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ABOUT CONFERENCE

London South Bank University
Wednesday 13th September

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About the IST Conference

The IST has been supporting the technical workforce in the creative, digital, engineering and science technologies for 75 Years this year.

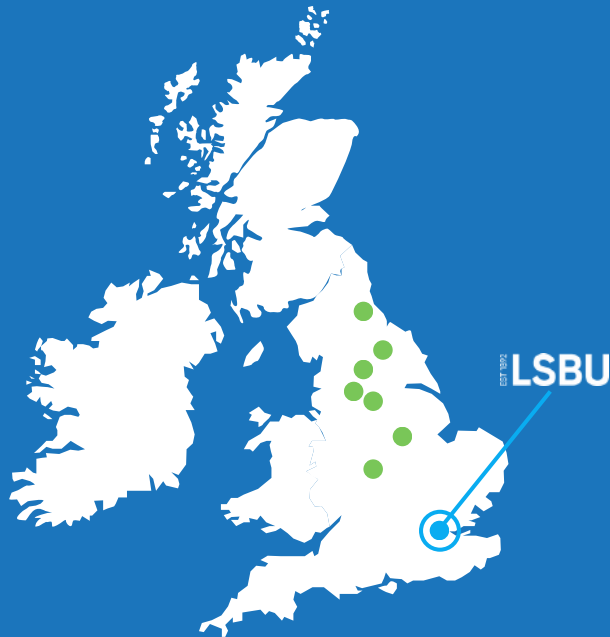
Our aim is to make the Institute all embracing and, in order to achieve this, help/advice networks, skills training, specialist forums, recognised qualifications, continuing career development opportunities and guidance will be available to the membership.

Recognition of professional standing is high on our agenda and, most importantly, expansion of the vibrant community of specialist, technical and managerial colleagues who will work together to help make a difference and shape the future.

Our Annual Conference plays a vital role in giving technicians the opportunity to network with other technical staff and managers from across the UK, as well as providing the chance to take part in a National event or deliver a presentations or talk.

Previous Conferences:

- 2022 - York
- 2021 - Hybrid
- 2020 - Online
- 2019 - Birmingham
- 2018 - Newcastle
- 2017 - Leicester
- 2016 - Manchester
- 2015 - Leeds
- 2014 - Sheffield



We always aim to move around the country to give as many technicians the opportunity to attend our Conferences in future.

If you are interested in taking part in next years Conference, either being part of the organising committee, giving a talk or showcasing your specialist area, please contact us at office@istonline.org.uk.

We hope you enjoy the day at London South Bank University.

PROGRAMME

CONFERENCE KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



Dr Kelly Vere MBE FIScT

Director of Technical Strategy
University of Nottingham



Professor David Phoenix OBE

Vice Chancellor
London South Bank University



Read on to discover more ...

09:00-09:30	Registration
09:30-09:50	Welcome and opening remarks (IST & LSBU)
09:50-10:40	Keynote 1 - Southwark & Westminster Transforming the Technical Profession: Shifting Narratives and Building a Positive Culture
10:40-11:05	Refreshment break and time to visit the exhibitions and time for networking
11:10-11:50	SESSION ONE (Details on Pages 7 & 8) Workshop 1 - Blackfriars Lecture Theatre Workshop 2 - Battersea Lecture Theatre Workshop 3 - Waterloo Lecture Theatre Workshop 4 - Vauxhall Lecture Theatre Workshop 5 - Chelsea Lecture Theatre Workshop 6 - Southwark Lecture Theatre Workshop 7 - Westminster Lecture Theatre
12:00-12:40	SESSION TWO (Details on Pages 9, 10 & 11) Workshop 8 - Blackfriars Lecture Theatre Workshop 9 - Vauxhall Lecture Theatre Workshop 10 - Chelsea Lecture Theatre Workshop 11 - Southwark Lecture Theatre Workshop 12 - Westminster Lecture Theatre Interactive Tour 1 - Extension Block Lab E132 Interactive Tour 2 - Forensic Science Faraday Wing Interactive Tour 3 - K2 Building Clinical Skills Lab Interactive Tour 4 - ES Film Studio
12:40-14:00	Lunch break, Exhibition and Networking IST Drop-in Registration Desk
14:00-14:50	Keynote 2 - Southwark & Westminster Post 16 Technical education and the need for sector differentiation FE-HE technical uni's)
14:50-15:05	Awards, Announcements and Acknowledgements
15:05-15:30	Refreshment Break, Exhibition and Networking
15:40-16:20	SESSION THREE (Details on Pages 13 & 14) Workshop 13 - Blackfriars Lecture Theatre Workshop 14 - Tower Block Level 2 Labs Workshop 15 - Southwark Lecture Theatre Workshop 16 - Westminster Lecture Theatre Workshop 17 - Battersea Lecture Theatre Workshop 18 - Vauxhall Lecture Theatre
16:20-18:00	Networking Session and Departures



