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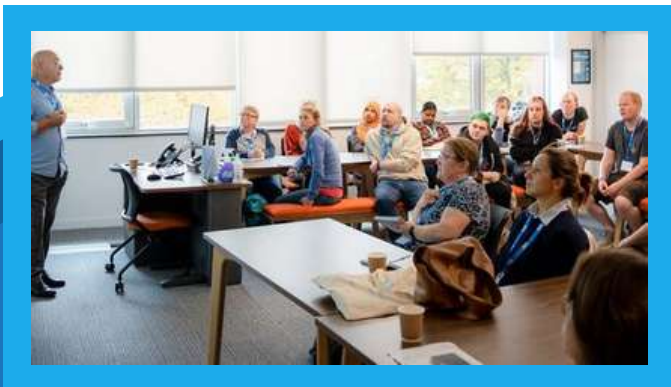


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# Technical Conference 2026 Programme

**TASTER**

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**Venue:** University of Liverpool  
502 Teaching Hub, Mount Pleasant

**Date:** 15th September 2026: 9:30 - 16:30



# About the IST Conference

The IST has been supporting the technical workforce across the creative industries, arts, digital technologies, engineering, science, and most recently Artificial Intelligence, for over 75 years.

Our aim is to create an inclusive and all-embracing professional body where members have access to support, advice networks, skills training, specialist forums, recognised professional qualifications, continuing professional development, and career guidance.

Professional recognition is central to our mission. We are committed to championing technical excellence while continuing to grow a vibrant community of specialists, technicians, and managers who work together to make a difference and help shape the future of the profession.

Our Annual Conference plays a vital role in bringing technical professionals together from across the UK, creating opportunities to network, share expertise, participate in a national event, and present talks, workshops, and innovative ideas to the wider community.

## Previous IST Conferences:

- 2025 - Birmingham**
- 2024 - Lancaster**
- 2023 - London**
- 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](mailto:office@istonline.org.uk).

**We hope you enjoy your day in Liverpool.**

# Taster Programme

We're finalising the full programme, but we're excited to give you an early look at what to expect from some of this year's workshops.

## Careers, Leadership and Organisational Change:

- Reflections on leading the sector
- Achieving Change Through Collaboration and Co-Creation
- Redesigning Career & Promotion Pathways
- Leading Technical Teams Through Organisational Change

## Health, Safety and Sustainable Practice:

- Doing More with Less: Aligning Health & Safety, Sustainability, and Circular Economy Practice in Modern Laboratories
- When Health and Safety Goes Wrong
- How Technical Staff Are Reshaping Lab Sustainability

## Operational Excellence and Laboratory Innovation:

- The A to Z of Lab equipment problem solving
- Practical Inventory Management & Data Governance
- Technology Is the Easy Part – Engaging people in the Future-Ready Laboratory

## Artificial Intelligence and Creative Innovation:

- Guardrails & Governance: A thinking framework for AI risk now
- Woodblock Printed Electrodes: Bringing Art and Design Processes into Science Research

And this is only the beginning – with even more inspiring sessions and speakers still to be revealed.

Together, these workshops provide valuable insights across Careers, Health & Safety and Environment, Artificial Intelligence, and the Creative Industries – ensuring your team is informed, inspired, and future-ready.

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