MCR TECH FESTIVAL

2023

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NETWORK

Evening Socials

All of our evening socials are included in your ticket price and give you the opportunity to meet the speakers and ask any question, expand your network and most importantly relax after a day of tech talks!

Each one of our evening socials is designed with a different audience in mind including our games night, for those who prefer a different type of networking.

LEARN

Talks & Panels

Across the festival we have over 150 speakers covering topics from Pathways into Tech to Start-up / Scale-up.

We are proud that all of our speakers have been chosen by lead professionals including CEOs, Heads of and CTOs from Manchester's most successful tech companies.

DRIVE BUSINESS

Attendees

With over 3000 attendees across the week Manchester Tech Festival offers a unique opportunity to drive your business forward. From recruitment to business development, MTF brings together students, developers, CTOs and CEOs all looking to engage further in the community.

WELCOME TO MTF.

With a resilient £5 billion digital ecosystem and over 10,000 digital and tech businesses, Manchester is one of the UK's biggest tech cities. Founded in a basement in the Northern Quarter, Manchester Tech Festival (MTF) is Manchester's only year long celebration of this thriving tech ecosystem with over 40+ events surrounding the festival itself.

In October 2023, MTF will be returning to the historical Victoria Baths to host two days of multi-stage panel discussions, lively debates and thought provoking talks. Our tech expo will be returning to the event giving you the unique opportunity to meet and mingle with some of Manchester's biggest tech businesses and our tech drop off zone will give guests the opportunity to give back to the community.

Surrounding the core days, will be a series of tracks, specialised conferences such as our invite-only Leadership Day and our Pathways into Tech Day, designed to allow guests to focus on a particular area, whilst networking with like-minded professionals.

Finally throughout the week are plenty of opportunities to network at one of our evening socials, from games nights to exciting events with 99 second talks.
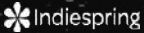
With so much happening, it's an experience not to be missed!

LINE-UP.

30 Monday

Leadership Day
Brooklyn Heights, Hotel Brooklyn
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Leadership Evening Social
Penthouse Drinks Reception
Brooklyn Heights Hotel

OR

Pathways into Tech
No1 Circle Square

Evening Social
Drinks & Nibbles
Bruntwood Sci Tech
No1 Circle Square

31 Tuesday

**Software Engineering
& Tech Quality**
Peoples History Museum
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Evening Social
Drinks Reception
Banyan, Spinningfields

OR

Power Apps Challenge
DiSH MCR
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MAG TECHNOLOGY

Evening Social
Drinks & Nibbles
DiSH MCR
Heron House

01 Wednesday

MTF Main Talks
Victoria Baths Main Stage

Women in Tech & Tech 4 Good
Victoria Baths Stage 2
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Start Up / Scale Up
Victoria Baths Stage 3
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Evening Social
Drinks & Nibbles
Footage, Oxford Road
OR
Alternative Evening Social
DiSH MCR, Heron House

02 Thursday

MTF Main Talks
Victoria Baths Main Stage

Diversity & Inclusion
Victoria Baths Stage 2

Start Up / Scale Up
Victoria Baths Stage 3
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Oscar x Social Code
Venue TBC
OR
Alternative Evening Social
DiSH MCR, Heron House

03 Friday

Cloud & DevOps
No1 Circle Square
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Evening Social
Drinks & Nibbles
Bruntwood Sci Tech,
No1 Circle Square

OR

Cyber Security & Innovation
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Evening Social
Drinks Reception
DiSH MCR

CORE FESTIVAL.

At the heart of MTF is our Core Festival, a multi stage conference taking place at Victoria Baths Manchester. The range of talks, panels and stands allows you to truly tailor your experience throughout the day ensuring you take the most away.

