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WELCOME COFFEE, PASTRIES AND REGISTRATION

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CIO SCOTLAND OPENING REMARKS

Medwyn Roberts - Global Head of Research -  **Citrus Events**

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AI is Breaking Data Security... And Fixing It: The New Reality of AI-Driven Risk and How to Stay Ahead if you want to go faster:

Stephen Green - Vice President, EMEA -  **Concentric AI**

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EDUCATION PANEL

The Funding Gap: Can the Education Sector Keep Up?

Including participants from:



Tricia Moscati (Moderator) - Head of Digital Transformation -
Heriot Watt University

Kirsty McFaul - Senior Education Officer - Education Scotland

Stuart Graham - Director of IT - Glasgow Caledonian University

Becky Hall - Senior Information Management & Governance

Officer - Scottish Funding Council

Pamela Boal - Director of Digital Strategy - Morrison's Academy

Theo Pengelley - Senior Digital Manager - SQA

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Scream if you want to go faster: SDLC lessons learned from the field

Paul Hermesen - Principle Sales Solutions Engineer -  **Perforce Delphix**

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Delivering Better Outcomes with Data

Jacqui Leggetter - Head of Data Platforms (Deputy
Director) - Department for Work & Pensions (DWP)



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NETWORKING COFFEE BREAK

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CITRUS CIRCUITS

Lime Circuit: 'AI Transformation in the CIO's Seat: Is the Juice Worth the Squeeze?'

- Where's the ROI? Is AI delivering real returns or just hype?
- Modernize or Bust? Can legacy systems keep up with AI demands?
- Leading the Shift: How should CIOs make AI work their roadmap?

Moderators: Keith Dargie - CDIO - Crown Office & Procurator Fiscal Service
Steven Flockhart - Chief Information Officer & Director of Digital & Security -
Public Services Delivery Scotland

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CITRUS CIRCUITS (CONT.)



Orange Circuit: 'Peeling Back Governance: A CIO's Guide to Regulations'

- How can UK CIOs navigate AI risk across every level of the organisation?
- Where do the biggest challenges in regulatory compliance lie, and how can they be addressed?
- Which IT strategies and tools help CIOs 'squeeze' maximum efficiency from compliance?

Moderators: Stephen Green - Vice President, EMEA – Concentric AI
Ann-Marie Gallacher - CIO & SIRO - NHS 24



Lemon Circuit: 'Don't Let Legacy Leave a Sour Taste: CIO Approaches to Tech Debt'



- Where's the Bottleneck? What accommodations for legacy systems are slowing innovation the most?
- Cost vs Value: How to make the business see the ROI in clearing tech debt?
- Future-Proof IT: What's your play to keep IT estates agile for tomorrow?

Moderators: Martin Wareing - Head of IT - Dune Group
Ruby Phull - Former Snr Data Analyst - Barclays Investment Bank

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Why Context is the Missing Ingredient in Building AI That Actually Delivers



Steffan O'Connor - Client Technology Strategist - Insight

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OIL & UTILITIES PANEL Sponsored by:



Critical Connections: Merging Digital Innovation with Operational Excellence

Including participants from:    

Mike Wharton (Moderator) - Founder & CTO - Waracle
Natasha Davydova - CIO - Centrica
Lee McCafferty - Head of Data, Information & AI Governance
Ofgem
Tim MacDonald - Head of Logistics - SSE plc



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Securing the Agentic Workforce



Gareth Pritchard - CTO - Sapphire



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From Integration to Intelligence: Building a Scalable Technology Backbone for Growth and AI



Stephen Cope - CIO - Astrak



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Surfing the Digital Tsunami

Charles Forte - Former Director General CDIO
Ministry of Defence





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The Human Factor: The Weakest Link or the Strongest Defence?
Amir Vashkov - Field CTO - Varonis

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TRAVEL AND TRANSPORTATION PANEL

Keeping the Network Moving: Where Operations, Cyber Security and Customer Experience Connect
Including participants from:



Medwyn Roberts (Moderator) - Global Head of Research - Citrus
Gavin Revell - CITO - AGS Airports
David Gammie - IT Director - Caledonian MacBrayne
Stephanie Battye - IT Technical Delivery Manager - Edinburgh Airport
Doug Curry - Head of IT - Edinburgh Trams
Cameron Telford - Head of Digital Technology - Strathclyde Partnership for Transport



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IPaaS: Integration and automation connecting the enterprise
Jamil Jaoui - Director, UK and Ireland - Celigo

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Can AI and Trust Coexist?: Why detection isn't enough in an age of generative AI
Petra Abbam - Principal Responsible AI Manager - BBC

BBC

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FINANCIAL SERVICES PANEL

Return on Intelligence: Human Capital and AI Dependency within Financial Services
Including participants from:



Kevin Murphy (Moderator) - COO - NatWest Rooster Money
Anne Mitchell - Head of IT & Change - Lothian Pension Fund
Stuart Robertson - CIO - Royal London
Austin Pollock - Head of Data Systems & Integration - Nationwide
Sana Mobeen - Former VP of Cyber Threat Intelligence - Barclays and Tesco Bank



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CIO SCOTLAND CLOSING REMARKS

Medwyn Roberts - Global Head of Research - Citrus Events



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