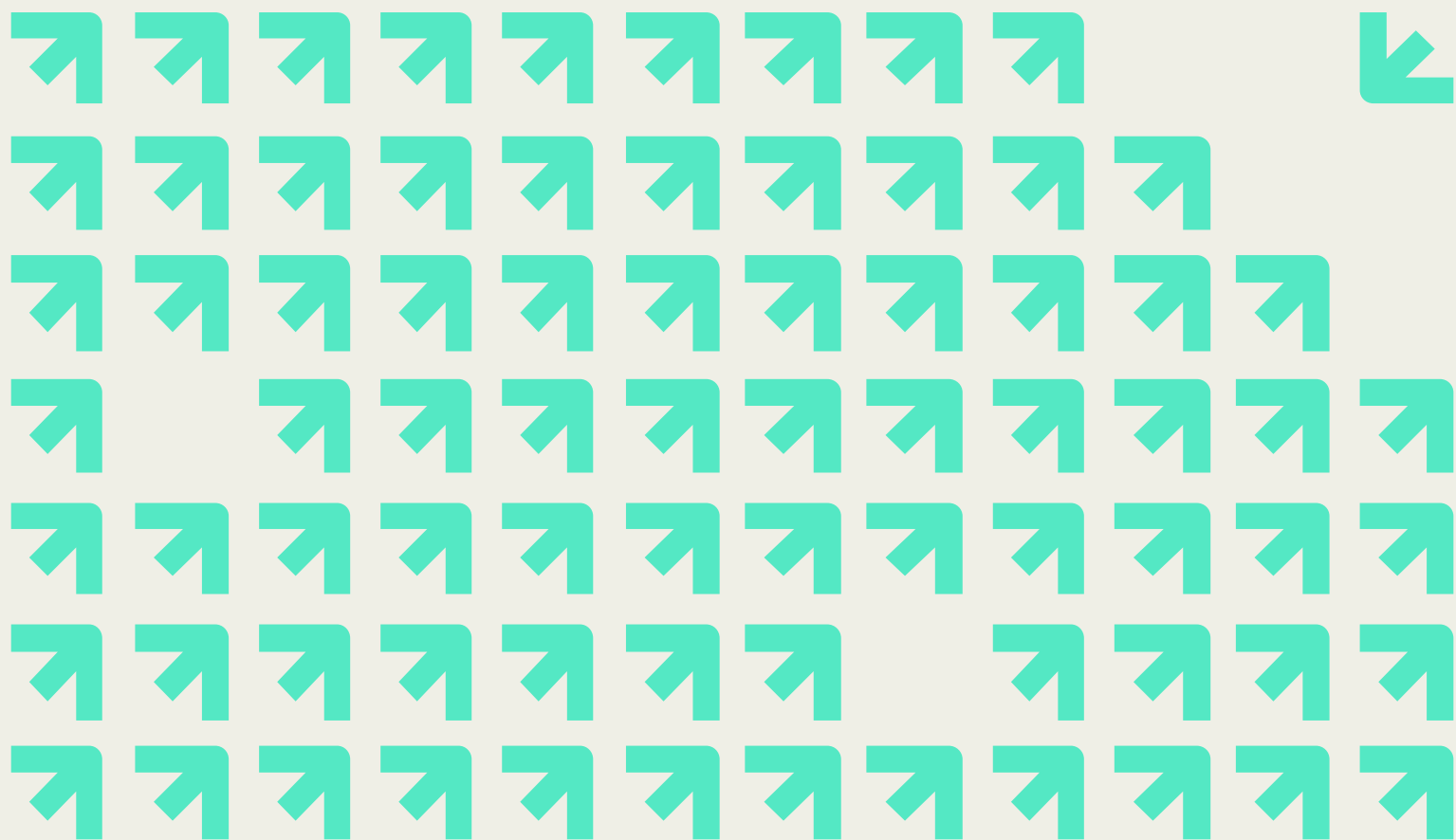




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21 October 2025 | 8:00AM – 18:00PM



8.00am

Registration Opens

9.00am

IF Opening Remarks

- **Janine Hirt**, CEO, Innovate Finance

9.15am

Welcome Remarks

- **Rashee Pandey**, Associate Director of Partnerships and Growth, Innovate Finance

9.30am

Host Remarks

- **Elizabeth O'Neill**, Associate Dean, Chicago Booth

9.50am

FinTech In A Changing World: The UK Opportunity

The time is now for the UK to use its world-beating expertise in financial services and technology to help advance its broader leadership position in the G7 and on the global stage. What actions must government, regulators and industry prioritise to seize this opportunity? And how can the power of FinTech and innovation be better harnessed to drive growth across the country?

- **Justin Basini**, Co-Founder and Group CEO, The ClearScore Group
- **Cassie Craddock**, Vice President and Managing Director, UK and Europe, Ripple
- **Lisa Jacobs**, CEO, Funding Circle
- **Christoph Rieche**, CEO, iwoca
- **Rebecca Park**, Managing Director, Global Counsel

10.20am

Smart Tech, Smarter Finance: The Innovation Stack

How can the convergence of technologies like AI, blockchain and Smart Data drive competitiveness, unlock innovation for customers and merchants, and widen access to financial services to underserved demographics and businesses?

- **Parveen Kaur**, Chief Operating Officer, Neuron Digital Trading
- **Lord Chris Holmes MBE**
- **Vishal Marria**, Founder and CEO, Quantexa
- **Mark Rydquist**, Managing Director EMEA Financial Services, Google Cloud
- **Stephen Dury**, Vice President, Capgemini Invent



10:50 – 11:15am | Morning Networking Break

11.15am

Startups: The Next Generation

Today's startups are tomorrow's Unicorns – so how does the UK win the global race for entrepreneurs and remain the destination of choice for starting and scaling a FinTech business? How should the British Business Bank direct its recently increased funding to have maximum impact for FinTech? And in a world where AI is changing the landscape as we know it, how does the UK remain competitive and attractive to key talent?

