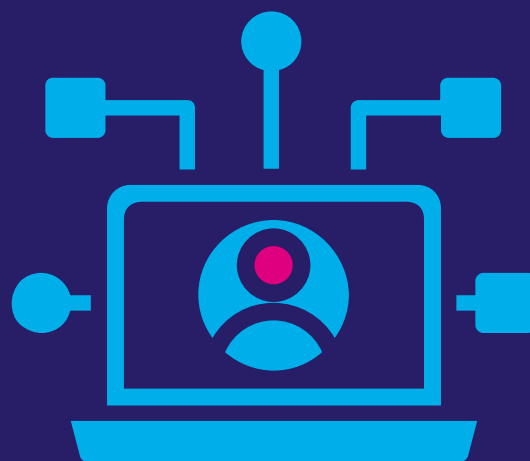
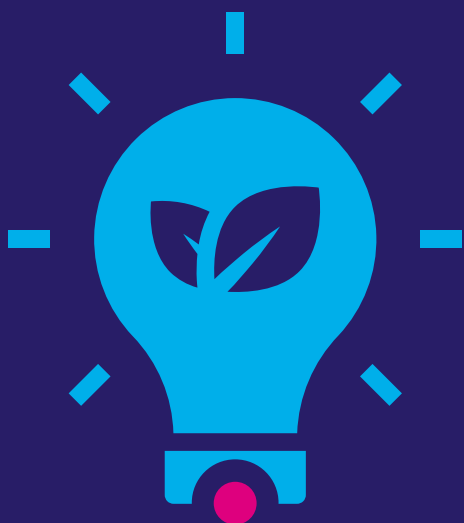


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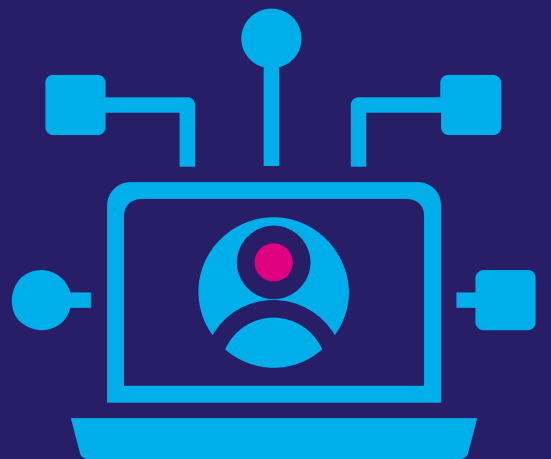
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Monday 27 March

The future of work

Be prepared for a changing world of work and what skills, experience and characteristics you will need to thrive in the future workforce.

Our experts look at what lies ahead for work, including the role of technology, emerging industries, greater international collaboration and building dynamic teams. Together we will discuss how individuals can prepare for success, in this rapidly changing world of work.



Monday 27 March

The future of work

**10.45–11.00
UK time**

Welcome address

**Maddalaine Ansell**

Director of Education, British Council

Maddalaine Ansell is currently Director Education at the British Council. Prior to this, Maddalaine was Chief Executive of University Alliance and the Department of Business, Innovation and Skills where she worked closely with Lord David Willetts, then Minister for Science and Universities.

She is a graduate of Emmanuel College, Cambridge and trained and practiced as a lawyer in large international legal practices before joining the civil service fast stream.

**11.00–12.00
UK time**

SESSION 1

The Nowhere Office: in conversation with Julia Hobsbawm

Organisations across the globe are experiencing similar challenges around productivity, stress, managing employees working from home and demands for equality, inclusivity, more purposeful work and greater work/life balance.

Drawing on her extensive experience, research and historical perspectives of the workplace, Julia will share her insights from her book, *The Nowhere Office: Reinventing Work and the Workplace of the Future*, on how employers, employees and managers can best negotiate the changing landscape of the office in ways that benefit everyone.

This innovative session will offer insight and knowledge to anyone who is interested in thinking about new ways of working.

**Julia Hobsbawm OBE**

Writer, speaker, consultant, and Bloomberg commentator and columnist about the future of work

Julia was a founder of the US-led Workforce Institute, was Chair of the inaugural UK Demos Workshift Commission, and now co-hosts the popular podcast *The Nowhere Office*.

