




**New members' induction
and all members' meeting
23 – 24 March 2026**
programme

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Welcome

Dear Members,

We are delighted to welcome you to this year's UK Young Academy All Members' Meeting. It is a pleasure to gather our community once again, bringing together established members and those in the 2026 cohort. We extend a particularly warm welcome to our newest cohort and look forward to the perspectives and energy you will bring to the network.

Over the past year, the UK Young Academy has continued to grow and evolve. Our members have advanced collaborative projects, contributed to discussions on pressing societal challenges, and strengthened the Young Academy's presence across disciplines and sectors, both in the UK and internationally. These achievements reflect the commitment, creativity, and generosity of our community.

This meeting provides an opportunity to reflect on this progress while looking ahead. It is a space to exchange ideas, build new collaborations, and consider how we can collectively shape the Young Academy's next steps. We hope the programme encourages open discussion, fresh thinking, and meaningful connections among members.

To our new members, congratulations and welcome. We look forward to working together and to the contributions you will make to the UK Young Academy in the years ahead.



Sophie Meekings



Ed Pyzer-Knapp

Sophie Meekings and Ed Pyzer-Knapp **UK Young Academy Executive Group Co-chairs**

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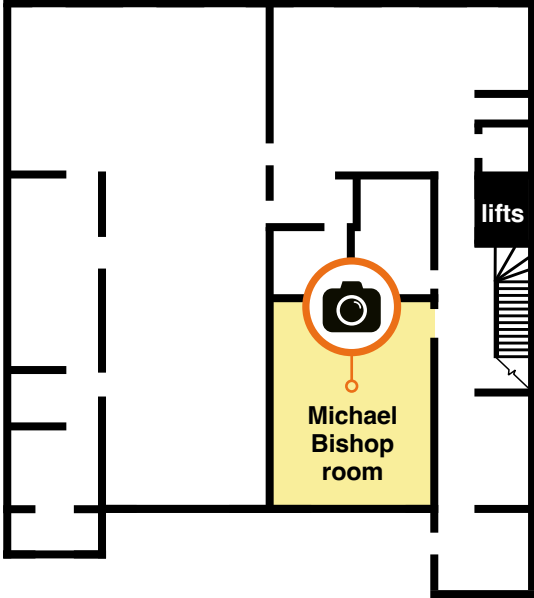
- Get your photo taken
- Speak to as many of your peers as possible
- Follow the UK Young Academy's social channels and share your experience of the meeting **#UKYoungAcademy**

We are committed to ensuring our members get the best possible experience at our events. Please take a moment to fill out **this survey** to let us know what you enjoyed about this meeting as well as what you think we should consider in the future.



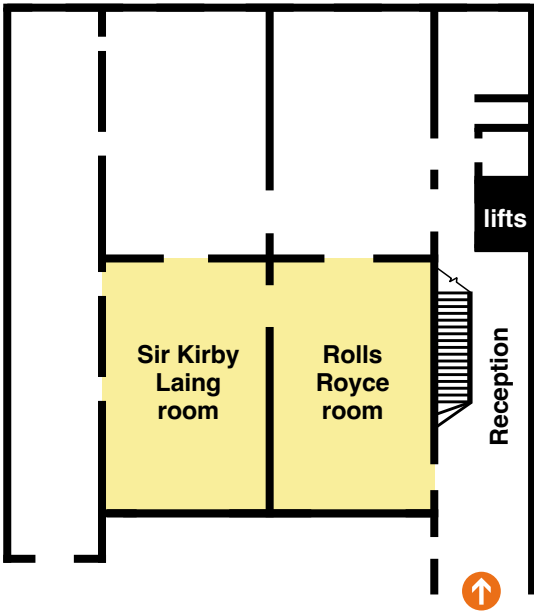
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The Royal Academy
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Prince Philip House,
3 Carlton House Terrace,
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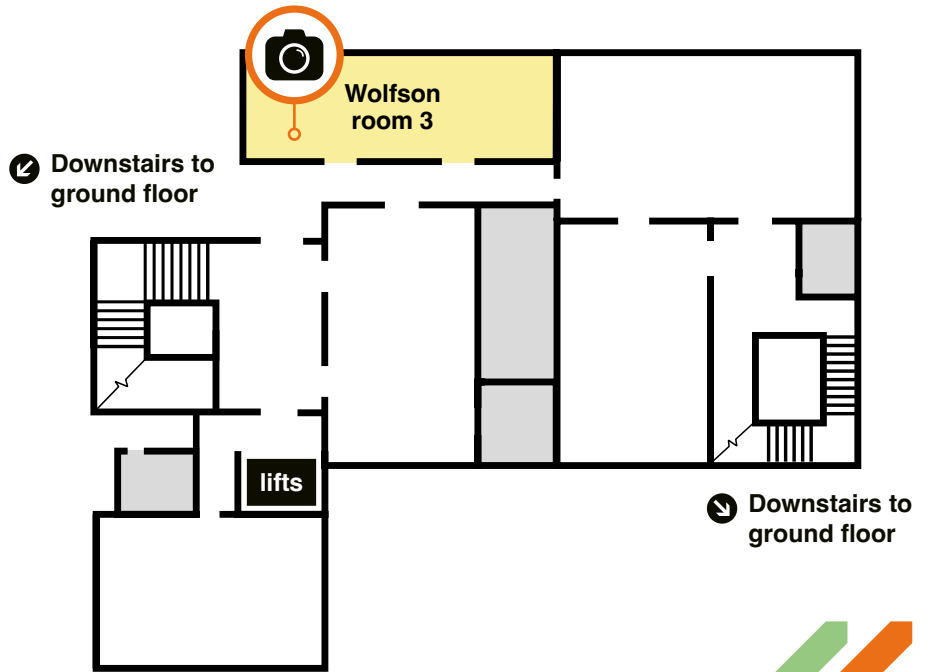
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⬇️ Downstairs to quiet space and prayer room: Hub Courtyard