- **Richard Davies**, CEO, Allica Bank
- **Tracy Doree**, Venture Partner, Augmentum
- **Philip Kelvin**, Councillor for Coleman Street, Board Member Innovate Finance, City of London Corporation
- **Ylva Oertengren**, Co-Founder and COO, Simply
- **Christine Hockley**, Managing Director & Co-Head of Funds, British Business Bank
- **Russ Shaw CBE**, Founder, Tech London Advocates and Global Tech Advocates

11.45am

Capital Markets: The Road To Digitalisation

The digitalisation of capital markets is a critical step in cementing the UK's international leadership in financial services and also in driving domestic growth. Where are we in the journey, how will it benefit companies listing in the UK and investors accessing UK markets?

- **Rita Martins**, Head of Product Ecosystem, Digital Assets, LSEG
- **Gautam Pillai**, Head of Fintech Research, Peel Hunt
- **Gilbert Verdian**, Founder and CEO, Quant
- **Sendi Young**, Independent Non-Executive Director & Risk Committee Member, Fnality UK
- **Martin Syms**, Managing Director, International Head, Aladdin Engineering Group
- **Sharon Lewis**, Lead Partner for Future of Finance and Co-Chair of Digital Assets & Blockchain Practice, Hogan Lovells

12.15pm

Financial Infrastructure: A National Imperative

Protecting digital financial infrastructure and supply chain vulnerabilities will involve a public-private response network. How can FinTech systems maintain continuity during times of crisis or geopolitical instability? How do we build real-time payment rails, offline transaction capability and cloud-native resilience? What role can the sector play in strengthening national security and defence?

- **Luke Charters MP**
- **John Howells**, CEO, Link
- **Michael Mueller**, Executive Chair, Form3
- **Gemma Rogers**, EMEA Head of Financial Crime, Stripe
- **Lindsey Rogerson**, Founding Editor, Compliance Corylated



12:45 – 13:45pm | Networking Lunch

13.45

A Collaborative Effort To Rollout Digital Identity And Anti-Fraud Data Sharing

How can regulators, industry leaders, and tech innovators collaborate to roll out a digital identity (ID) and anti-fraud cross-sector data sharing strategy to make the UK the most secure place for consumers and businesses in the digital economy?

- **Yasmeen Jaffer**, CCO, Markaaz
- **Emma Pollock**, Chief Technology Officer, FinTru
- **Katarina Pranjic**, Head of Regulation and Policy, LexisNexis Risk Solutions
- **Samuel Steg**, Senior Principal Regulatory Compliance Strategist, Entrust
- **Howard Wimpory**, Transformation Director, Encompass
- **Tom Bull**, Partner, EY

14.15

Money Reimagined: Stablecoins And Digital Money For Smarter, Fairer Finance

How are stablecoin, digital money and payments providing better and cheaper infrastructure for payments and capital markets? How do they support underserved communities and SMEs?

- **Andrew MacKenzie**, CEO, Agant
- **Charles McManus**, Co-Founder and Board Director, ClearBank
- **Laura Navaratnam**, UK Policy Lead, Crypto Council For Innovation (CCI)
- **Lux Thiagarajah**, Chief Commercial Officer, OpenPayd
- **Natalie Lewis**, Partner, Travers Smith

14.45

No One Left Behind

In an era of AI and an increasing reliance on digital skills, how can FinTech promote financial inclusion through accessible design, mobile infrastructure, and inclusive platforms? What framework must be put in place to enable industry to better support consumers and SMEs? What role does diversity play in generating more opportunities for both, businesses and people?

- **Peter Briffett**, Co-Founder, Stream
- **Rob Fairfield**, CEO, Liberis
- **Louise Hill**, Founder & Board Chair, GoHenry
- **Dan Lane**, Investment Content Lead, Robinhood
- **Alex Marsh**, Group CEO, Salad Money
- **Liz Lumley**, Journalist



15:30 – 15:50 | Afternoon Networking Break

15.50

Making Money Work For Everyone

FinTechs play a key role in advancing organisational and financial inclusion. Internally, how can technology drive a more inclusive culture, leadership and performance and how is this being further accelerated by GenAI? How can re-skilling help fintechs drive better outcomes for their teams and their customers? How can technology drive inclusion to the financial system and how does diversity reflect on innovation and commercial results?

- **Joanne Dewar**, Lead, Project Nemo
- **Clare Gambardella**, Chief Customer Officer, Zopa Bank
- **Nick Hawkins**, Director and Head of Deals, KPMG
- **Tim McEwan**, Co-Founder and Managing Partner, Goldcrest Partners
- **Victoria Roberts**, Founder and Lead Consultant, Victress Communications

16.20

Unlocking Digital Asset Potential

How can we build a trusted, transparent, and scalable infrastructure and ecosystem for digital asset innovation?

- **Saloi Benbaha**, Head of Enterprise Alliance and Ventures, XDC Network
- **Vitalii Kedyk**, Head of Digital Assets, Capital.com
- **Tom Duff-Gordon**, Vice President of International Policy, Coinbase
- **Lee Schneider**, General Counsel, Ava Labs
- **Niki Beattie**, Chair, ClearToken
- **Thomas Hawkins**, EMEA Lead – Digital Assets, Digital Currencies & Tokenisation, Accenture

16.50

Closing Remarks

- **Rashee Pandey**, Associate Director of Partnerships and Growth, Innovate Finance



17:00 | End Of Conference