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Professor David Phoenix, OBE FRSC

Keynote Title: Post 16 Technical education and the need for sector differentiation (FE-HE technical universities)

Policy makers often refer to England’s ‘skills system’ but this is a misnomer. A system is a set of things working together whereas the funding and regulatory frameworks in English education sectors tend to generate silo-based working leading to inefficiency and lost opportunity. In addition, whilst more traditional routes for educational progression of 16- to 21-year-olds are well established we lack distinctive and specialist technical pathways

which align with the country’s lifelong learning needs, and which support those young learners that want alternative progression routes.

In this keynote, Professor David Phoenix will draw on lessons learnt from establishing LSBU Group to discuss the importance of creating sector differentiation, within the context of local post-16 education. He will emphasise the importance of offering learners a genuine and positive choice to follow technical pathways through secondary, further, and higher education into rewarding careers that meet the skill needs of the English economy.



Dr Kelly Vere, MBE FIScT

Keynote Title: Transforming the Technical Profession: Shifting Narratives and Building a Positive Culture

This talk explores the history of the technical profession in the UK, the challenges technicians have faced, and the emergence of a more positive culture for technical skills, roles, and careers. It discusses recent initiatives like the Technician Commitment and the TALENT programme that have transformed the perception and recognition of technical staff in universities and research institutions. The session will highlight the changing landscape and increased inclusivity within learned societies, professional bodies, and sector organisations. It will explore the future of the technical profession, and forthcoming initiatives that aim to continue advancing status and opportunities for technicians, fostering a supportive culture and environment that values, respects and invests in technical expertise.

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2023 Exhibitors





There will be an IST professional registration desk open all day, with IST staff and volunteers available to help you with your application or provide advice, should you need it, please drop in.

Because there is a limit on the size of some of the technical talks / workshops we will ask you to choose your 3 talks / workshops (one from each session) before you attend on the day, full delegate details will be sent before the event to all delegates. Please reply promptly to secure a place on a workshop. We cannot guarantee a place will be available on the day without pre-booking.

For professionally registered delegates (RSciTech, RSci, CSci), and also those delegates considering applying for professional registration, the conference and its workshops will contribute significantly to your professional and personal development (PPD). The programme includes 2 highly motivational talks from keynote speakers, plus 3 technical workshops (chosen from the 15 available) throughout the day.

The conference also provides opportunities to participate through poster presentations, networking and supplier / manufacturer stands. All these will add considerably to your personal development, annual PPD score, and enhance your CV.

All delegates who attend the conference for the full day will receive a CPD certificate following the day.

CPD and Awards

The Institute of Science and Technology (IST) proudly works with many partners to ensure that there are plenty of CPD opportunities for technical staff and specialists. Attendance at the conference contributes to your annual CPD as well as upskilling in the workshops, networking and also facilitating in discussions in the workshop sessions.

We will be holding several awards and prizes over the Conference which we are actively encouraging individuals to take part in or nominate individuals.

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