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It is our pleasure to welcome you to the inaugural EdTech UK.

EdTech UK has been created to bring together digital learning and educational infrastructure.

Creating smarter, safer and more connected learning environments requires collaboration. From connectivity and cybersecurity to smart buildings, digital infrastructure, data and flexible learning spaces, the decisions being made today increasingly require technology, estates and education teams to work side by side.

That is what makes EdTech UK different.

Across the two days, you will hear from education leaders, technology specialists, estates professionals and industry experts sharing practical insight, real-world experiences and ideas that can help turn digital ambitions into deliverable strategies.

Alongside the conference programme, the exhibition provides an opportunity to meet organisations delivering the technologies, expertise and solutions helping to create future-ready learning environments.

Co-located with Education Estates®, EdTech UK provides a unique opportunity to connect with the wider education estates community and explore how technology can be brought into planning discussions earlier, ensuring it forms an integral part of investment, design and estate management decisions.

We would like to extend a special thank you to all our speakers, our Sponsor Partner, Nexus Associates, our Learning Partner, Select Education and exhibitors for their invaluable contribution to EdTech UK. Your expertise, insight, innovation and support are integral to bringing this new event to life. We encourage you to explore, ask questions, make new connections and enjoy everything the event has to offer.

We hope you have an inspiring and productive two days in Manchester.



James Lee
CEO
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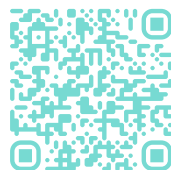
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As an Apple Premium Education Partner, we work with schools, colleges and universities across the UK to deliver the curriculum with Apple Technology. We provide the technology, expertise and ongoing support to help education institutions create engaging learning environments and make technology simple to manage.

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Visit Select Education at stand EdTech 103 to explore what's possible with Apple in education and speak to our team about how we can support your institution.

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

DAY 1

09:00 Registration | Exhibition Visit

🕒 60 mins

10:00 Department for Education Opening Keynote

📍 SHAPING TOMORROW STAGE 🕒 30 MINS

CHAIRPERSON

HELEN GROVES, *Head of Architecture, AtkinsRéalis*

SPEAKER

JANE BALDERSTONE, *Director, Education Estates, Department for Education*

10:30 Apple Education Keynote: The Opportunity of Technology

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CHAIRPERSON

HELEN GROVES, *Head of Architecture, AtkinsRéalis*

11:00 Exhibition Visit | Coffee Break

🕒 60 mins

12:00 Solid Technology across Multiple School Sites

📍 EDTECH UK STAGE
🕒 60 MINS

Join a conversation centred around far-reaching digital strategies and how to achieve technological excellence across a range of school sites. This fireside chat will see a panel of Educational Leaders answering questions and sharing their device ecosystem experiences.

We'll explore how central teams manage large estates of devices across multiple sites and how digital strategies can be replicated and differentiated for new schools. The conversation will also delve into the nuances of providing a consistent technological experience in schools that vary in size, age, geography, and flexibility. Finally, we'll speak about the infrastructure considerations that can be implemented at the planning stage of a new build.

SPEAKERS

NICK ACTON, *Senior Learning and Development Manager, Select Technology Group*

MATTHEW TAYLOR, *Executive Director of Digital Transformation and Infrastructure, Spencers Academies Trust*

DARREN BYRNE, *Deputy Principal, St Joseph's Secondary School*

MATT O'GRADY, *Headteacher, West Horndon Primary School*

13:00 Exhibition Visit | Lunch Break

🕒 60 mins

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

DAY 1

14:00 From Connected Schools to Smarter Buildings: Lessons from the Education Estate's Technology Journey

📍 EDTECH UK STAGE
🕒 60 MINS

Technology is now a routine part of how schools are designed, built and operated. Its role has evolved significantly over time, helping to improve connectivity, resilience and the information available to support better management of the education estate.

This session will look back on the evolution of technology across the education estate, from embedding technology in new school buildings, through programmes that have improved connectivity for schools across England, to the growing interest in how technology can support building performance, resilience and sustainability.

The session will share what schools have told us about the impact of connectivity and how their experiences are helping to shape future thinking about resilient digital infrastructure and technology-enabled schools. It will also explore emerging opportunities in areas such as smart sensors, environmental monitoring and energy optimisation, and how learning from these developments may help inform future approaches to the education estate.

