

Technician **Commitment**

Technician Commitment Signatory Event

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Wednesday 15 May 2024
Techniquest, Stuart Street, Cardiff, CF10 5BW
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AGENDA

- 10.00 **Registration, refreshments & networking**
- Registration and refreshments will be available providing an opportunity to network & engage with colleagues pre-event*
- 10.30 **Welcome & Technician Commitment Update**
- An update from the Technician Commitment team to include recent activity and an overview of the Peer Review process*
- 10.45 **Round table introductions**
- A 'get to know you' session introducing participants, roles and current interactions/engagement with the Technician Commitment*
- 11.00 **The UK Institute for Technical Skills & Strategy (ITSS)**
- An update on ITSS's key workstreams: Insight; Influence; Innovation; Integration*
- 11.30 **Coffee and refreshments**

- 11.45 **Introducing the TC Index – A potential REF 2029 Indicator**
- An interactive workshop to introduce an indicator for REF 2029's People, Culture and Environment component that will provide an opportunity for the Technician Community to input, co-develop and advise.*
- 13.00 **Lunch**
- 14.00 **Career Pathways**
- A session to spotlight two key areas of the TALENT Commission Technical Pathway – for information and discussion:*
- Technical Specialist Promotional Pathways
 - Developing a new generation of technical talent through T-Level placements
- 15.15 **UK Technology Specialist Network (TSN)**
- An update from the UK TSN Committee on an exciting new grant award and the opportunities this offers to the Technician Commitment community*
- 15.45 **Coffee and refreshments**
- 16.15 **Collaboration Fund**
- An opportunity to collaborate with organisations outside the Technician Commitment, this small grant fund is targeted to kickstart projects, schemes or events catered to your technical community's needs.*
- 16.35 **Wales Innovation Network**
- An opportunity to learn about how the Wales Innovation Network is supporting Technical Professionals nationally.*
- 16.45 **TALENT Impact Survey**
- An update on the Research England funded TALENT programme's national Impact Survey*
- 16.55 **Closing remarks**
- Delegate free time. Please enjoy the exhibition space and return for the evening reception which will start promptly at 6pm***
- 18.00 **Evening drinks and networking reception**
- Please join us on the first floor of the exhibition space for a networking reception featuring short speeches from Welsh Government, WIN and sector stakeholders on the vital contribution of technical professionals. We will also*

be conferring awards to institutions who have demonstrated positive progress against the aims of the Technician Commitment and launching a new Technician Commitment report.

Speakers include:

- *Lewis Dean and David Noakes, Head of Wales Innovation Network and Chair of WIN Technician Network*
- *Abigail Phillips Head of Innovation Welsh Government*
- *Professor Wendy Lerner, President and Vice-Chancellor, Cardiff University*
- *Mark Dabee Saltmarsh, Technician Demonstrator, Cardiff Metropolitan University*