Julia is the author of six books and an acclaimed entrepreneur who founded the networks and podcast business Editorial Intelligence. Julia was awarded an OBE in 2015 and regularly consults for and speaks to corporations, government and changemakers around the world.

12.00–13.00
UK time



Maarya Rehman (Chair)

Deputy Director Pakistan, British Council

Maarya Rehman has worked for the British Council since 2015, when she moved to Pakistan to reopen the British Council libraries in Lahore and Karachi. She has since worked as Area Director Punjab, Country Director Sri Lanka, and most recently Deputy Director Pakistan. She believes strongly in the work the British Council does in South Asia, connecting young people to meaningful opportunities and building long-lasting trust and connections, vital to addressing the big global issues of our times.

SESSION 2

The future of work: influences and predictions

This expert panel session brings together speakers with research backgrounds in organisational psychology, employability, skills utilisation, employee wellbeing, technology, and problem solving through business conduct. How will artificial intelligence change career opportunities? How can businesses make better use of research and data to improve employee wellbeing? Together the panel will explore what influences are currently shaping working practices and business culture and predict what changes may come in the future.

Individuals interested in an analysis of the future of work and using that knowledge to help you prepare for success, should not miss this session.



Professor Rob Briner

Professor of Organisational Psychology, Queen Mary University

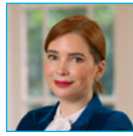
Rob is Professor of Organisational Psychology at Queen Mary, University of London and was co-founder and Scientific Director of the Center for Evidence-Based Management. His research has covered well-being, emotions, stress, ethnicity, the psychological contract, absence from work, motivation, work-nonwork and everyday work behaviour. Beyond academic research Rob helps practitioners and organisations make better use of evidence, including research evidence, in decision-making.



Dr Belgin Okay-Somerville

Senior Lecturer (Management), Adam Smith Business School,
University of Glasgow

Belgin is a Senior Lecturer of Human Resource Management at the Adam Smith Business School, University of Glasgow. Her research interests include employability, skills utilisation and job quality, career transitions, chance events and employee wellbeing, especially among younger workers.

**Dr. Yildiz Tugba Kurtulus Kara**

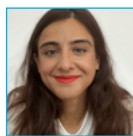
Founder and Managing Director, Society 5.0 Institute

Yildiz is a social entrepreneur and founded Society 5.0 Institute, a London-based social enterprise that fosters social innovations serving sustainability, in 2017. Prior to this she held senior roles at the Turkish Ministry of Economy, Istanbul Chamber of Industry and at an international cross-border digital trade platform. Yildiz is a visiting Lecturer at Regent's University London, teaching Sustainability and International Political Economy.

**Nadia Nathania**

Co-Founder & Managing Director, PT Intune Musik Nusantara Raya

Nadia Nathania is a Co-founder and Managing Director of PT Intune Musik Nusantara Raya, a music production company focusing on commercial music. She has several other companies in different industries, including retail and sports education. She is an avid learner with a Bachelor of Arts (with Honours) and a Master of Science from the University of Nottingham. Her passion is to help the society by solving existing problems through business conducts.

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Welcome Address

**Alison Barrett MBE**

Director India, British Council

Alison Barrett MBE is Director, British Council India. She has worked for the British Council for over 25 years in a variety of roles, most of which have been in the Asia-Pacific region. In her previous role, she was the Cultural Engagement Business Director for the East Asia region, overseeing British Council's Education, Arts and English work in China, North and Southeast Asia and Australia and New Zealand. From 2020-2022, she led The Climate Connection – a global programme and platform for dialogue and action, which has connected young people, policy makers and sector specialists from the UK and over 178 countries together to tackle the climate emergency through culture, education and English. In 2014, Alison was awarded an MBE for services to the teaching and learning of English in India.

**14.05–15.00
UK time**

SESSION 3

The future of technology in the workplace

Technology is all around us, it's changing the way we live our lives and how we work. Our panellists are all founders of tech-based companies in India and will share their experience of how to create and use technology for good, what successes and challenges we can learn from big tech and predictions on technological advancements we might see in the workplace in the next 10 to 20 years.