SPEAKERS

MATT CLEGG, *Head of Education Building Technology, Department for Education*

JABU CHOWDHURY, *Deputy Director, Construction Grants, Grant Assurance and Response | Digital and Infrastructure Group, Department for Education*

DAVID MAHDAVI, *Managing Director, Nexus Associates (ICT)*

15:00 Exhibition Visit | Coffee Break

🕒 60 mins

16:00 If buildings could talk

📍 EDTECH UK STAGE
🕒 60 MINS

What if your school or campus could tell you where energy is being wasted, how spaces are actually being used, and what students and staff need to thrive? This session explores the transformative potential of smart buildings technology in educational environments. Discover how IoT sensors, automation, and real-data analytics can be harnessed to optimize operational efficiency and slash running costs, while simultaneously creating healthier, more responsive, and engaging learning spaces that elevate the everyday experience for students and staff alike.

CHAIRPERSON

JAMES SMURTHWAITE, *Partner, Warneford Consulting*

SPEAKERS

JOHN MONAGHAN, *Solutions Engineer, Enterprise Networks, CISCO*

KEVIN BROWNE-MACLEOD, *Customer Success Manager, GeoSphere*

17:00 EduFest Networking Drinks Reception

🕒 45 mins

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09:00 Registration | Exhibition Visit

60 mins

09:45 Opening Keynote: Looking Beyond Education, What Can We Learn from Other Sectors?

SHAPING TOMORROW STAGE 60 MINS

What can education learn from the people running some of the UK's largest public estates? Chaired by Mel Manku (Arcadis), this opening keynote brings together Sarah-Jayne Pizzie (Ministry of Justice), Saurabh Bhandari (Office of Government Property) and Mike Green (Defence Infrastructure Organisation) to share how their sectors approach social infrastructure, investment, technology and long-term estate planning, and how to make projects investable through the outcomes they deliver. The session closes with an open Q&A

CHAIRPERSON
MEL MANKU, Business Area Director, Places UK&I, Arcadis

SPEAKERS
SAURABH BHANDARI, Director, Property Delivery and Transformation, Office of Government Property (Cabinet Office)
MIKE GREEN, CEO, Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO) | UK Ministry of Defence (MOD)
SARAH-JAYNE PIZZIE, Construction Deputy Director, Ministry of Justice UK

10:45 Exhibition Visit | Coffee Break

45 mins

11:30 Creating Innovative Learning Spaces

EDTECH UK STAGE
45 MINS

Through the use of mobile devices, teaching and learning is no longer confined to the classroom. Spaces can become multimedia hubs, full of exciting opportunities and experiences that were once inaccessible.

This interactive and engaging workshop will showcase innovative approaches to pedagogy and lesson planning via Augmented Reality, Multimedia Tools and Assistive Tech. Our aim is to reinvent classrooms and flip learning for a more enriched educational experience whilst enabling schools to maximise the spaces they have available to them. The workshop will also demonstrate how technology can make learning more accessible and provide digital resources that would not be physically practical to provide to every learner.

SPEAKERS
NICK ACTON, Senior Learning and Development Manager, Select Technology Group

12:15 Exhibition Visit | Lunch Break

45 mins

13:30 A Smarter Approach to Lockdown and Safety Communications

EDTECH UK STAGE
45 MINS

This session examines the communication challenges schools face during both emergency situations and everyday operations. It explores the role of integrated mass notification systems in supporting lockdown procedures, improving the delivery of critical information, and enabling clear, consistent communication across the school throughout the day.

CHAIRPERSON
DR MOHAMED REDA, PHD, MIET, Technical Lead / AI & Intelligent Systems Researcher, Pact Accountancy Ltd & FluxTech360

SPEAKERS
GARY DEAN, Founder Director, Audiebant

14:15 Exhibition Visit | Coffee Break

45 mins

14:45 From reactive to predictive: how Plymouth CAST used digital twins and estate intelligence to transform decision making

EDTECH UK STAGE
45 MINS

Plymouth CAST partnered with ONE Creative Environments to create a connected digital estate that links condition survey information, asset data, compliance records, maintenance activities and energy performance within a single digital twin environment. This session explores how the Trust is moving from reactive maintenance to proactive, data-driven estate management. Through a real-world case study, delegates will learn how structured information, predictive maintenance, and energy intelligence can improve compliance, reduce operational costs, support sustainability goals and provide better evidence for estate investment decisions across Multi Academy Trust portfolios.

