

About techUK

We are keen to contribute to debates across the party conferences this autumn, as panellists at fringe sessions or around the table at roundtables. techUK is the UK's leading technology trade association, representing over 1,100 businesses across the sector — from innovative start-ups and fast-growing scale-ups to FTSE 100 companies and global technology firms. Alongside speaking at sessions across all the major party conferences, we will be hosting our own fringe events at Labour, Conservative and Liberal Democrat Conference.

Colleagues are happy to chair, speak on a panel or take part in a roundtable — the tags beside each name below show which conferences they will be attending.

To invite us to speak or attend — contact Oliver Alderson, who is coordinating the team's diaries: Oliver.Alderson@techUK.org

We can field speakers on

Digital regulation

Online safety, AI and regulating innovation

Jobs and skills

The future of work, diversity and inclusion, and access to talent

Digital economy

Support for scaling businesses and access to finance

Technology resilience

Cyber security and national security

Political engagement

Parliamentary advocacy, government relations and stakeholder engagement

techUK speakers



Antony Walker

Deputy CEO

LABOUR

Antony has been at the heart of UK technology policy for over a decade. As Deputy CEO of techUK — which he played a lead role in launching in 2013 — he oversees the organisation's full policy agenda and is one of the most experienced voices in the sector on the relationship between government and the tech industry.

EXPERTISE

General technology policy, the UK's competitiveness as a tech nation, digital regulation



Doniya Soni-Clark

Associate Director for External Affairs

LABOUR

REFORM

Doniya leads techUK's political engagement and stakeholder relationships, with a particular focus on online safety, AI regulation and the intersection of technology policy with broader political debate. She brings first-hand experience of the policy landscape across the public and private sectors — including seven years as Head of Policy and Public Affairs at Multiverse, one of the UK's leading tech scale-ups.

EXPERTISE

Online safety, AI and copyright, artificial intelligence policy, digital regulation, political engagement



Tom McGee

Associate Director for Economic Policy

LABOUR

CONSERVATIVE

Tom leads techUK's work on the digital economy, with a particular focus on what government can do to help UK businesses scale. He joined techUK from the OECD's Science, Technology and Innovation Directorate, where he specialised in semiconductors policy — giving him both the international comparative perspective and the technical depth that economic policy debates increasingly require.

EXPERTISE

Digital economy, access to finance, barriers to growth businesses face, support for startups and scale-ups



Nimmi Patel

Associate Director for Skills Policy

LABOUR

Nimmi Patel is techUK's lead on skills, education and the future of work. She focuses on the practical challenge of ensuring the UK workforce is equipped for a rapidly changing labour market — from retraining adults in established industries to opening up routes into the tech sector for underrepresented groups. Prior to joining techUK, she worked for the UK Labour Party and New Zealand Labour Party.

EXPERTISE

Digital skills, future of work, access to talent, diversity and inclusion



Matt Robinson

Head of Nations and Regions

CONSERVATIVE

Matt leads techUK's engagement with Devolved Government, Combined Authorities and Elected Mayors across the UK. He works with techUK's members on growing and strengthening the digital economy across the UK and increasing digital capacity including in areas devolution, regional growth and developing tech ecosystems. A City Councillor for 16 years, and a former parliamentary and West Yorkshire mayoral candidate, he brings a first-hand understanding of how national policy is received and delivered locally. He joined techUK from the education and membership sector, where he built regional partnerships with schools, academy trusts and local authorities.

EXPERTISE

Devolution and devolved technology policy, regional economic growth, digital skills.



Dan Johnston

Head of Public Affairs

LABOUR

Dan leads techUK's parliamentary engagement, working across Westminster and Whitehall on behalf of the sector's 1,100+ member businesses. He joined techUK after seven years advising Dame Meg Hillier MP, Chair of the Treasury and Liaison Select Committees giving him an unusually close view of how economic policy is scrutinised, contested and changed. He is well placed to speak on parliamentary dynamics shaping the sector, and on where industry and the Government's growth agenda meet.

Dan also serves as a councillor at Merton Council, where he chairs the Planning and Development Committee.

EXPERTISE

Public affairs, parliamentary engagement, & Treasury scrutiny

We will also have colleagues attending Liberal Democrat Conference.