Don't miss this future focussed session if you have an interest in technology and its infinite possibilities in the workplace and beyond.



Yeshwanth Raj Parasmal

Co-Founder & Chief Operating Officer, 21k School

With 23 years of experience in the education sector, Yeshwanth has developed a deep understanding of the challenges and opportunities facing educators and learners today. He is known for developing and implementing innovative and effective educational programmes, and bringing diverse stakeholders together to achieve common goals with a focus on leveraging technology to improve learning outcomes in K-12 schools.



Abhishek Rungta

Founder & CEO, Indus Net Technologies

Abhishek is an entrepreneur, digital strategy consultant, software architect, marketing geek, angel investor, and a visionary. A techie turned entrepreneur in his teens, Abhishek founded INT. (Indus Net Technologies) in 1997. INT. is a fully bootstrapped venture, from a one-person firm to a family of 850+ full-time professionals today, working in India, the UK, USA, Canada and Singapore.



Purva Aggarwal

Founder and CEO, Good Good Piggy

Purva Aggarwal is the first female soloprenuer in India and third globally to enter the 'children's online banking and wallet' space. Purva is a Financial Analyst at a private equity investment advisory firm and a writer. She is the Ambassador of the Indian chapter of Women in Tech, an international non-profit headquartered in Paris, dedicated to promoting greater diversity in the tech sector globally. She is also a researcher in the field of Mergers and Acquisitions.



Aatreyee Guha Thakurta (Chair)

Regional Marketing and Communications Manager,
Education Marketing, South Asia, British Council

Aatreyee leads on the British Council's education work in mobility and internationalisation across India and South Asia, working closely with the UK education sector and sector bodies, local governments, students and influencers and the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office. Aatreyee joined British Council 10 years ago and has worked in marketing, communications and education.

Tuesday 28 March

The insider's guide to starting your own business

You have a business idea, but now what?

You'll hear directly from founders and entrepreneurs to gain practical advice on how to get started, stay motivated, what it takes to be your own boss and scaling up your business.



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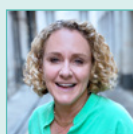
**11.00–12.00
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Practical career workshop The power of no

It might be tempting to say yes to everything. It might feel like we're setting ourselves apart by taking extra responsibilities or working late. However, saying "No" and setting boundaries at work is crucial for many reasons.

During this one-hour workshop Victoria will walk you through the types of boundaries and how to set them for the benefit of everyone.

You'll leave this inspiring workshop with an understanding of your own boundaries and future-proof toolkit.

**Victoria McLean**

CEO, Hanover Talent Solutions and City CV

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**14.00–15.00
UK time**

SESSION 1

The insider's guide to being your own boss

Hear directly from award-winning entrepreneurs from across Africa. The panel will share practical advice and stories from their own personal entrepreneurship journeys to help you:

- take the first steps to starting your own business;
- know what to expect when transitioning from employment to being your own boss, including how stay motivated and key skills you'll need to succeed;
- navigate scaling up and securing funding;
- and how to promote yourself and your business.

This advice filled session is for anyone who has entrepreneurship ambitions and wants to learn directly from others who are already leading their own enterprises.

**Chima Amadi**

Founder & CEO, Clemac Digital Health

Chima Amadi is the founder of Clemac Digital Health, a Nigerian health start-up that leverages technology to improve access to health care for residents of Nigeria. He is a Pharmacist and holds a Masters in Global Public Health. Chima was a finalist at the British Council Alumni Awards, is a Mandela Washington Fellowship alumni and won the World Health Organization COVID-19 Hackathon Grant. He is the global lead on pharmacy workforce policy for the International Pharmaceutical Federation.

**Albert Opoku**

Co-Founder, Hapaweb Solutions

Albert is Co-founder of Hapaweb Solutions, a Ghana-based company providing cloud, web and mobile solutions. From a bedroom-based business, Hapaweb now has two offices in Ghana, and clients and partners include Google, Microsoft and the British Council. In 2016, he co-founded HapaSpace, an innovation hub providing a supportive and dynamic community for over 2,000 freelancers, start-ups, and business professionals in Kumasi. In 2020 he won the British Council Alumni Award for Social Impact.