CHAIRPERSON
PAUL NEEDLER, Partner, Arcadis

SPEAKERS
PAUL STEWART, Trust Estates and Facilities Manager, Plymouth CAST
VICKI REYNOLDS, Technical Director, One Creative Environments

15:30 Move to the Shaping Tomorrow Stage for Final Session

15 mins

15:40 Closing Keynote

SHAPING TOMORROW STAGE
40 MINS

If we want to create better places for future generations to learn, how do we ensure that future generations also have the opportunity to help shape and deliver them?

CHAIRPERSON
SHARON WRIGHT, Owner, the-learning-crowd

SPEAKERS
LARA NEWMAN, Founder and Chief Executive, Common Ground
JEMMA SHAW, Director of Partnerships and Programmes, The Talent Foundry
ALISON WATSON, Founder and Chief Executive, Class of Your Own
NATALIE SARABIA-JOHNSTON, Founder & Director, Southgate & Sarabia Architects Ltd. & Constructive Futures CIC
JANE BRADLEY, Regional Chair - Preston & Lancashire, Construction for Women

16:20 Closing Remarks 10 MINS

CHAIRPERSON MIKE LEA, Head of Planning, Department for Education

16:45 Event Close

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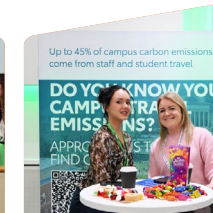


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WELCOME TO EUROPEAN UNIVERSITIES ESTATES CONGRESS 2026!

I am delighted to welcome you to the European Universities Estates Congress, where this year's theme is Shaping the Future of University Estates & Facilities. This is the first event of its kind dedicated to real estate and facilities management in higher education across Europe, and a rare opportunity to exchange knowledge, share best practices and explore innovative solutions helping to solve the challenges facing university leaders today.

Every university operates in its own context, but sustainability, space utilisation, digital integration and student experience present strikingly consistent pressures across borders. This dual stream conference lets you build a bespoke programme around the challenges that matter most to you, drawing on sessions that suit your role, your priorities and where your estate is heading.

Alongside the conference programme, the exhibition brings together suppliers and innovators shaping the future of university estates, from sustainable building solutions to space management and digital campus technology. It is a chance to see the latest thinking in practice, speak directly with the people developing it and take away ideas you can apply to your own estate.

The Congress runs alongside Education Estates® and EdTech UK, and your pass covers all three events, so you can also explore sessions on university estates in the UK, giving you broader context for your own day-to-day work.

A sincere thank you goes to The University Design Forum for their collaboration and partnership in shaping the event, our Sponsor Partner, Siemens, our Event Supporter, CIOB, along with the wider community of exhibitors, speakers and contributors who have helped bring the Congress to life.

Thank you for joining us, and we hope you find the Congress insightful.



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University Design Forum is an independent organisation founded to promote high quality and sustainable design in university campuses, buildings and facilities, in the knowledge that this enhances teaching, learning, research and public engagement.

We organise tours, workshops and debates across the UK, including an overseas study tour and an annual conference. Our aim is to promote design excellence in the sector and we do this by commissioning research, hosting exhibitions and making films. We are also building a body of case studies and building data sheets as a point of reference for those interested in designing or developing university projects.

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We are the leading international professional body for those working in and leading the construction industry. Established in 1834, we offer a range of services including membership, professional development, qualifications, and resources to support individuals and organisations in shaping the future of the built environment, driving innovation, sustainability, and ethical practices.

Our educational initiatives also advance the skills and knowledge of construction professionals, while our advocacy calls for the highest standards in public policy, enhancing the quality and integrity of construction projects globally.

