

# Opportunities and challenges in science, technology & innovation

## Foundation Future Leaders Annual Conference

**19 November 2025**

**Location:** i3 building ([link](#)) at Liverpool Hope University  
Hope Park, Liverpool L16 9JD

19 NOVEMBER 2025	
09:00 – 10:00	<b>Registration and coffee</b>
10:00 – 10:15	<b>Opening and welcome</b> <i>Introduction: Gavin Costigan, Chief Executive, Foundation for Science and Technology</i> <i>Welcome from Professor Claire Ozanne, Vice-Chancellor, Liverpool Hope University</i>
10:15 – 10:45	<b>Keynote Speaker</b> <i>Professor Dame Angela McLean, Government Chief Scientific Adviser [Invited]</i>
10:45 – 12:15	<b>Plenary #1: Regional Science and technology: achievements &amp; challenges</b>  Speakers:  <i>Steve Rotherham, Mayor, Liverpool City Region [Invited]</i> <i>Professor Richard Jones, University of Manchester[Confirmed]</i> <i>Dr Annette Bramley, Director N8 Research Partnership [Confirmed]</i> <i>Carys Thomas, Head of Policy, Research &amp; Development Division, Welsh Government [Invited]</i>  Chaired by a member of the Foundation Future Leaders Scheme
12:15 – 13:15	<b>Lunch</b>
13:15 – 14:30	<b>Parallel Breakout Sessions: Preparing for tomorrow's challenges</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Health</li><li>● Energy</li><li>● AI</li></ul> <p>Each session will have a chair and a rapporteur from the Foundation Future Leaders Scheme, and will also each have one external expert/provocateur to give a 15 minute presentation/challenge to start the conversation.</p>

14:30 – 15:00	<b>Tea/Coffee break</b>
15:00 – 16:30	<b>Plenary #2: Barriers to Successful Science. Technology &amp; Innovation</b>  Speakers:  <i>Jessica Corner, Executive Chair, Research England [Invited]</i> <i>Shomari Lewis-Wilson, Senior Manager, Research Culture and Communities, Wellcome Trust [Invited]</i> <i>Tomas Ulrichsen, Director, UCI Policy Evidence Unit, University of Cambridge [Invited]</i>  Chaired by a member of the Foundation Future Leaders Scheme
16:30 – 16:40	<b>Conference close</b> <i>Gavin Costigan, Chief Executive, Foundation for Science and Technology</i>
16:40 – 18:00	<b>Drinks reception</b>
18:00	<b>Close of Conference</b>