**Cherubim Mawuli Amenyedior**

President, Strategic Imperative (STRIMPE)

Cherubim Mawuli Amenyedior is a digital marketing and transformation strategist. He has worked extensively on digital marketing strategy for brands such as Twitter Ghana, Borussia Dortmund, Budweiser, Birkbeck, University of London, GCB Bank Ghana, Invest in Africa, StarTimes Ghana, RGU-UK and Digital Scotland. Strategic Imperative (STRIMPE) exists to provide digital transformation interventions to sectors such as academia and industry to unlock Africa's potential in the digital economy.

**Ntsiki Mkhize**

Founder & Chief Social Entrepreneur, MentHer

A self-published author, her inaugural book *My Hall of Mentors* was released in 2019. In the same year she gave her first TEDx Talk at Cumbernauld Women. Ntsiki is the Founder of MentHer, a global mentorship network supporting female social entrepreneurs. She serves as a non-executive Director for Pamanda Properties and eKasi Entrepreneurs and as a mentor for Phakama Women's Academy, Business and Arts South Africa and SEED Academy.

**Mukami Kowino (Chair)**

Deputy Country Director Kenya, British Council

Mukami is currently the Deputy Country Director at British Council Kenya, where her portfolio challenges her to participate in programmes affixed on entrepreneurship, innovation, and creative enterprise development. Mukami is a lawyer by profession with experience in development cooperation and human development work. She has in depth technical knowledge, practical experience, and strategic insights in the dynamics of human rights, public policy, gender equity and leadership.

Wednesday 29 March

The data behind gender equality

Why is gender equality so important?

What are the challenges faced by women in the workplace and what can employers do to support them?

This data-led session will provide hard statistics on this issue and provide solutions for ensuring there are more women in the workforce and in leadership roles.



Wednesday 29 March

The data behind gender equality

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Gender inequality, no thank you

This session addresses the experience of women in leadership in the field of higher education. It raises the question of how women leaders can strategically make change happen for a more gender equitable and inclusive society. With an educational background in gender and development and experience as vice president of a university and director of an intergovernmental organisation, Dr Romyen will reflect on the struggle, strategy and collective efforts in advocating for women's empowerment.

**Dr Romyen Kosaikanont**

Director, SEAMEO RIHED

Dr. Romyen Kosaikanont is the Centre Director of the South East Asian SEAMEO RIHED. She is actively engaged in higher education harmonisation and internationalisation processes in Thailand and Southeast Asia. Dr. Romyen holds a PhD. in International Development and Economics and a Masters in Gender and Development and is an advocate for equality, diversity and inclusivity in higher education. She represented the Women's Major Group in the United Nations Conference for Sustainable Development.

**Jane Franklin (Chair)**

Deputy Head, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion, British Council

Jane has worked for 20 years in Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI). Her role includes setting and driving the organisation's global EDI strategy and the design and delivery of tools and initiatives to support mainstreaming. She has a Masters in Promoting Equality and Managing Diversity and has co-authored a book on equality monitoring in international settings. Jane is a Foodbank Trustee and volunteer and a member of Styal women's prison Independent Monitoring Board.

**11.00–12.00
UK time**

SESSION 2

Women in leadership - the honest truth

It is universally acknowledged that there are not enough women in leadership roles, and those who have risen to senior positions still face challenges of gender equality when they get there. In this session, you'll hear and learn from personal experiences of women CEOs and senior leaders as they discuss how they have navigated difficult conversations and situations, what companies can do to promote workplace gender equality and how men can be allies in achieving this.

This session is not to be missed if you are a woman looking to progress into leadership roles.



Nishtha Satyam

Head of Mission, UN Women in Timor Leste

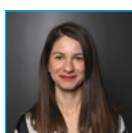
Nishtha's role at UN Women focuses on developing and implementing strategies to secure a diversified partnership portfolio with Governments and the private sector to build a community of commitment leading to sustained support for the organisation. She advises on leveraging the role of business in development through the Sustainable Development Goals, business ethics and governance, democratisation of the ICT arena and studying the impact of the regulatory and policy environment on businesses.