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🕒 60 mins

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11:00 Conference Break | Networking

🕒 60 mins

12:00 Welcome Address

📍 EUEC STAGE
🕒 15 MINS

CHAIRPERSON

ELEANOR MAGENNIS, Director of Estates and Infrastructure, *The Glasgow School of Art and Chair, University Design Forum*

12:15 Towards sustainable campuses for Europe's universities

📍 EUEC STAGE
🕒 45 MINS

This presentation offers an overview of the European University Association's work on university campus and real estate.

SPEAKER

ENORA BENNETOT PRUVOT, Deputy Director for Governance, Funding and Public Policy Development, *European Universities Association*

13:00 Lunch Break | Networking

🕒 60 mins

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

DAY 1

14:00 University Campus and challenges of multidisciplinary research environments

📍 EUEC STAGE
🕒 60 MINS

This presentation explores how university campuses can support multidisciplinary research environments, moving beyond traditional discipline-based structures.

SPEAKERS

LARISSA ROSSBACHER, Project Leader Learning, Teaching and Research, *University of Zurich*

INKA KASKELA, Workplace Change Specialist, *University of Helsinki*

JENNI POUTANEN, Head of Degree Programme (Architecture), *Tampere University*

14:00 Campus Synergy – Mapping the European network

📍 EUEC WORKSHOP
🕒 60 MINS

Universities need each other's support for the complex tasks of managing today's campus and planning the campus of the future.

SPEAKERS

ALEXANDRA DEN HEIJER, Professor of Public Real Estate, *TU Delft*

JASMINE BACANI, PhD Researcher, *TU Delft*

ENORA BENNETOT PRUVOT, Deputy Director for Governance, Funding and Public Policy Development, *European Universities Association*

15:00 Conference Break | Networking

🕒 60 mins

16:00 The Data-Driven Campus in Action

📍 EUEC STAGE
🕒 60 MINS

This panel discussion explores how European universities are moving from measuring campus performance to acting on it. Estates and facilities leaders share how connecting and unifying campus data is changing daily decisions on energy efficiency, operations, and space use – and the steps needed to get there.

CHAIRPERSON

AMY PARGETER, Associate Director - Intelligent Buildings, *Arcadis*

SPEAKERS

METE TANRIKULU, Senior Strategist Specialist, *Siemens*

TREVOR PAYNE, Strategic Advisor & NHP Chief Engineer & SMART Campus Advisor

16:00 Shared Spaces

📍 EUEC WORKSHOP
🕒 60 MINS

Universities are reimagining their spaces to address rising student numbers, resource constraints, and the need for wider societal impact. This session will look at how campuses can be redesigned to foster collaboration, innovation, and long-term value.

CHAIRPERSON

SAMANTHA HALL, Principal Director, *Campus Intuition*

SPEAKERS

LARISSA ROSSBACHER, Project Leader Learning, Teaching and Research, *University of Zurich*

PAUL ROBERTS, Director, *Turnberry Consulting Ltd*

17:00 EduFest Networking Drinks Reception

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DAY 2

09:00 Registration | Networking

60 mins

10:00 Welcome & Opening Keynote

EUEC STAGE
45 MINS

Rethinking University Campuses in Wartime: New Learning Spaces, Resilience and Continuity

What does a university campus need to become when learning must continue through war and repeated disruption? Drawing on projects at the private Kyiv School of Economics and the public Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, alongside examples from other Ukrainian universities, this session examines how teaching spaces, shared facilities and existing buildings are being rethought. It explores the changing balance between flexible learning, student life, shelter provision and energy autonomy, as well as the difficult decisions universities face about investment and speed of delivery. The discussion will offer lessons for European institutions adapting their estates to uncertain futures.

CHAIRPERSON
HELEN GROVES, Head of Architecture, *AtkinsRéalis*

SPEAKER
LIUBOV TSAPENKOVA, CEO, Partner, *KEY Group*

10:45 Conference Break | Networking

45 mins

11:30 From Ownership to Efficiency: Rethinking University Spaces in France and Germany

EUEC STAGE
45 MINS

This session will explore how French and German universities are exploring new approaches to real estate and space management in response to financial and sustainability challenges.