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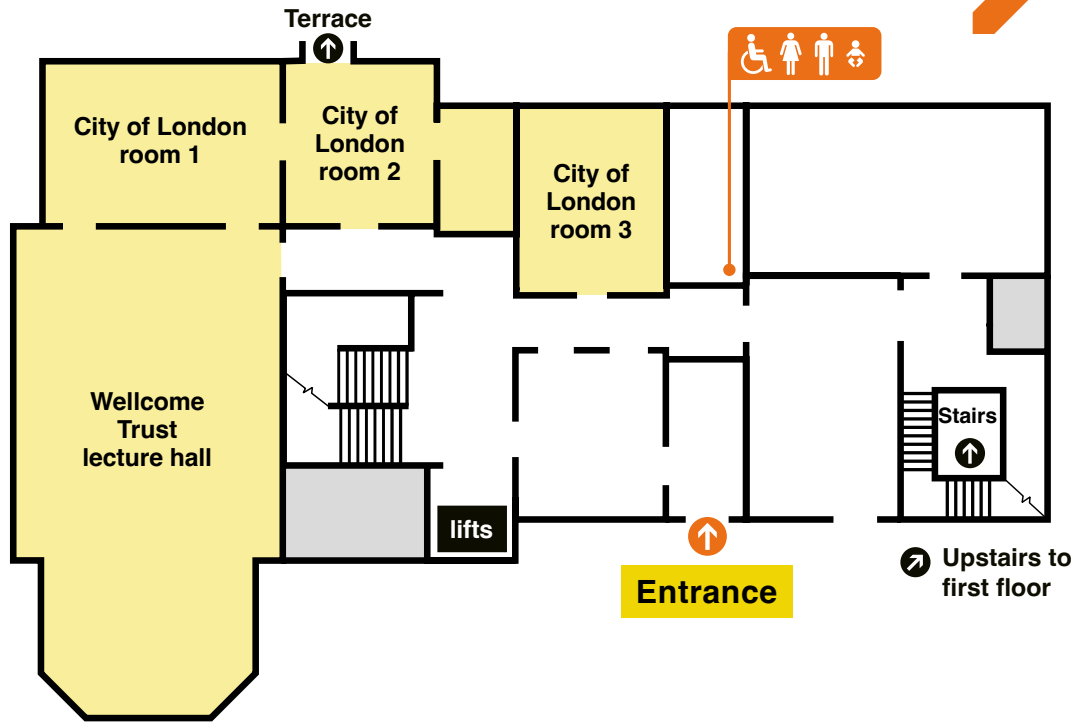
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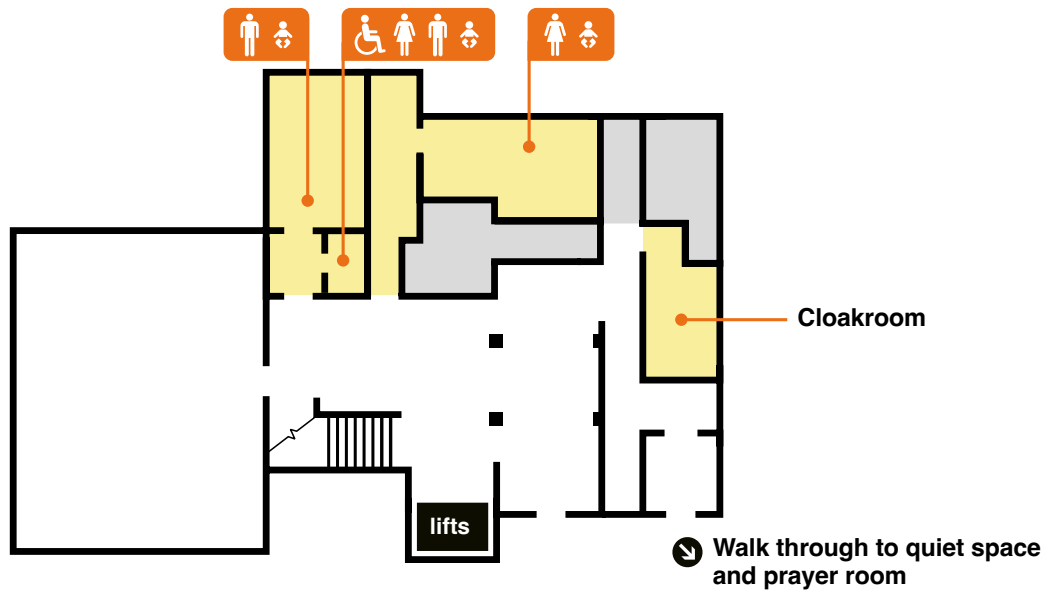
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Basement