Ni (Helen) Huan

CEO, Green Light Year

Helen is the first civil adopter of CIGS thin-film solar technology in mainland China. Her home has been installed with an aquaponics system powered by solar energy, an EV charging station, composters converting kitchen waste into fertilisers, a vertical farm and an automatic dripping system. Her experience covers work for and with international organisations and ministries and as a social entrepreneur, understands the organisational challenges of grassroots NGOs.



Stella Kasdagli

Co-Founder, Women on Top

Stella Kasdagli is a gender expert, an award-winning author and a trainer with a focus on issues of social change and awareness. She is the co-founder of Women On Top, a non-profit organisation in Greece for the professional development of women and for gender equality in the public sphere. She is the recipient of multiple awards for her social and creative impact. She lives in Athens with her husband and two daughters.



Mary Dinah

Founder and Chief Executive, Mary Dinah Foundation

Mary is the Founder and Chief Executive of Mary Dinah Foundation, an international NGO established since 2006 whose main initiative, Zero Hunger Program, is focused on alleviating hunger and poverty by feeding refugees and internally displaced persons across Africa. Mary has won several awards for her humanitarian work and sits on a number of boards and working groups including the United Nations working group on providing sustainable energy for people in displacement settings.



Dr Richard Sunderland

Director Education Business Development, British Council

Richard is our global Business Development Director for Education based in Edinburgh and leads our commercial work across Higher Education and Science, TVET, and basic education. He also oversees our global operations and compliance frameworks around the world. Richard has worked for the British Council for 20 years in various leadership roles in the UK and overseas. He started his career as an English teacher and teacher trainer, managing learning centres in Asia and the Middle East, after which he spent 10 years working in education and assessment around our global network. More recently he was our Country Director in Tanzania and in Myanmar, working across a range of partnership and client funded English, teacher education, and higher education programmes. Richard's doctorate is in New Public Management and focussed on leadership in international matrix organisations. He is married with two children and has a lifelong passion for Land Rovers, as well as enjoying travelling, fly fishing, and getting his golf handicap as close to scratch as possible.



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SESSION 3

**13.00–14.00
UK time**

Empowered to lead: how leading for legacy can build a brighter future and drive change

The issues facing society, communities, and the world of business are growing increasingly complex. To respond to these challenges, we need new, diverse ways of thinking.

Research tells us that where an organisation has greater gender diversity, they are more profitable, sustainable and impactful. Yet, women continue to be underrepresented at decision making tables, and long term systems thinking and legacy approaches to leading the way are needed.

In this session Sharon Amesu will refer to the latest research on women in leadership. She will discuss why we need more women leaders and how together, we can play a role in empowering women leaders to be powerful future-builders and agents of change for all.



Sharon Amesu

Leadership and Inclusion Strategist, City CV

Sharon Amesu is a multi award winning speaker who started her career in Law. She was a Criminal Barrister for 16 years with a successful practice across the Northwest of England. Sharon now runs a consultancy that supports organisations with leadership development and diversity and inclusion initiatives. A lifelong learner, Sharon recently completed Advanced Studies in Executive Coaching with the University of Cambridge.

15.00–16.00
UK time

Practical career workshop

Sorry, not sorry. Why women apologise too much

Many women in the workplace begin practically every sentence with the word 'sorry'. They say, 'Sorry, is this a good time?' 'Sorry, can I come in?' 'Sorry, can I speak?' The 'sorrys' that we sprinkle through our days make us appear less confident and competent.

How to talk confidently, and unapologetically, about your achievements in an interview is one of the most common challenges we address in our coaching sessions. In this workshop, Victoria will discuss the negative impact the 'apologising habit' has on careers and how to break that habit for good. She will share:

- What impact over-apologising has on your career
- Why women apologise more than men, especially in the workplace
- Top strategies to break the habit

This workshop will show you how you can talk confidently, and unapologetically, to get the balance right.



Victoria McLean

CEO, Hanover Talent Solutions and City CV

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Thursday 30 March

Careers with social impact

What are the world's great challenges, and how can we effectively confront them?