CHAIRPERSON
ENORA BENNETOT PRUVOT, Deputy Director for Governance, Funding and Public Policy Development, *European Universities Association*

SPEAKERS
FRÉDÉRIC FOREST, General inspector for education, research and education, General inspection for education, research and education
MARCELO RUIZ, Scientific Assistant, *HIS Institut for Higher Education Development e.V.*

11:30 Exploring how learning spaces and campus environments shape student engagement and success

EUEC WORKSHOP
45 MINS

This interactive session examines how the design, management, and use of innovative learning environments across campus can support active and social learning, transforming the student experience.

CHAIRPERSON
CORA KWIATKOWSKI, Associate Director and Head of Universities, *Stride Treglown*

SPEAKERS
HIRAL PATEL, Senior Lecturer in Architecture, Director of Engagement, *Welsh School of Architecture, Cardiff University*
TREVOR WILLS, Director of Estates & Facilities, *University of Plymouth and Trustee of the University Design Forum*
JET BIERMAN, Researcher, *University of Amsterdam*

12:15 Lunch Break | Networking

75 mins

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

DAY 2

13:30 Wellbeing on Campus

EUEC STAGE
60 MINS

Mental health and wellbeing are headline national concerns – with strong prominence in universities. While services like counselling play an obvious role, serial research on students' experience of LSE's campus evidenced rising relevance of estates provisions. Referencing the background research that flagged the scope for such estates' involvement to promote student wellbeing, this session describes ZZA's latest campus research that focuses on both a range of touchpoints that students find stress-inducing, alongside potential physical interventions to shift the dial. It concludes with the raft of measures LSE Estates has incorporated in strategy and practical actions to scale positive wellbeing impact.

SPEAKERS
STEPHANIE KYLE, Associate | Architect & Inclusive Design Consultant | Assistant Professor of Architecture | *Neurodiversity Specialist, Floyd Slaski Architects*
JULIAN ROBINSON, Director of Estates, *The London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) and Trustee of the University Design Forum*
ZIONA STRELITZ, Founder Director, *ZZA Responsive User Environments*

13:30 Smart campuses, smaller spaces: Engaging your community in more effective campus space use

EUEC WORKSHOP
60 MINS

Through group discussions and practical exercises, this interactive workshop invites participants to actively explore how utilisation data can shape effective campus strategies.

CHAIRPERSON
ALEXANDRA DEN HEIJER, Professor of Public Real Estate, *TU Delft*

SPEAKERS
SANJANA JOHN, PhD Researcher, *TU Delft*
EKE SCHINS-DERKSEN, Directeur sector Rijk, *Arcadis*
DIRK BRANTJES, Consultant, *Arcadis*

14:15 Conference Break | Networking

30 mins

14:45 Closing Keynote

EUEC STAGE
45 MINS

A dynamic closing session exploring lessons learned and future themes in European university design. Speakers will share their key lessons learned and identify emerging themes for the future, offering delegates fresh insights, practical takeaways, and a truly European perspective to conclude the conference.

CHAIRPERSON
IAN CALDWELL, Strategic Project Support, *King's College London and Trustee of the University Design Forum*

SPEAKERS
ROD MCALLISTER, Director, *McAllister - and a Founding Trustee of University Design Forum*
URSULA HÜFFER, Architect and Former Director of Estates, *Freie Universität Berlin*
MATTHIEU BOURDON, Chef de projet MOA, Paris PARC / Cité de l'innovation, *Sorbonne Université, Paris*
JÉRÔME SICHERRE, Director of Estates and Asset Management, *École Normale Supérieure Paris-Saclay*

15:30 Reference Visit To the University of Manchester

150 mins

3.30pm: Meet at Manchester Central Conference Centre
3.30-4.00pm: Walk down to Nancy Rothwell Building (NRB)
4.00-4.45pm: Tour of NRB supported by Architects BDP
4.45-5.15pm: Walk through campus via Brunswick Park to the Arches on Oxford Road (historic quarter)
5.15-6.00pm: Tour of our heritage assets including Whitworth Hall
6.00pm: Optional visit to Manchester Museum, one of their Cultural Institutions (open until 8pm)

18:00 Event Close

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The European Universities Estates Congress is shaped by a dedicated Advisory Group - a team of experts who generously give their time and insight to help develop the Conference Programme. Their role includes: Reviewing presentations with care and expertise, participating in regular meetings to shape the agenda and recommending high-quality speakers and contributors.



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