the internet, communications and technology sectors?
Date: Monday 10 July 16:00-18:00 in the House of Commons
Covering:
- UK communications now: regulation and connectivity
- How connected are we now and where do we need to be in the immediate future to support Britain as a growing digital economy? Should we look at internet access as a public utility or a human right?
- Where are we with tech in the UK?
- Automation: Opportunities and Challenges – How can we ensure the next wave of innovation is in the interests of citizens?

Speaker: Sharon White, Chief Executive, Ofcom
Further details TBA

August

New and Young Members Reception in London's Silicon Roundabout
Theme: The future of tech
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?

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September

Data: Opportunities and Threats Members Event in Shoreditch

Covering:

- How can we assess the value of tech to the UK economy? How can we encourage more trust in the tech sector?
- What is big data? What are the opportunities presented by big data? What can it enable us to do? Should sharing of data between service providers be allowed and what would that enable?
- What are the challenges presented by big data and the internet of things? What do we need to watch out for?
- How susceptible are we to cybersecurity risks? How does the expanding internet of things exacerbate this? What can we do to mitigate risk?
- Do people feel they have privacy online? What level of privacy are we entitled to? Who owns what data?
- What are the implications of the Investigatory Powers Bill? What about the child protection in the Digital Economy Bill?
- How is our personal data protected and regulated? Do we need more or less protection/regulation?
- Should the UK follow General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)? Does current legislation protect intellectual property effectively?
- Are current targets enough for digital infrastructure, especially with the ever-expanding internet of things?

October

Internet of Things Parliamentary Briefing

Details TBA

November

Cybersecurity in light of the IOT and Privacy CEO Forum

Covering:

- Next generation cyber crime – what threats should Britain be ready to tackle?
- 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?

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December

Annual Dinner
Theme: UK as a global destination for tech and innovation
Please note: There is an additional charge to attend this event.

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