Hear from Alumni UK Award winners and finalists who are tackling the Sustainable Development Goals through careers with social purpose.



Thursday 30 March

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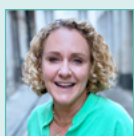
**11.00–12.00
UK time**

Practical career workshop Brand new brand you

Career success is all about standing out. To do that, you need to be armed with a strong understanding of your value and uniqueness.

Many of us are very good at focussing on the things we can't do, rather than the things we can, and there is often a huge gap between how others perceive us and how we want to be perceived.

We want to help you bridge this gap, in person and through the power of your digital brand - LinkedIn. In this workshop, Victoria will help you shape yourself and your brand for both internal and external networks, give you the confidence to excel in your career, enhance prospects of promotion and achieve career success.

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**23.00–00.00
UK time**

SESSION 1

A career to change the world

Do you want to do something with your career that tackles a local, national or global challenge? In a world where you can be anything, many people are choosing to focus their work and careers on making the world a safer and fairer place. The panel will share advice on developing careers with social purpose, leaving a positive legacy on the world, and the mechanisms of making change happen.

If you want a career with an impact, don't miss this session.

**Itzel Morales Lagune**

Director of Community, Climate Reality Project América Latina

Itzel is Director of Community for Climate Reality Project América Latina, where she designs projects encouraging climate action among 5,600 volunteers in 22 countries. She is currently part of a programme funded by TikTok that seeks to create a Latin American narrative on the challenges of and solutions to climate change. She was profiled as an outstanding activist in Al Gore's book, Truth to Power, in 2017. Itzel graduated with a Masters in Climate Change from Heriot-Watt University.

**María Luisa Zorrilla Abascal Ph.D.**

Academic Researcher and Director of Multimodal Education, Institute of Education Sciences at the Autonomous University of the State of Morelos in Mexico (UAEM)

María Luisa Zorrilla is a researcher and faculty member at the Institute of Education Sciences at UAEM. She is also Director of Multimodal Education, the institutional initiative to strengthen the use of ICT and enhance the virtual learning environment within the university. María's research interests include non-conventional educational modalities, digital culture, transferable skills for life and work, and media convergence.

**Margarita Maria Mendez Sandoval**

Co-founder, Fundacion Koikos

Margarita co-founded the non-profit organisation Fundación Koikos, which has now provided training to fight corruption using the right to petition for over 25,000 people across Colombia. Koikos has supported communities to stop actions of corruption from public authorities and ensure that taxes are spent appropriately. Koikos also has a programme that provides single mothers with free legal and psychological assistants, which has so far helped around 200 families.

**Lourenco Capriglione**

Research Fellow, The Bartlett Development Planning Unit, University College London

Lourenco is a climate advocate from the northeast of Brazil. He recently completed a Masters in Environment and Sustainable Development at University College London with a Chevening Scholarship.

**Darren Coyle (Chair)**

Country Director Colombia and Peru, British Council

Darren Coyle is currently serving as Country Director British Council for Colombia and Peru. Prior to this, he has worked as Programme Lead from the British Council's Head Office in London for a number of global programmes across the Education space spanning 20 years. Darren was awarded an MBE for services to Education and Sporting Opportunities for Young People globally.

Friday 31 March

The secrets of effective leadership

What does it take to be a successful leader?

Gain an inside view into the life of a CEO and senior leaders, hear their advice on how they handle challenges, celebrate successes and manage to inspire teams around the world.

They will discuss their own career journeys which got them to leading major organisations and changing trends in leadership.



Friday 31 March

The secrets of effective leadership

**12.00–13.00
UK time**

SESSION 1

The secret life of CEOs

What's it really like to be a CEO? This is your opportunity to hear and learn from inspirational CEOs who have led organisations around the world, each with different career journeys. In this intimate session, panellists will talk openly and honestly about the challenges of holding a CEO position, how much they rely on their instincts, what they find most rewarding and pinpointing the pivotal moments in their careers that got them to where they are today.

Don't miss this session if you have aspirations to take on a leadership role and progress to CEO level.

