

CIO SCOTLAND

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POST EVENT REPORT



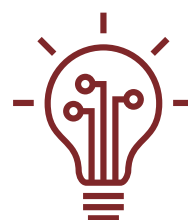
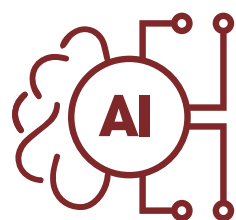
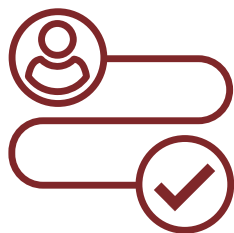
EVENT SUMMARY



The industry-led event brought together a diverse group of IT professionals from various industries including government, retail, manufacturing, construction, financial services, healthcare, and transportation across Scotland.

Designed to provide a unique forum for senior IT leaders to engage in peer-to-peer learning and networking, share best practices, and gain valuable insights to drive innovation and growth within their organisations. Featuring keynote speakers, panel discussions, and networking opportunities, the event enabled attendees to gain valuable connections and stay informed about the latest industry developments.

With a packed agenda covering the pressing topics within the Scotland region, ranging from strengthening operations through digital transformation and investment strategies, right through to managing legacy systems and the applications of AI.

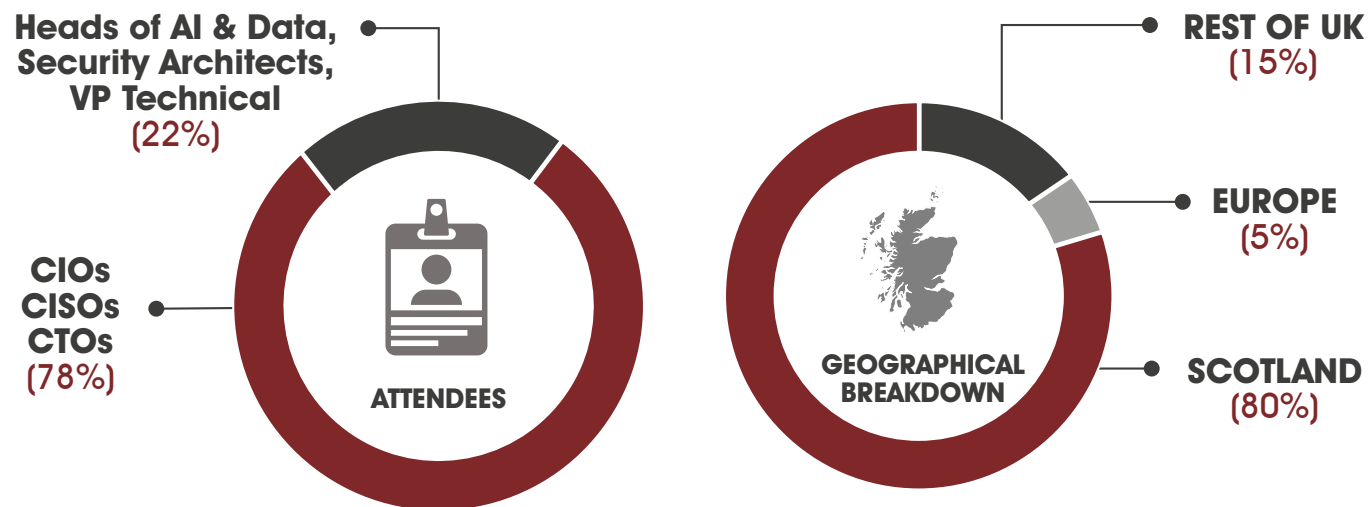


ATTENDANCE



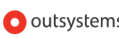
CIO Scotland attracted a diverse and engaged group of IT professionals from various industries and sectors across predominantly the Scottish region. In total, the event hosted over 100 attendees, including CIOs, CISOs, CTOs, IT Directors, Heads of Digital Transformation, Heads of AI, Security Architects, and Software Developers.

The majority of attendees represented key verticals from oil & utilities, education, retail, and financial services, with additional representation from other sectors including government, healthcare, travel, and manufacturing.