Programme: New members' induction

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| 10am | Arrival and refreshments
(Rolls Royce Room)
Tea, coffee and pastries will be available. | 2.25pm | What we do – Projects
(Sir Kirby Laing Room)
Amy Vincent, Executive Group representative, and Co-leads from scoping project teams |
| 10.30am | Welcome and overview for the day
(Sir Kirby Laing Room)
Ed Pyzer-Knapp, Executive Group Co-Chair | 2.45pm | Round tables for scoping activities
(Sir Kirby Laing Room)
Introduced by Amy Vincent, Executive Group representative, and facilitated by Co-leads of scoping projects and Executive Group |
| 10.40am | Icebreaker
(Sir Kirby Laing Room)
Ed Pyzer-Knapp, Executive Group Co-Chair | 3.45pm | Afternoon break
(Rolls Royce Room)
Including networking and new member photography. |
| 10.55am | Introduction to the UK Young Academy
(Sir Kirby Laing Room)
Denis Newman-Griffis, Executive Group representative | 4.15pm | Governance and staff support
(Sir Kirby Laing Room)
Lesley Miles, Chief Officer - Programmes, Partnerships and Engagement, The Royal Society
Amy Fry, UK Young Academy Programme Manager |
| 11.20am | What we do – Groups and roles
(Sir Kirby Laing Room)
Jingy Alom, Executive Group representative | 4.30pm | Processes and platforms
(Sir Kirby Laing Room)
Charlotte Senior, UK Young Academy Membership and Alumni Officer |
| 11.35am | New member spotlight – Session 1
(Sir Kirby Laing Room)
New cohort, introduced by Sophie Meekings, Executive Group Co-Chair | 4.45pm | Making the most of your membership
(Sir Kirby Laing Room)
Linda Oyama, Executive Group representative |
| 12noon | Morning break
(Rolls Royce Room)
Including networking and new member photography. | 4.55pm | Ask me anything
(Sir Kirby Laing Room)
Executive Group and Staff team |
| 12.20pm | The global Young Academy landscape
(Sir Kirby Laing Room)
Anna-Maria Gramatté, Senior Project Officer, Global Young Academy | 5.20pm | Closing and overview for the evening
(Sir Kirby Laing Room)
Sophie Meekings, Executive Group Co-Chair |
| 12.50pm | What we do – Opportunities and events
(Sir Kirby Laing Room)
Sandeep Sandhu, Executive Group representative | 5.30pm | Informal evening reception
(Rolls Royce and Sir Kirby Laing rooms)
All attendees and buddies to the 2026 cohort. |
| 1.05pm | New member spotlight – Session 2
(Sir Kirby Laing Room)
New cohort, introduced by Linda Oyama, Executive Group representative | 7.30pm | End of day |
| 1.30pm | Lunch
(Rolls Royce Room)
Including networking and new member photography. | | |

