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Days



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Keynotes



225+

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Speakers



13

Workshops

## Featured Speakers



**Daragh O'Brien**  
Chief Executive Officer  
Castlebridge



**Donald Farmer**  
Principal  
TreeHive Strategy



**Dr Janet Bastiman**  
Chief Data Scientist  
Napier AI



**Jan Henderyckx**  
Partner  
BearingPoint



**Julie Holmes**  
Inspiring Leader & Keynote Speaker



**Sumitro Ghatak**  
Lead Data Scientist and AI Architect  
IBM



**Leonardo Gomez Virahonda**  
Principal Data Governance Specialist  
Amazon Web Services



**Tony Zona**  
Chief Data Officer  
Grant Thornton UK



**Paul Dongha**  
Head of Responsible AI and AI Strategy  
NatWest Bank



**Jyoti Yadav**  
Security Data Scientist  
Microsoft

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WORKSHOP DAYS: MONDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2025

8:30AM - 9:30AM	Registration			
9:30AM - 12:45PM	<b>A Practical Guide to Achieving Data Quality in your Business</b> Gerard Bartley, Governance Practice Lead EMEA, <b>Syniti</b>	<b>Stakeholder Management</b> Sue Geuens, Director Data Governance and Product Data, <b>Elsevier</b>	<b>AI Governance: From Policies Drafting to Incident Response</b> Andrea Isoni, Chief AI Officer, <b>AI Technologies</b>	<b>From Zero to Hero - Build your own Agentic AI System</b> Claudia De Jeu Boronat, Lead ML Engineer, <b>WTW</b>
11:00AM - 11:15AM	Workshop Morning Break			
12:45PM - 1:45PM	Workshop Lunch			
1:45PM - 5:00PM	<b>Businesses-First Data Strategy</b> Samir Sharma, Founder, <b>datazuum</b> Dan Blake, Founder, <b>Information-Activate</b>	<b>How to Thrive With Data Fabric</b> Ben Clinch, Partner, <b>Ortecha</b>	<b>Colleagues and Copilots: Rethinking Decision-Making with Hybrid Intelligence</b> Donald Farmer, Principal, <b>TreeHive Strategy</b>	<b>Architecting and Evaluating Multi-Agent Systems</b> Claudia De Jeu Boronat, Lead ML Engineer, <b>WTW</b>
3:15PM - 3:30PM	Afternoon Break			

WORKSHOP DAYS: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2025

8:30AM - 9:00AM	Registration & Networking Breakfast
9:00AM - 1:15PM	<b>Data &amp; AI Literacy Leadership Course: Building Organisational Capability - A Blended Learning Program for Data Leaders</b> Sue Geuens Director Data Governance and Product Data, <b>Elsevier</b> Daragh O'Brien, CEO & Director of Strategy, <b>Castlebridge</b>
9:00AM - 4:45PM	<b>Data Quality – Ensuring Your Data is Ready for the AI Revolution</b> Nigel Turner, Principal Information Management Consultant EMEA, <b>Global Data Strategy</b>
	<b>Getting Started in Data Governance: A Practical Workshop</b> Nicola Askham, The Data Governance Coach
<b>Breaks</b> Morning Break: 10:30-10:45 Lunch: 12:15-13:15 (Varying 1-hour slots between 12:15 to 14:00 ) Afternoon Break: 14:45-15:00	

WORKSHOP DAYS: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2025

8:30AM - 9:00AM	Registration & Networking Breakfast
9:00AM - 4:30PM	<b>Trustworthy AI in Practice: A Full-Day Skills Lab for Data Professionals</b> Cal Al-Dhubaib, Head of AI & Data Science, <b>Further</b>
<b>Breaks</b> Morning Break: 10:30-10:45 Lunch: 12:15-13:15 (Varying 1-hour slots between 12:15 to 14:00 ) Afternoon Break: 14:45-15:00	



## CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITS: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2025

8:00AM - 9:00AM	Conference Registration Day 1			
9:00AM - 9:10AM	Conference Day 1 Open and Welcome			
9:10AM - 9:55AM	<b>Opening Keynote: Becoming AI-Empowered, Igniting Innovation with AI</b> Julie Holmes, Igniting Innovation with AI: Inspiring Leader & Keynote Speaker			
9:55AM - 10:20AM	Morning Networking Break & Exhibits			
10:20AM - 11:00AM	<b>The First 2 Years: Lessons Learned Building the Sky Showtime Data Platform</b> Dominika Malinowska, Head of Data Engineering, <b>Sky Showtime</b>	<b>Value-Driven Analytics: Making Data Work for Decision Makers</b> Laura Fiacco, Head of CS & CX Analytics, <b>Kiwi.com</b>	<b>Using Generative &amp; Agentic AI To Foster a Happier, Healthier &amp; More Productive Workforce</b> Timothy Walpole, Head of Data & Creative Technology, <b>The Retail Trust</b>	<b>Using Data and Dialogue to Drive Team Success</b> Ram Grandhi, Engineering Leader - Payments, Cards & Open Banking, <b>Nationale-Nederlanden</b>
11:10AM - 11:50AM	<b>Data Quality in Large Organisations: Ambition vs Practicality</b> Tim Donovan, Data Quality Manager, <b>DE&amp;S, Part of UK Ministry of Defence</b>	<b>Transforming the AI Mindset: From Hesitation to Implementation</b> Gishan Nissanka, Head of People Intelligence, <b>Worldline</b>	<b>Agentic Cyber Defense with External Threat Intelligence</b> Jyoti Yadav, Security Data Scientist, <b>Microsoft</b>	<b>Implementing an AI Governance Standard Across an Ever-Moving Transformation Programme</b> Garry Manser, Head of Data Governance, <b>Vanquis Banking Group</b>
12:00PM - 12:45PM	<b>Keynote: Empowering the Workforce in the Age of Agentic AI: Literacy, Trust &amp; Governance at Scale</b> Jan Henderyckx, Partner, <b>BearingPoint</b>			
12:45PM - 2:05PM	Networking Lunch & Exhibits Day 1			
1:10PM - 2:00PM	Lunchtime Sessions Day 1			
2:05PM - 2:35PM	<b>Information Architecture - Building Purpose into Processes</b> Laura van Weegen, Business Architect, <b>Philip Morris International</b>	<b>Beyond the Lab: Hard-Won Strategies for Scaling GenAI &amp; AI Agents</b> Sumitro Ghatak, Lead Data Scientist and AI Architect, <b>IBM</b>	<b>7 Studies That Show AI Is Training You: While You Think You're the User</b> Jing Hu, Director, <b>2nd Order Thinkers</b>	<b>Data Consumption in a Non-Deterministic World</b> Sergio Rodrigues Giraldo, IT Lead, <b>ING</b>
2:45PM - 3:25PM	<b>Scaling Data Governance in the Age of AI: Lessons from the Field</b> Leonardo Gomez Virahonda, Principal Data Governance Specialist, <b>Amazon Web Services</b>	<b>Building a Powerful Data Strategy: A Lived Experience</b> Ameen Ali, Business Consultant, <b>BAE Systems Digital Intelligence</b>	<b>AI-Powered Business Automation: Scaling Operations with Intelligence</b> Olivier Khatib, Founder & CEO, <b>DATANEO</b>	<b>Best Practices for Reference Data Management</b> Beth Fitzpatrick, Senior Data Management Consultant, <b>Royal London</b> Andy Oddy, Data Management Lead, <b>Royal London</b>
3:25PM - 3:55PM	Afternoon Networking Break & Exhibits Day 1			
3:55PM - 4:25PM	<b>Cutting Through the Noise: Empowering Data Leadership with the Essential Trio - Truthsayers, Storytellers and Guides</b> Dan Blake, Founder, <b>Information-Activate</b>	<b>The Role of Enterprise Architecture Management in Defining and Implementing Data and AI Strategies</b> Jörg Ziemann, Group-wide Lead Architect Data Analytics, <b>Lufthansa</b>	<b>From Processes to Agents: Rethinking IT with Agentic AI</b> Adamantia Velonis, Global Director IT Strategy & Communications, <b>L.E.K. Consulting</b>	<b>Navigating the Journey of AI Project Delivery for Lasting Results</b> Raul Diez Gomez, Asset Management Cross Platform Delivery Manager, <b>M&amp;G Plc</b>
4:25PM - 4:40PM	DAMA UK Awards			
4:30PM - 5:15PM	<b>Keynote: Colleagues and Copilots - Rethinking Decision-Making in the Hybrid Intelligence Era</b> Donald Farmer, Principal, <b>TreeHive Strategy</b>			
5:15PM - 6:20PM	Networking Drinks Reception & Exhibits			

CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITS: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2025

8:00AM - 9:00AM	Conference Registration Day 2			
9:00AM - 9:10AM	Conference Day 2 Open and Welcome			
9:10AM - 10:00AM	<b>Keynote: AI and the Workforce of the Future: The Future Starts NOW</b> Daragh O'Brien, CEO & Director of Strategy, Castlebridge			
10:20AM - 11:00AM	<b>Building an Award-Winning Data Governance Practice: Focusing on Automation and Process Digitalization</b> Kris Ball, Data Governance & Analytics Manager, Lexmark	<b>Building a Human-Centred Data Culture in the Age of AI</b> Antony Burton, VP of Product & Strategy, Data Literacy Academy Tony Zona, Chief Data Officer, Grant Thornton UK	<b>Using AI to disrupt Human Trafficking</b> Tom Higgins, Director of Data and Technology, STOP THE TRAFFIK	<b>Shaping the Future of Finance and Insurance: AI for Accuracy</b> Elangoraj Thiruppandiaaj, Data Scientist, Just Group
10:50AM - 11:20AM	Morning Networking Break & Exhibits Day 2			
11:20AM - 12:00PM	<b>Data Strategy Development and the Mistakes Not to Make</b> Sara Louise Ewen, Director, Auchnacraig Data Services Limited	<b>Agentic AI in a Challenging Economy: Revolutionising Data Management for the future</b> Epco Maat, Data Management & Data Governance Lead, Accenture Sherifat Akintunde-Shitu, MDM Capability Lead, Accenture	<b>Panel Session: Ethical AI in Finance: Balancing Innovation, Trust, and Regulation</b>	
12:10PM - 12:50PM	<b>Neurodiversity &amp; the World of Data Quality</b> Rachael Parkin, Data Quality Manager, Barratt Redrow	<b>Future Trends in Data: Shaping the Next Generation of Governance</b> Gerard Bartley, Governance Practice Lead EMEA, Syniti	<b>Building Enterprise-Ready Agentic AI Systems: A Roadmap from Concept to Production</b> Claudia De Jeu Boronat, Lead ML Engineer, WTW	<b>AI Governance in Action: A Practical Roadmap From Principles to Implementation</b> Ray Eitel-Porter, Founder, Lumyz Advisory Paul Dongha, Head of Responsible AI and AI Strategy, NatWest Bank
12:50PM - 2:05PM	Networking Lunch & Exhibits Day 2			
1:15PM - 2:05PM	Lunchtime Sessions Day 2			
2:10 PM - 2:50 PM	<b>We Are the Change We Seek: How Culture Can Make or Break a Data Management Initiative</b> Nigel Turner, Principal Information Management Consultant EMEA, Global Data Strategy	<b>From Data Chaos to Business Clarity: The Data Products Revolution for the age of AI</b> Shirosh Tissera, Senior Enterprise Architect, Collibra	<b>Keynote: Responsible AI in Financial Services – Lessons From the Front Line</b> Dr. Janet Bastiman, Chief Data Scientist, Napier AI	
3:00PM - 3:30PM	<b>Clean Data, Strong AI: Building the Right Foundation for Success</b> Eshani Mathur, Consultant, Cervello	<b>AI Guardrails in Action: Real-Time Moderation for Safer LLM-Based Chatbots</b> Salman Saeed Khan, Director Data Science, Imperial College London	<b>Rise of the Red Team Machines</b> James Williams, Senior Security Consultant, TrustedSec	<b>Data Governance for Data Modelling of Data Products</b> Alar Krist, Data architect, Swedbank
3:30PM - 3:45PM	Afternoon Networking Break & Exhibits Day 2			
3:45PM - 4:15PM	<b>Keynote Panel: The Intelligent Enterprise: Aligning Data, AI, and Strategy for Competitive Advantage</b>			
4:15PM - 4:50PM	<b>Closing Keynote: The Hidden Power of Your Voice - Lessons From a Life I Almost Lost</b> Nina Aouilk, Keynote Speaker & Bestselling Author			



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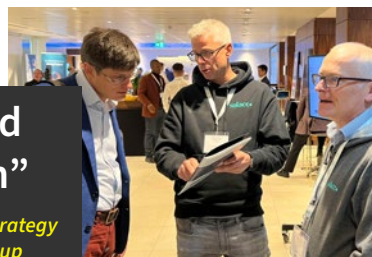
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