



The Journal

Winter 2021

IST Virtual Technical Conference 2021

September 2021

Once again we adopted a virtual approach to our Annual Technical Conference and we met on **September 15th 2021** via Zoom. We are delighted to say it was a great success with over 450 registrations overall, and most sessions averaging over 200 attendees.

The overall theme for the event was Looking to the Sustainable Future. Our programme was again opened by our President, Dr Helen Sharman CMG OBE FRSC FIScT. We then followed with an exciting programme which had a broad range of diverse topics within the overall theme.

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME		iSTI
09.15 - 09.25	Welcome Remarks <i>Dr Helen Sharman CMG OBE FRSC, IST</i>	
09.25 - 09.55	Keynote Speech <i>Why Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Belonging are important factors for sustainability within the technical community</i> <i>Denise McLean, University of Nottingham</i>	
10.00 - 10.40	Carbon Literacy <i>Lutz Lloyd-Buck & Jane Mori, Manchester Metropolitan University</i>	
10.40 - 10.50	Comfort Break	
10.50 - 11.20	Green Impact and Plastic Recycling <i>Rachel Saper, Students Organising for Sustainability & David Kettle, University of York</i>	
11.25 - 11.55	NFT, Artificial Intelligence - and indigenous peoples <i>Kingsriya Bhargava, Swiss Re Corporate Solutions & Alison Colson, Freelance Consultant</i>	
12.00 - 12.30	Fabric of the City <i>Adam Butler, Robin Broadley, Osman Ramazy, Jim Suthamdan, Manchester Metropolitan University</i>	
12.30 - 13.00	Lunch Break - including a 15 min presentation from the Science Museum about an exciting project involving technical staff <i>Anna Ravenscroft, Rachel Flaxman, Science Museum</i>	
13.00 - 13.30	LEAF - what it is and the NTDC involvement <i>Martin Farley, University College London, Jon Brett, University of Liverpool, Kate Dixon, Manchester Metropolitan University, Olga Khutoryanskaya, University of Reading</i>	
13.35 - 14.05	Headline Data from the NTDC Skills Survey <i>Jared Camis, Jeddah Mousli, National Technician Development Centre</i>	
14.10 - 14.30	Close of the Day <i>Terry Croft MBE FIScT CSC, IST</i>	

Rather than summarising the various sessions we thought you might like to view some of the feedback that we received from attendees.

Keynote: Why Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Belonging are important factors for sustainability within the technical community.

“Denise is an inspiring lady and gave a very motivating presentation”

Workshop: Green Impact and Plastic Recycling

“Excellent workshop with some great ideas and interactive - great discussions going on in the chat”

Workshop: NFT, Artificial Intelligence and the indigenous peoples

“Will Terminator ever be a reality :-) I am sure i am not the only one to ask this! Or will it be indigenous people fighting back for their rights.”

Workshop: Fabric of the City

“By far the best presentation of the day. So interesting to see behind the scenes of how art is created not just by the artist but by a whole team of technicians.”

Workshop: Carbon Literacy

“I enjoyed taking part in the virtual quiz and learnt a lot about how to cut down on emissions”

Briefing: Science Museum
Technician Gallery



“Definitely would like a look around when it’s up and running, excellent way of communicating the role of technicians to younger people”

Workshop: LEAF - What it is and the NTDC involvement



“I would love for this section to have been longer and more in depth on how LEAF works and how people use it. It is an amazing concept I would like to see more and more people get involved.”

Workshop: Headline data from the NTDC Skills Survey



“Looking forward to seeing the reports when they are released.”

Close of the Day

Terry offered his sincere thanks to all the speakers and presenters for their excellent contributions to the day, which had proved to be enlightening, enjoyable and thought provoking in equal measure.

He also thanks the attendees for their engagement with the sessions and their questions and interest.

There was also appreciation expressed to the IST's Conference Volunteer Team for all their hard work

preparing and running the event, which attendees seemed to have enjoyed.

We are really looking forward to the 2022 Conference, which we hope may be a 'live' event, with some possible blended content, and we look forward to seeing everyone over at the University of York – so keep fingers crossed and note the date in your diary – 14th September 2022.

Let's hope we can all meet in York next Year

The IST One-day Technical Conference 2022



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2022

Wednesday 14th September 2022
University of York

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