Spotlight sessions schedule

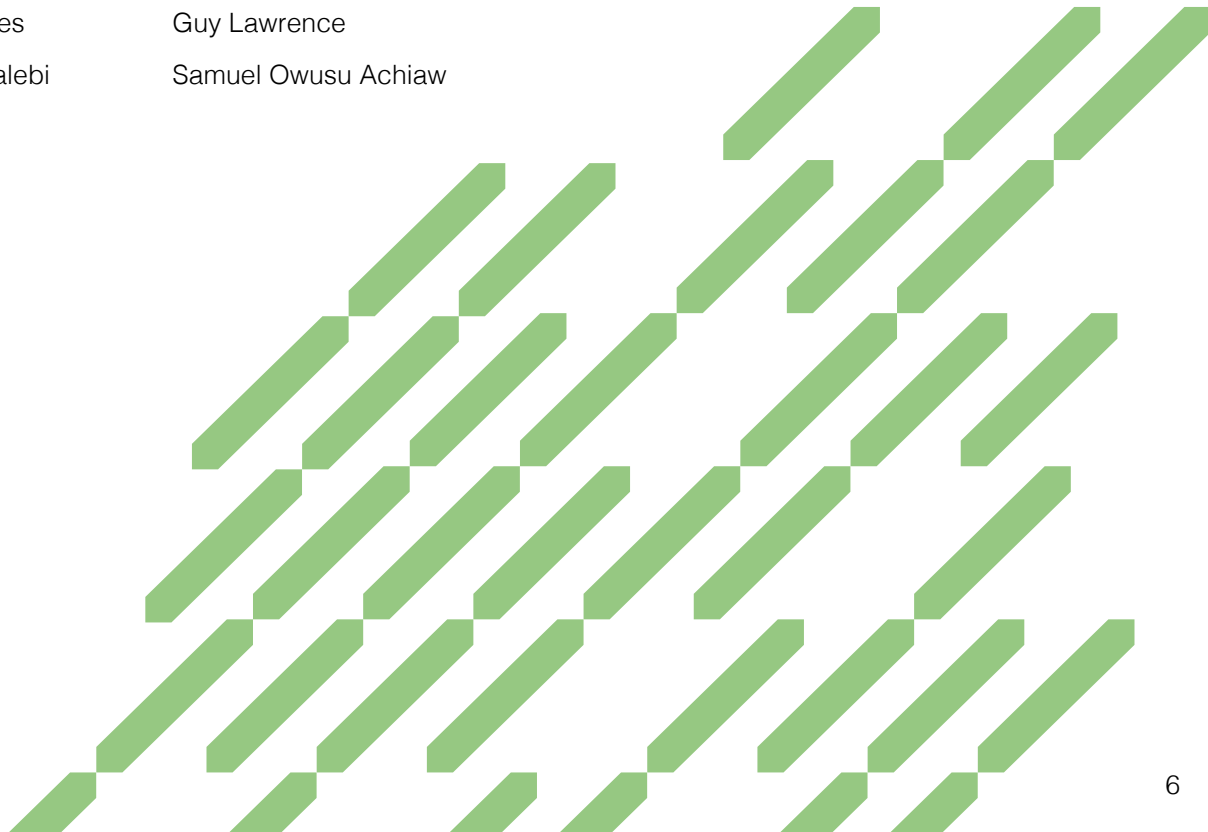
The schedule for the new member spotlight sessions, taking place on Monday 23 March, can be found below. Members have a maximum of 2 minutes to introduce themselves and talk about their interests and aspirations for their time with the UK Young Academy.

Session 1 11.35am

Takunda Chingonzo
Claudia Perry
Rodrigo Frias
Olivia Swann
Oliver Rieche
Dareen Assaf
Adrian Mircea Nenu
Chinagorom Ajike
Neil Robinson
Jordan Lane
Emma Humphries
Mojtaba Abdi Jalebi

Session 2 1.05pm

Katharine Young
Anne Williamson
Finbarr Toesland
Stuart Higgins
Christine Lehnen
Tom Livermore
Amy Benstead
Charith Perera
Jamie Nash
Fatima Rezai
Guy Lawrence
Samuel Owusu Achiaw