2024 SPEAKERS 1/2



	Madhu Shashanka - Founder & Chief Scientist - Concentric AI
	Ann-Marie Gallacher - CIO - NHS 24 Scotland
	Steven Flockhart - CIO & Director of Digital & Security - NHS National Services Scotland
	Pramodh Gopinathan - Senior Technical Evangelist - ManageEngine
	Keith Dargie (Moderator) - CDIO - Crown Office & Procurator Fiscal Service
	Alan Gray - Head of National Cyber Security & Resilience - The Scottish Government
	Carolyne Thomson - AI Senior Policy Officer - The Scottish Government
	Aisling G.- IT Security Manager - Perth & Kinross Council
	Ekaterina Boneva - Senior Technical Sales Engineer - Progress
	Nicola Cooper - Head of Digital Futures - Scottish Care
	Ben Bisley - OutSystems - UK&I Director
	Ian Butcher - NTT Data - Energy & Utilities Transformation
	Chris Robin-Kennedy - Altrad Sparrows - IT
	Dr Zibby Kwecka - CISO - Arnold Clark
	Tahir Yousaf - Group Director of Information Technology - Gleneagles
	Gareth McGuinness- VP Technology - Haleon
	Nainesh Shah (Moderator) - IT Director - Skyscanner
	Ruben Bell - Head of AI, Technology Strategy & Governance - Vodafone
	Matt Furminger - Customer Security Manager - Getronics

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2024 SPEAKERS 2/2



	Elisabete Mleczak - CCO & Board Member - Getronics
	David Lomax - Senior Security Engineering Manager (EMEA) - Abnormal AI
	Xuan Zhu - TechSprint Lead, Data Technology and Innovation - FCA
	Anne Mitchell - Head of IT & Change - Lothian Pension Fund
	Simon Glover - Head of Technology - Morningstar
	Stuart Robertson - CIO - Royal London
	Austin Pollock - Head of Data Systems & Integration - Virgin Money
	Dan Harris - Founder and Chairperson - Neurodiversity in Business
	Alan Tait - CTO - Pelion
	Kirsty McFaul - Senior Officer for Technologies - Education Scotland
	Theodore Pengelley - Digital Manager - SQA
	Claire Taylor - Director of Information Services - Edinburgh Napier University
	Rick Arnautovic - Head of Information, Infrastructure & Technology - UoE
	Tricia Moscati - Head Of Digital Transformation - Heriot-Watt University
	Islam Hammad - Head of IT - Capricorn Energy
	Prashant Janaswamy - CDIO - EET Fuels
	Euan Davidson - Group Head of IT - Helmerich & Payne
	Glen Milne - Production Systems Manager - Spirit Energy
	Cameron Telford - Head of Digital Technology - Strathclyde Partnership for Transport

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FEEDBACK & TESTIMONIALS



“Enjoyed the diversity of CIOs in the room from different sectors. I feel like I’ve definitely expanded my network quite quickly as a result of the event, which isn’t usually the case from the bigger conferences I’ve been to in the past.”
Head of Digital Transformation - Heriot-Watt University

“The mixture of C-level executives talking about real issues, real challenges, that are across different sectors.”
CDIO - Crown Office & Procurator Fiscal Service

“I would say the real highlight for me was listening to the various speakers. Understanding the common problems, especially around AI and its future. How do we integrate it when it comes to customers and how stakeholders feel about it. Real food for thought.”
Head of Digital Technology - Strathclyde Partnership for Transport

“It was a privilege joining the panel discussion and really allowed me to reflect on the future generation of IT professionals. So many brilliant sessions, providing really inspiring stuff.”
CIO - Royal London Group

“The sessions were able to capture so much in such a short space of time. Looking forward to next year’s event.”
Group Head of IT - H&P

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EVENT HIGHLIGHTS



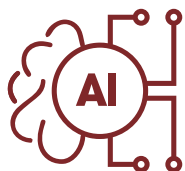
CIO Scotland covered a variety of topics that were discussed by industry-leading IT thought leaders across multiple sectors.

Keynote presentations featured thought-provoking discussions such as:

- How Can IoT Help Drive Sustainability?
- Harnessing the Power of Neurodivergent Minds in IT
- Evolution of Cybersecurity: Insights into the Future
- How the Healthcare Sector Can Adopt AI Without Compromise

Our industry-led panels explored essential topics such as:

- Strengthening Scotland Through Digital Transformation
- How Best to Invest: Effective Change Management in the Age of AI
- Managing Innovation Versus Operational Stability
- Connecting with Customers: Designing Safe User Friendly Experiences
- Power Up: Redefining Digital Capabilities Across a Shifting Landscape



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We look forward to seeing you again next year in September 2026.

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