**Scott McDonald**

Chief Executive, British Council

Prior to joining the British Council, Scott was President & CEO of the Oliver Wyman Group, sat on the Executive Committee of Marsh & McLennan Companies and worked in investment banking, the magazine industry, and ran a small publishing company.

Scott is a member of the Global Strategy & Leadership Expert Panel of McGill University's Desautels Faculty of Management and sits on the European Advisory Board for The Nature Conservancy and the Advisory Group for Yodomo, a UK crafting platform.

**Professor Adam Habib**

Director, SOAS, University of London

Professor Adam Habib is an academic, researcher, activist, administrator, and well-known public intellectual. A Professor of Political Science, Adam has over 30 years of academic, research and administration expertise, spanning five universities and multiple local and international institutions.

Adam's areas of focus are democratisation in South Africa, contemporary social movements, philanthropy, inequality, giving and its impact on poverty alleviation and development, and institutional reform.

**Vu Hoang Yen**

CEO, Be Group

Yen Vu is CEO of Be Group - a 7 million user consumer digital platform from Vietnam, with 1.5 million monthly transacting users, providing fully-fledged on-demand transportation, food delivery, digital goods and financial product distribution.

Yen has experience in working with multiple stakeholders and government and international partnerships across industries including financial, consumer and healthcare organisations to form multi-party partnerships and achieve commercial results.

**13.00–13.50
UK time**



Van Anh Hoang (Chair)

Van Anh Hoang is the Head of Education at British Council Vietnam. Her current portfolio includes science and research, higher education, youth leadership and skills, student mobility, alumni and Study UK. She holds an MBA degree from LaTrobe University, Australia. Before joining the British Council, Van worked for Australian Education International (AEI) as Deputy Director for Education Development and for the University of Queensland as the Vietnam Representative.

SESSION 2

Finding your leadership lane

When you think of examples of good leaders, who comes to mind? What qualities do they possess that make them effective? Leadership comes in many forms and the panel will share their own experiences of management, how they translate theory into practice, and how culture and sector influence leadership. They will explore what it means to be aware of your own leadership style and how you can adapt it to different situations to help you become a great leader.



Dr Zemin Chen (Penny)

Associate Professor in Innovation and Enterprise, UCLan

Following the completion of a PhD in Business and Management from the University of Manchester in 2014, Penny joined the University of Central Lancashire as a Lecturer where she currently works as an Associate Professor in Innovation and Enterprise and General Manager of UCLan Technology (Shenzhen) Ltd. Owned by the University of Central Lancashire, Penny oversees the university incubator and acceleration in China of over 500 start-ups.



Alexandru Savva

CEO, Central Securities Depository; Adviser to the Governor, National Bank of Moldova

Alexandru is a lawyer and financial market expert, with over 20 years of experience in the financial-banking sector. He worked at the National Bank of Moldova, Commission for Financial Markets and various programs of the World Bank, USAID and international consulting companies.

Alexandru acted as the CEO of the Single Central Securities Depository where he led policy, compliance and legal teams and has authored and co-authored numerous legal acts, reports, and publications on financial markets.



Dr Hajjah Yatela Zainal Abidin

CEO, Sime Darby Foundation

Dr Yatela is the Chief Executive Officer of Sime Darby Foundation (YSD). YSD focuses on education, community health, environment, sports and arts and culture with strategies aligned to the Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations. Dr Yatela holds a Bachelor of Science in Accounting and Finance from the University of Wales, Aberystwyth and she completed her Association of Chartered Certified Accountants professional degree at the Emile Woolf College of Accountancy in London.

**Shaun Adam Bin Abdullah**

Manager, Public Policy and Government Relations, The European Union Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Shaun leads the World Economic Forum's regional and global cooperation between governments and businesses in the Asia-Pacific region to shape sustainable and inclusive development agendas.

He was previously attached to the United Nations working on trade policy and socio-economic development in Southeast Asia, Africa, and Eastern Europe and headed the trade and advocacy department of the European Union Business Chambers in the ASEAN region, supporting the work of the ASEAN Economic Community.

**Andrew Chadwick (Chair)**

Global Lead, Alumni UK Programme and Outward Mobility, British Council

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