Programme: All members' meeting

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- 9.30am Arrival and refreshments**
(City of London)
- 10am Welcome and opening address**
(Wellcome Trust Lecture Hall)
Sophie Meekings, Executive Group Co-Chair
- 10.10am Annual report on activities**
(Wellcome Trust Lecture Hall)
Sophie Meekings, Executive Group Co-Chair
- 10.20am Updates on activities of the UK Young Academy**
(Wellcome Trust Lecture Hall)
Members, facilitated by Sandeep Sandhu, Executive Group representative
- 11.10am Update from the Staff team**
(Wellcome Trust Lecture Hall)
Charlotte Senior, UK Young Academy Membership and Alumni Officer
- 11.20am Morning break and projects showcase**
(City of London)
- 11.50am Update from the Royal Society**
(Wellcome Trust Lecture Hall)
Lesley Miles, Chief Officer - Programmes, Partnerships and Engagement, The Royal Society
- 12noon Membership business, discussion and voting**
(Wellcome Trust Lecture Hall)
Representatives from the Governance Steering Group, facilitated by Amy Vincent, Executive Group representative
- 1.10pm Opening of Executive Group elections**
(Wellcome Trust Lecture Hall)
Jingy Alom, Executive Group representative
- 1.30pm Lunch, headshots and working groups showcase**
(City of London)
- 2.30pm Activity showcase**
(Wellcome Trust Lecture Hall)
Spotlights of successes and learnings from UK Young Academy activities. Introduced by Linda Oyama, Executive Group representative.
Ten-minute presentations from:
- Knowledge Diplomacy Summit
Nikita Hari and Clare Siviter-Groschwald
 - InterAcademy Partnership conference – Egypt
Franck Courbon and Josie Pepper
 - Health OpenSpaces – Pregnancy in research event
Andrew Holding and Dhruvi Shah
- 3pm Introduction to activity session**
(Wellcome Trust Lecture Hall)
Representatives from the Project Working Group
- 3.20pm Activity ideation round tables**
(Wellcome Trust Lecture Hall)
Introduced by Amy Vincent, Executive Group representative, and facilitated by activity proposers. Additional tables will be available in City of London 3 as quieter discussion spaces.
- 4.20pm Afternoon break**
(City of London)
- 4.40pm Update from the Communications Working Group**
(Wellcome Trust Lecture Hall)
Alina Patelli, Communications Working Group Co-Chair, supported by Lucy Parfitt, UK Young Academy Communications Officer
- 4.50pm The next six months at the UK Young Academy**
(Wellcome Trust Lecture Hall)
Amy Fry, UK Young Academy Programme Manager
- 5pm Closing and overview of plan for evening**
(Wellcome Trust Lecture Hall)
Ed Pyzer-Knapp, Executive Group Co-Chair
- 5.15pm Group photo**
(Wellcome Trust Lecture Hall)
- 5.30pm Day end**

Breaktime showcases

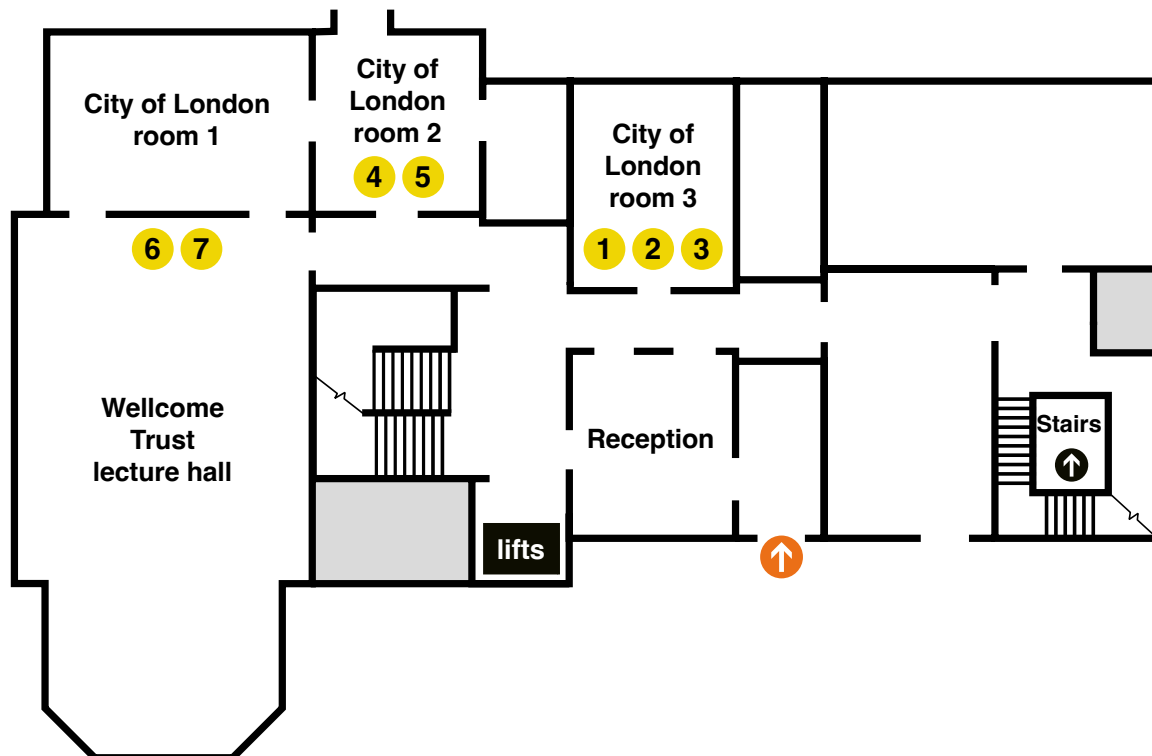
During the morning and lunchtime breaks, we will be holding showcases for ongoing UK Young Academy projects and activities. At each station you will be able to hear about what each activity has been working on, and ask questions about how you can get involved. See below for a key of the location for each activity station:

Morning break

1. Health OpenSpaces
2. IMAGINE
3. Making Waves
4. THRIVE
5. Science and Technology Diplomacy
6. Stories of hope
7. At-Risk Scholars and Professionals

Lunch break

1. Projects Working Group
2. Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Working Group
3. Communications Working Group
4. International Working Group
5. Membership Development Working Group



Ground floor

Programme: Evening reception

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- 7pm** **Arrival and canapé drinks reception**
(City of London rooms and Marble hall)
- 8pm** **Welcome address**
(Wellcome Trust Lecture Hall)
- 8.10pm** **Main course**
(Wellcome Trust Lecture Hall)
- 8.40pm** **Plenary**
(Wellcome Trust Lecture Hall)
Will Butler-Adams OBE FEng, Group CEO (Chief Executive Officer), Brompton Bicycle Ltd
- 9.10pm** **Dessert**
(Wellcome Trust Lecture Hall)
- 10pm** **End of day 2**

Dress code for evening reception: Smart-casual

Speaker biography

Annual Dinner – Will Butler-Adams OBE FEng

Will is a Chartered Engineer having studied Mechanical Engineering at the University of Newcastle and previously worked for Nissan and DuPont. He is a Fellow of the Royal Academy of Engineering, a Fellow of the Institute of Mechanical Engineers, a Fellow of the City and Guilds Institute and has an honorary Doctorate from Imperial College London. He has a keen interest in education and was a founding trustee of the Inspiring the Future charity, a trustee of Investors in People, a commissioner for the governments UK Commission for Education and Skills and is currently on the board of the ERA Foundation. He is a visiting lecturer at Imperial Collage on engineering, innovation, and entrepreneurship, has published a book on business and lectures globally. In 2015 he was awarded an OBE by the Queen for services to Industry.

Will joined Brompton in 2002, became Director in 2006, and took over as CEO in 2008 and in this time has grown the company from £2m turnover with 27 staff to £130m turnover with over 750 staff. Brompton exports over 80% of its bikes to 47 countries, produces circa 90,000 bikes a year from its London factory and has over 1.2m customers whizzing about on their Brommies around the world! Our mission is to create urban freedom for happier lives... we are just getting started!



