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**THURSDAY 15TH JUNE • MIDDLESBROUGH**

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# PROGRAMME

## 2023 CONFERENCE

<b>08:15 - 08:45</b>	Registration
<b>08:45 - 09:00</b>	Welcome from Teesside University
<b>09:00 - 09:45</b>	Morning Keynote
<b>09:45 - 09:50</b>	Refreshment Break
<b>09:50 - 10:50</b>	Spotlight Speakers Showcase Talks
<b>10:50 - 11:35</b>	Panel: Socially and Ethically Engaged Learning through Leadership & Partnership
<b>11:35 - 11:55</b>	Spotlight Speaker Showcase Talk
<b>12:00 - 13:10</b>	Lunch
<b>12:30 - 13:10</b>	Interactive Lunchtime Breakout Sessions
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# WELCOME

Dear Guests,

We are delighted to welcome you to our 2023 Future Facing Learning national conference, hosted by Teesside University.

We're delighted that Langley Sharp MBE and Andrew Proctor are joining us as our Keynote Speakers today. Langley is Director of Frontier Leadership and former Head of the Centre for Army Leadership. Andrew is Executive Lead for UK Education in Amazon Web Services and was included in the 'Digital 100' list of the most influential digital leaders in the UK.

We would also like to thank our panel convenors, panellists, and spotlight speakers who so graciously accepted an invitation to be part of this event, showcasing the work we do at Teesside University and harnessing best practices from across the sector.

The day will take the form of spotlight presentations, panel debate and discussion showcasing leading thinking. We hope that throughout the day we will be inspired to reflect on the purpose and role of Universities in preparing students with a wide range of transferable skills relevant for changing professions in the Fourth Industrial Revolution. The event seeks to move the conversations forward on how we cultivate creativity in learners to become curious, create new knowledge and develop a thirst for enquiry and agency to thrive in complex and uncertain environments, and how we instil social and public service as a sense of responsibility to our community. We will hear examples of how to create opportunities for cross-disciplinary boundary crossing learning opportunities to address complex problems with real world impact, including experiences of globally connected learning, enriched with the digital fluencies to thrive in a technologically-mediated world.

The conference will focus on three themes:

- Socially and Ethically Engaged
- Globally Connected Learning
- Research Active, Digitally Empowered and Future Readiness

During the day, feel free to use our conference hashtag - #FFLConf23 - to share your thoughts.

We hope you will have a rewarding day with us.  
Ann and Paul



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# KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

## LANGLEY SHARP MBE FRONTIER LEADERSHIP



Langley Sharp MBE is the former head of the Centre for Army Leadership, responsible for championing leadership excellence across the British Army. Langley is the author of the British Army's official account of leadership, *The Habit of Excellence*, distilling over three centuries of the Army's experience in the art, science and practice of leadership. As Founder and Director of the consultancy firm Frontier Leadership, Langley is now dedicated to sharing his experiences to help individuals, teams and organisations perform at their best.

In his keynote titled *It's all about the people: Leadership Lessons from the British Army*, Langley will discuss the enduring fundamentals of leadership that enable us to thrive in today's complex world. Exploring the role of purpose, values, culture and a collective mindset of freedom and responsibility, we are reminded that it is people who sit at the heart of our teams, organisations and communities - and people deserve great leadership.

## ANDREW PROCTOR AMAZON WEB SERVICES

Andrew Proctor joined Amazon Web Services as Executive Lead for UK Education in January 2022.

Andrew was previously Pro Vice-Chancellor (Digital) for Staffordshire University - a member of the executive team with direct responsibility for the Digital, Estates, and Transformation portfolios. In 2020, Andrew was named UK Chief Digital Officer of the Year by Computing magazine and was also included in the 'Digital 100' list of the most influential digital leaders in the UK.

In his keynote titled *The Power of Universities: Unleashing Creativity and Innovation*, Andrew will discuss the ways universities can create an environment and culture that unleashes innovation, including lessons he has learned at both Staffordshire and Amazon covering leadership, culture, and more.