1. MAIN STAGE
Our main stage hosts 2 days of top tech talks from some of the biggest names in tech, alongside panel discussions on the topics that matter most to Manchester's tech community.
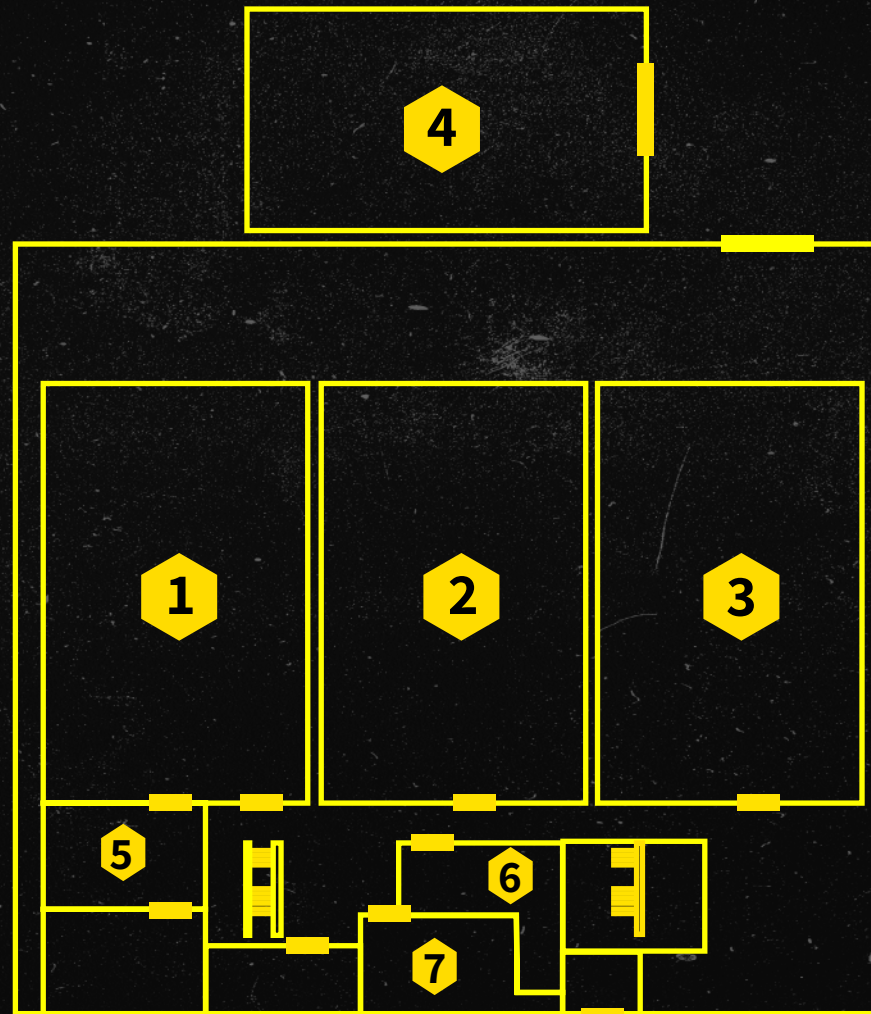
2. TECH EXPO
The Tech Expo is your opportunity to visit over 20 of Manchester's brightest tech companies to explore services, careers and business development opportunities.

3. STAGE TWO
Stage two hosts 2 days of tailored content including Women in Tech, Tech for Good and Diversity & Inclusion.

4. FOOD COURT
Our food court hosts a number of Manchester food suppliers including Caribbean Kitchen, giving you the chance to grab a bite to eat between talks and panels. All of our suppliers are local, independent, diverse-owned operators that we love to support.

6. CALM ZONE
Finding the hustle and bustle of the conference too much? Or simply need two minutes on your own? Take some time to visit our calm zone.

7. BREAKOUT ZONE
Check your emails or hold a meeting, grab some time in our breakout zone perfect for keeping your business running while at the festival!

8. TECH DROP OFF
Help tackle digital exclusion at our tech drop off point - find out more on page 8.

TECH DROP OFF ZONE.

01.11.23 | 02.11.23

Donate your unwanted tech and help us tackle digital exclusion in Manchester.

This year Manchester Tech Festival is joining forces with Community Computers to run our Tech Drop Off Zone. Sponsored by Shipster the Tech Drop Off allows our attendees to easily donate unwanted equipment to be cleaned, refurbished and put back into the community to help those otherwise unable to access the digital world.

On the 1st and 2nd of November guests can donate the below items at Victoria Baths.

- **iPads & Tablets**
- **Desktop Computers**
- **Laptops**
- **iPhones & Smart Phones**
- **Scanners, Cameras**
- **Networking peripherals and Servers**

HARDWARE DONATION

Each item donated at the Festival is given a serial number and stored securely before being shipped to Community Computers HQ. Within 48 hours all data on your hardware is destroyed and a certificate of destruction is produced to verify the method used.

HARDWARE REFURBISHMENT

After data destruction, hardware is refurbished with a replacement SSD, additional RAM a Windows license and a Microsoft Office license. These are then distributed in the community to those referred to the service.

HARDWARE RECYCLE

Any hardware which cannot be refurbished will be recycled by Community Computers. Precious metals are recycled via an AATF and hazardous waste disposed of in accordance with WEEE regulations.

TRACK DAYS.

Monday | Tuesday | Friday

Surrounding the core days of the festival are our specialist Track days. Each track covers a specific tech topic and with a single stage you won't miss a thing.

