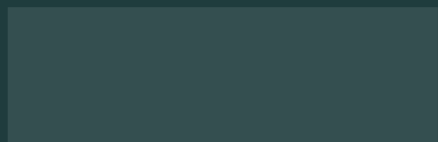
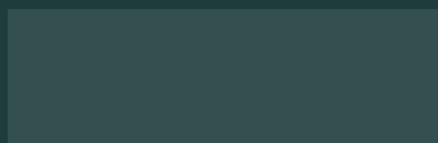
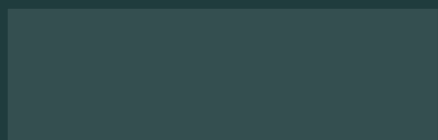


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EVENT AGENDA



TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
08:30	BREAKFAST	
09:00	WELCOME	Nathan Lunt (DIOM)
09:05	CONFERENCE OPENING	Hon. Tim Johnston MHK (Enterprise Minister)
09:15	DIGITAL ISLE OF MAN UPDATE: REFLECTING PROGRESS, DEFINING THE FUTURE An overview of key milestones from the past year and a forward look at the 2026 Programme, with priorities centred on innovation, resilience, and sustainable digital growth across the Island.	Lyle Wraxall (DIOM)
09:45	ESTABLISHING THE AI OFFICE: FOUNDATIONS FOR A NATIONAL APPROACH This session outlines early thinking and next steps for the creation of a national AI Office. Developed in close collaboration with key stakeholders, it offers a first look at how the Island will provide trusted leadership in AI adoption, ethics, and innovation.	Lyle Wraxall (DIOM), Eric Applewhite (Deloitte)
10:30	COFFEE BREAK	
11:00	SHAPING THE FUTURE DATA ECONOMY Explore how the IOM is leading a world-first model for trusted, monetisable data through the Data Asset Foundation initiative. This session highlights the strategic value of data, practical opportunities for businesses, and why the Island is uniquely positioned to lead.	Miles Benham (MannBenham Advocates), Stuart Squires (Amplifi), Mark Davies (Element22), Richard MacNee (ILS World), Aga Strandskov (DIOM)
11:45	WORKING TOGETHER FOR A THRIVING BUSINESS COMMUNITY Collaboration is more than a strength — it is the foundation of future success. This session explores how a shared vision between industry and government can unlock new opportunities, strengthen resilience, and ensure the Isle of Man remains a vibrant and competitive place for businesses to grow & thrive.	Nathan Lunt (DIOM), Lyle Wraxall (DIOM), Andrew Stewart (DfE), Richard Slee (IOD), Claire Watterson (Chamber of Commerce)
12:30	LUNCH	
13:30	GLOBAL PARTNERSHIPS: UNLOCKING GCC MARKET OPPORTUNITIES As the Middle East strengthens its position as a digital hub, this session explores how the IOM can align with the region's expanding digital ambitions. Drawing on new research and strategic insights, it examines opportunities for collaboration, knowledge exchange, and long-term international growth.	Dr Laura Cretney (AI Ishara Consulting)
14:10	CONTINUING OUR COMMITMENT TO iGAMING This session reflects on the importance of the iGaming sector to the IOM and reaffirms Government's commitment to its ongoing support. In a changing global landscape, we explore how we can continue to work collaboratively with industry to ensure a responsible, well-regulated and valued sector.	David Artus (Domicilium), Lyle Wraxall (DIOM), Carly Stratton (Manavia), Johan Bondegreen (Mayfly), Kristy Maxwell (Affinity Group)
14:40	MAKING AI WORK FOR YOU Discover how interactive learning can make AI accessible, relevant and valuable for everyone. Hi-Impact shares insights from its work across the Wirral, demonstrating how tailored AI education can build confidence, understanding, and capability within organisations and communities, helping them harness the full potential of GenAI technology.	Alan Thompson (Hi-Impact)
15:00	COFFEE BREAK	
15:30	HEALTH INNOVATION ACROSS THE NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE Explore how the NHS is accelerating the scale and adoption of innovation across health and care while supporting economic growth. This session highlights how the North West Coast of England is developing its innovation ecosystem and the opportunities this creates for collaboration across the Irish Sea Triangle.	Tony Woods (Health Innovation North West Coast)
16:15	INNOVATION CHALLENGE 2026: HEALTH INNOVATION FOR A BETTER TOMORROW Launch of the 2026 Innovation Challenge, delivered in collaboration with DHSC, Manx Care, and Public Health Isle of Man. This year's focus explores how innovation can transform health and care, creating opportunities for collaboration and showcasing technologies that will shape the Isle of Man's digital landscape and deliver meaningful impact for the community.	Lyle Wraxall (DIOM), Hon. Claire Christian MHK (Minister for Health and Social Care), Teresa Cope (Manx Care), Prof. Tim O'Neill (DHSC), Matt Tyrer (Public Health IOM)
16:35	TECH AWARDS 2025 The Digital Isle of Man Tech Awards honour the talent and creativity shaping the Island's digital future, recognising the individuals and businesses whose innovation, excellence and ambition continue to strengthen our thriving tech community.	Abby Kimber (DIOM)
16:55	CLOSING WORDS	Hon. Jane Poole-Wilson MHK (Minister for Justice and Home Affairs)
17:00	EVENING NETWORKING	

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08:30	BREAKFAST	
10:30	COFFEE BREAK	
11:00	SKILLS FOR TOMORROW: BUILDING DIGITAL TALENT FOR THE ISLE OF MAN This session will explore the short, medium and long-term skills needed to support the Isle of Man's digital economy, and how industry, government, and education can effectively collaborate to close gaps and create a future-ready workforce.	Carol Glover (Chamber of Commerce), Kelley Corlett (Rock Consulting), Jesamine Kelly (UCM), Mark Hepburn (UCM), Maxim Kelly (Laxey, Willaston and Scoill yn Jubilee Primary School)
11:45	RISK AS A GROWTH ENABLER: SMARTER DECISIONS FOR A TRUSTED FUTURE Explore how effective risk assessment and targeted mitigation can support innovation and sustainable growth. This session highlights the importance of embedding structured risk thinking across sectors to enable confidence, resilience, and opportunity in a complex digital landscape.	Sinead O'Connor (DQ Advocates), Erica Humphries (IOM Government), Steven Webster (SQR), Jessica Jones (Classifi)
12:30	LUNCH	
13:30	BREAKING BARRIERS, EXPANDING ACCESS Global Digital Access is about ensuring the Isle of Man has the same seamless connectivity as leading markets. This update shares progress made in securing access to key platforms and highlights the next steps in levelling the playing field, enabling businesses to compete, innovate and collaborate internationally.	Andrew Honour (DIOM)
14:15	COMMUNITIES OF PRACTICE: SHARING SUCCESS, INSPIRING CHANGE Champions from across the Island's Communities of Practice come together to share insights, wins, and lessons from the past year. This session highlights the power of peer-led learning and collaboration across organisations, and how CoPs are helping to build capability, confidence, and innovation across the digital economy.	Chris Kissack (Acclaim), Natalie Gallager (LEMA Logic), Sarah Smythe (Odin Fiduciaries), Anthony Villa (Launch Experiments), Linda Elisha (Emiom)
15:00	COFFEE BREAK	
17:00	EVENING NETWORKING	

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