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# WELCOME

**08:15 - 08:45** Registration

**08:45 - 09:00** Welcome



**Professor Mark Simpson, Pro Vice-Chancellor (Learning & Teaching), Teesside University**

Professor Simpson is Pro Vice-Chancellor (Learning & Teaching) at Teesside University. He graduated from Teesside University with a degree in Politics and a PhD in Criminology. He has written and researched in the fields of Youth Crime, Criminal Justice and Drug Use. Professor Simpson was previously Dean of the School of Social Sciences, Business & Law at Teesside University, and for a period of 9 years was a Director of the British Society of Criminology. Professor Simpson has a national reputation for teaching & learning and is known for his work in educational digital transformation. He is a Principal Fellow of the Higher Education Academy (PFHEA) and a Fellow of the Royal Society for the Encouragement of Arts (FRSA).



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# SOCIALLY AND ETHICALLY ENGAGED

In the morning, the spotlight presenters will showcase and the panel will explore dynamic exemplars of Socially and Ethically Engaged curriculum, learning experiences, and assessments through the lens of leadership and partnership. The sessions will explore how we have developed high-quality, future ready graduates through commitment to industry relevance and entrepreneurship, and examples of where learners have been engaging meaningfully with social and ethical issues from local, national and international perspectives. The panel will focus on how curriculum could embed opportunities for students to develop their approaches to leadership and crafting their leadership practice in and for the real world. The morning draws to a close by exploring how we further drive social and ethical engagement of learning through data and learning support.

**09:00 - 09:45**

## Morning Keynote

**Langley Sharp MBE, Director of Frontier Leadership**

It's all about the people: Leadership Lessons from the British Army.

**09:50 - 10:10**

## Spotlight Speaker

An Alternative Lens: Tales from a Jazz Musician and Management Educator.

**Dr Noel Dennis (Associate Dean Marketing & Recruitment, Teesside University Business School, Teesside University)**

**10:10 - 10:30**

## Spotlight Speaker

21st century leadership will be interdisciplinary.

**Eddie Fidoe (Founder and CEO of the London Interdisciplinary School)**

**10:30 - 10:50**

## Spotlight Speaker

Building Leadership, Wellbeing and Resilience in Student Retention.

**Jo Irving-Walton (Principal Lecturer Learning and Teaching, School of Social Sciences, Humanities & Law, Teesside University)**



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# SOCIALLY AND ETHICALLY ENGAGED

**10:50 - 11:35**

Panel: Socially and Ethically Engaged Learning through Leadership & Partnership

**Chair: Professor Mark Simpson, Pro Vice-Chancellor (Learning & Teaching), Teesside University**

**Panellists:**

Professor Sarah Jane Aiston (Professor of Public Policy, Teesside University)

Luis Barbeiro (Education Communities Manager, Microsoft)

Michael Conlon (Education Transformation Consultant, XMA)

Dr. Noel Dennis (Associate Dean Marketing & Recruitment, Teesside University Business School, Teesside University)

Steven Dougan (Head of Enterprise, Teesside University)

**11:35 - 11:55**

Spotlight Speaker

Uncertainty, Real time data and interventions.

**Michelle Craig (Head of Marketing and Commercial Operations, SolutionPath Limited)**

**12:00 - 13:10**

Lunch



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# INTERACTIVE LUNCH SESSIONS

**12:30 - 13:10**

Interactive lunchtime breakout sessions:

**Doing Education 4.0 with Apple Sauce, Making Life Less Dull and Talking like Ted.**

Michael Conlon (Education Transformation Consultant, XMA)

**Using Memes for professional development.**

Jo Irving-Walton (Principal Lecturer Learning and Teaching, School of Social Sciences, Humanities & Law, Teesside University)

**Augmented Reality for Critiques, Exhibition and Assessments.**

Claire O'Brien (Lecturer in Computer Animation, School of Computing, Engineering and Digital Technologies)