**Will Butler-Adams OBE
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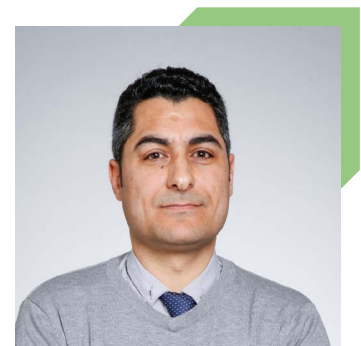
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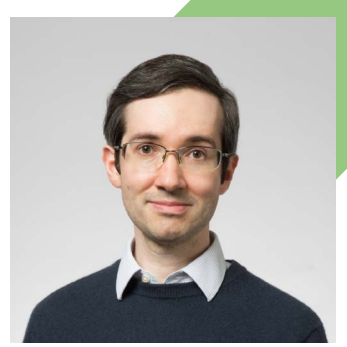
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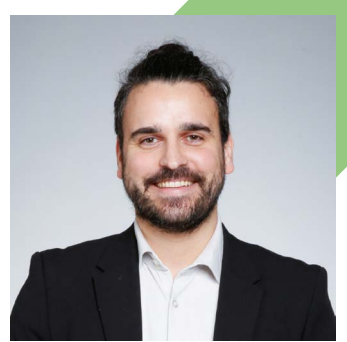
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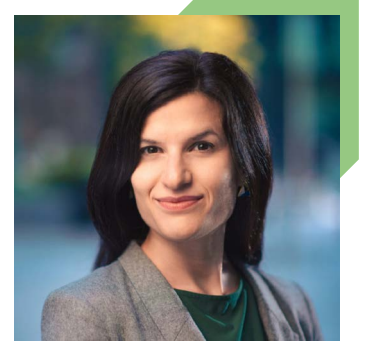
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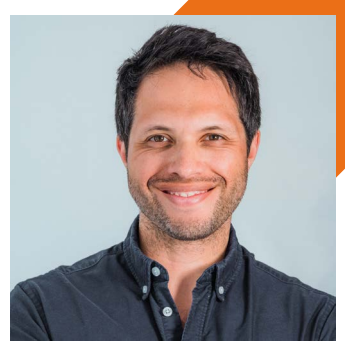
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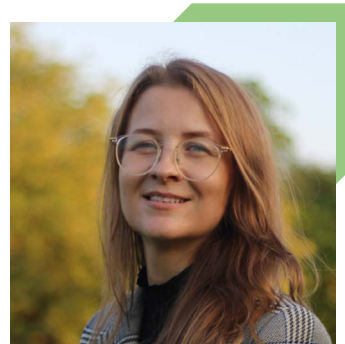
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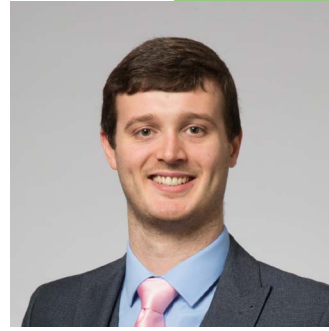
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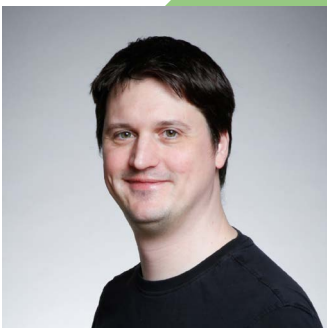
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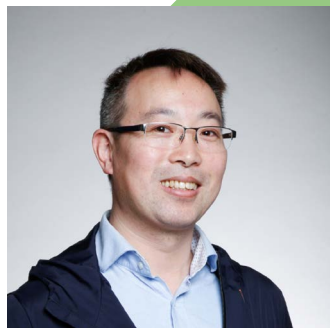
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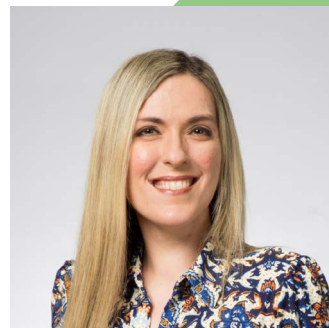
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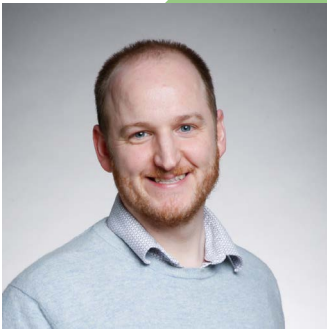
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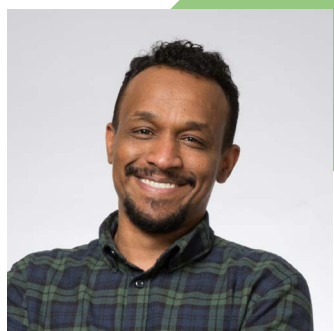
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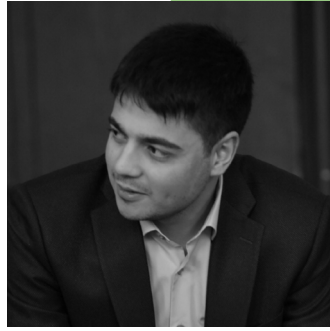
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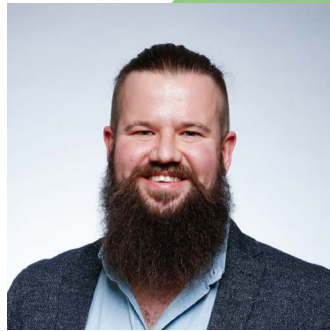