PATHWAYS INTO TECH

We've specifically curated an informative, accessible and useful programme of talks and panel discussions aimed at all those who wish to explore the possibility of a career in tech. For example, folks who might find this useful are college students, university students, ex-Military personnel, people returning to a career in tech, folks coming back from maternity leave who may want a change in career. This day is open to all those interested in working in tech!

CYBER SECURITY & INNOVATION

In a fast-paced and ever changing world, companies are striving to keep ahead of the game with innovative security solutions. Hear from experts on these critical topics and network with like minded peers. We're proud to have the very latest in thought leadership on our Cyber Security and Innovation stage held at the prestigious DiSH (Greater Manchester Digital Security Hub)

SOFTWARE ENGINEERING & TECH QUALITY

Our Software Engineering and Tech Quality conference held at the impressive People's History Museum is a deliberately curated day aimed at mid to senior level software development professionals interested at staying the top of their game. We welcome Testers, Engineers, Product Owners, Heads of Engineering, CTO's, Founders, and anyone interested in cutting-edge concepts and ideas that are circulating in the industry.

CLOUD & DEVOPS

Our Cloud & DevOps day dives into the latest trends to build, deploy and manage software applications more efficiently and effectively in organisations. We're proud to showcase speakers from a number of organisations including Equal Experts, naimuri and xDesign.

LEADERSHIP DAY.

30.10.23 | Brooklyn Heights

Tech leaders require a diverse range of skills, from adeptly managing team to mastering the art of create problem solving.

Our leadership day at the tech festival presents an unparalleled opportunity for aspiring and seasoned leaders alike to hone these crucial abilities. Through inspiring talks by industry experts, and interactive networking opportunities, participants will gain valuable insights into effective leadership strategies. Whether you're a seasoned executive or an emerging talent, our leadership conference is designed to elevate your leadership prowess and drive your professional growth to new heights.

Held in the exclusive and private penthouse conference suite at the Brooklyn Heights Hotel, delegates will enjoy panoramic views of the city, full buffet lunch included and a private drinks reception with the best and brightest in tech leadership!

POWER APP CHALLENGE.

31.10.23 | DiSH MCR

Join us at this year's Powerapps challenge as ten teams battle it out to craft creative solutions to their business pinch points

In partnership with Manchester Airport Group and Supported by Microsoft, the Power Apps Challenge is a one day experience where representatives from across the Manchester Tech Community join forces to build power apps to solve real world issues in their business.

● **Team Up**
  Join a team of 6 professionals from across Manchester's Tech Scene. Each with their own business dilemma

● **Be Inspired**
  Hear from Microsoft and Manchester Airport Group who exploring how PowerApps can help make your business more effective

● **Design & Build**
  Design and build a solution to your teams problem using Microsoft Power Apps with guidance from Microsoft Programmers and pre-event training

● **Compete**
  Present your solution back to our judges who will decide the winner

TICKETS.

With over 15 different events across 5 days, Manchester Tech Festival allows you to truly tailor your experience to your interests and business needs.

To support this we offer a five tier ticket system allowing you to purchase the right amount of days for your needs. The more days you purchase, the cheaper each day works out - so why not join us for the whole week!?

TO BOOK
Scan the QR Code or visit:
manchestertechfestival.co.uk/tickets

Concession Tickets
A concessionary discount of 50% is available on all of our conference passes for students, people with disabilities and the unemployed. Simply use code **MTFCON23**

£15 ONE DAY PASS
Admission to one day event plus evening social

£28 TWO DAY PASS
Admission to two day events plus evening socials
(£14 per day)

£39 THREE DAY PASS
Admission to three day events plus evening socials
(£13 per day)

£48 FOUR DAY PASS
Admission to four day events plus evening socials
(£12 per day)

£55 FIVE DAY PASS
Admission to five day events plus evening socials
(£11 per day)

COMMUNITY TICKETS

Manchester Tech Festival aims to connect all corners of the Manchester tech community and we are dedicated to creating a truly inclusive experience for everyone from CEOs to those starting their journey into a career in tech. To ensure that ticket price is not a barrier to the community, this year we have introduced our community tickets, free tickets that will be gifted by MTF to ensure all of our community can benefit from the experience.

HOW IT WORKS

- Guests & local businesses can purchase community tickets at the checkout when purchasing their week passes.

- Attendees can apply online to receive a community ticket if they are not in a position to purchase a ticket themselves.

- Community tickets will be distributed on a first come first serve basis to those who have applied.
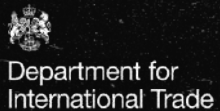
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