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# FUTURE READY, GLOBALLY CONNECTED AND RESEARCH ACTIVE LEARNERS

In the afternoon, the spotlight presenters will showcase and the panel will explore dynamic exemplars of preparing students to become future ready through the lens of interdisciplinary problem-solving, research, and developing a global mindset. Within this, the sessions will explore examples of how learners have the opportunity to become globally connected through internationalised curriculum and learning experiences, multidisciplinary learning opportunities and how students are making a real-world difference. The panel will explore how we do education differently. The time is ripe for us to challenge traditional models and constructs within HE/FE and to remodel the status quo, exploring new and innovative models of HE, debating on purpose, value and key components that make an excellent learning experience which sets learners up for life, not just for academic achievements. We will explore how skills for the future can help graduates live in a global society, developing their whole selves, character and personal attributes. The day ends with a panel exploring globally connected learning experiences, with a particular focus on the motivations for online learning provisions, the ambitions of organisations in cultivating internationalised learning opportunities and the essence of the student voice in shaping online learning experiences.

**13:15 - 14:00**

Afternoon Keynote

**Andrew Proctor, Executive Education Lead UK for Amazon Web Services**

The Power of Universities: Unleashing Creativity and Innovation.

**14:05 - 14:20**

Spotlight Speaker

Empowering Change through Multidisciplinary Education:  
Creating Meaningful Differences in the Real World

**Hiba Alsmadi (Lecturer in Data Visualisation, School of Computing, Engineering and Digital Technologies, Teesside University)**

**Dr Gok Kandasami (Associate Professor of Learning and Teaching, School of Health and Life Sciences, Teesside University)**

**Ala Al Kafri (Senior Lecturer in Computer Science, School of Computing, Engineering and Digital Technologies, Teesside University)**

**14:20 - 14:35**

Spotlight Speaker

Driving confidence in Science students through individual student support

**Chloe Jones (Biological Safety Officer, School of Health and Life Sciences, Teesside University)**



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# FUTURE READY, GLOBALLY CONNECTED AND RESEARCH ACTIVE LEARNERS

**14:35 - 15:20**

Panel: Doing Education Differently to drive  
Future Facing Learning

**Chair: Professor Craig Gaskell, Pro Vice-Chancellor  
(Enterprise and Knowledge Exchange), Teesside University**

**Panellists:**

Jonathan Briggs (Co-Founder of Hyper Island and Honorary  
Professor of Teesside University)

Professor Chrisina Jayne (Dean of the School of Computing,  
Engineering & Digital Technologies, Teesside University)

Dr. Gok Kandasami (Associate Professor of Learning and  
Teaching, School of Health and Life Sciences,  
Teesside University)

Erik Rodin (able)

Langley Sharp MBE (Director of Frontier Leadership)

Dr. Christer Windeløv-Lidzélius (Principal Kaospilot. Professor  
Elisava School of Design and Engineering in Barcelona and  
Professor at Saint Paul Business School in Sao Paolo)

**15:25 - 15:40**

Spotlight Speaker

Upskilling learning design for internationalisation of  
learning experiences

**Kristof Costello (Lecturer in Human Resource Development,  
Teesside University International Business School,  
Teesside University)**



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# FUTURE READY, GLOBALLY CONNECTED AND RESEARCH ACTIVE LEARNERS

**15:45 - 16:30**

Panel: Motivations for and the Design of Online Learning for a Globally Connected Learning Experience

**Chair: Professor Chrisina Jayne, Dean of the School of Computing, Engineering & Digital Technologies, Teesside University**

**Panellists:**

Dr. Joel Armando (Manager of Client Experience, Anthology Inc)

Simon Birkett (Senior Consultant, Jisc)

Cemile Cakir (Head of Online Campus, University of Law)

Zafar Khan (Head of Department, Computing and Games, School of Computing, Engineering and Digital Technologies, Teesside University)

Dr. Helena Lim (Head of Opportunities, evasys)

**16:30 - 16:45**

Conference Close

**Dr Jonathan Eaton, Director of Student Learning & Academic Registry, Teesside University**



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