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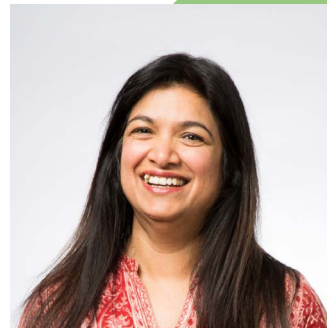
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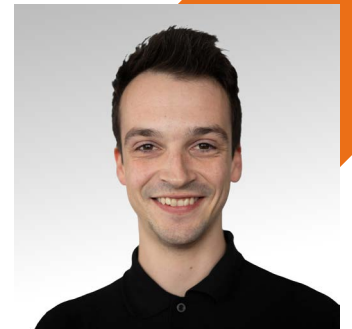
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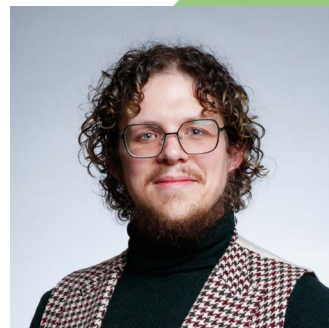
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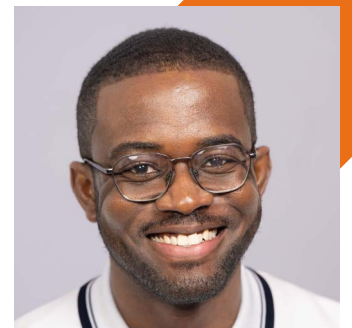
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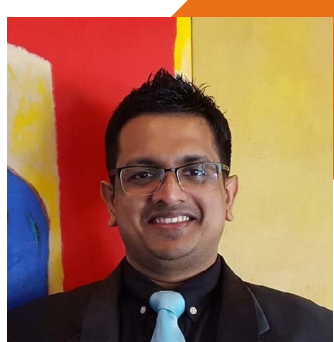
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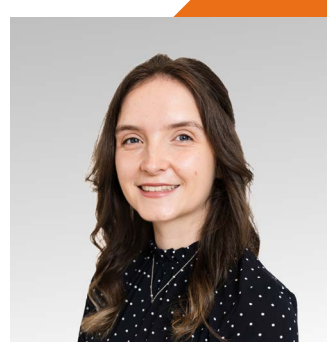
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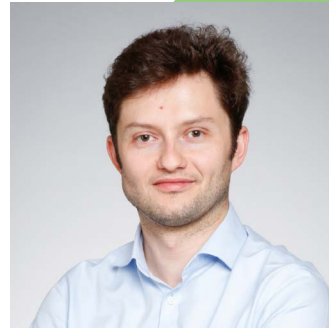
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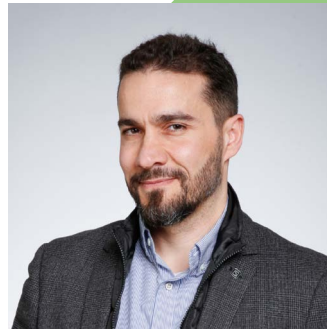
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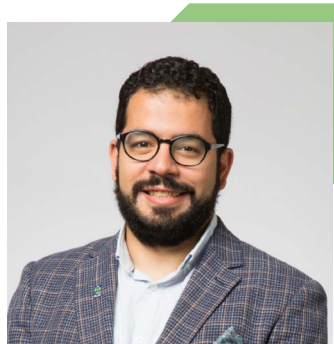
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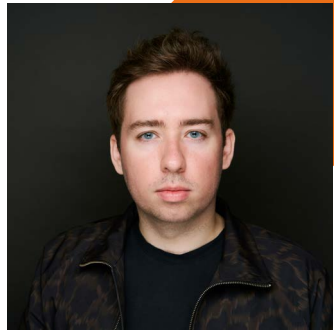
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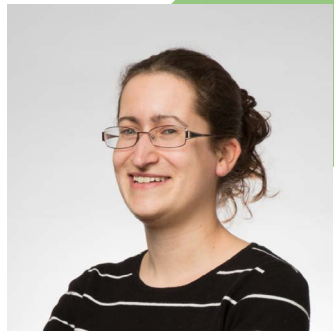
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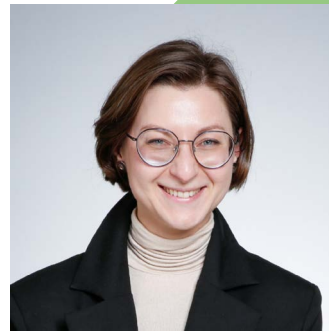
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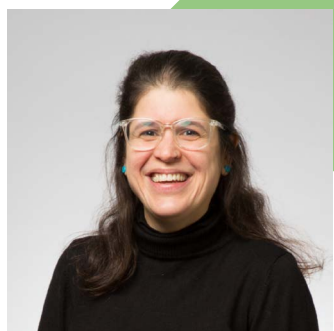
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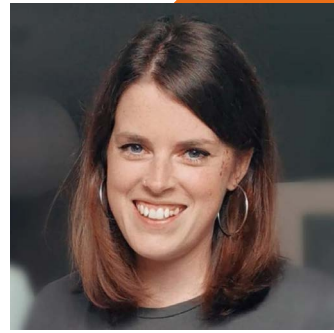
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