

Industry Impact Sandpit



AGENDA



Wayfinding



Scenarios



Mapping



Impact report

for all attendees

Date: Wednesday, August 28, 2026
9am – 3pm

Location: SCA, First floor

THE CHALLENGE

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What are the greatest challenges of an AI future?

MORE INFORMATION

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SANDPIT CHALLENGE

This sandpit aims to address the current call by the UK Government to “harness the power of a wider range of AI technologies safely, effectively, and responsibly”. AI is the key moderating factor of our age, and if governance is to “secure the benefits of AI for everyone”, then we are challenged with understanding how industry perspectives of AI-integrated futures are impacting our strategies for the future. To address the challenges of this future landscape, we must understand where, how, and to what extent relevant AI technologies can affect change.

GUIDING PROVOCATIONS

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SANDPIT AGENDA

Sandpits are different from workshops, even though they may appear to share similar functions. This sandpit will bring together academics for a 1-day deep-dive into our AI futures with the aim of generating high-impact outcomes and insights that can support more effective policies for your sector. The process includes:



Wayfinding for emerging
signals



Horizon scanning for directions



Scenario planning for outcomes



Impact mapping for policy

Facilitation team

The facilitators will lead you through the day's process, using a variety of materials that will support a collaborative “Impact Assessment Report” at the end.

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Getting Started

Wi-Fi

eduroam or guest wifi

MS Teams

We are testing a new method of foresight research, where simultaneous conversations are recorded for analysis. We would like to record a transcript of conversations within each group, for analysis alongside the whiteboard output, to include in future reports. This is an opt-in method.

1. Sign into Teams
2. Mute computer speakers and turn off camera
3. Turn on mic

Software – Miro

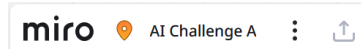
You will be emailed a link to join your group's virtual whiteboard, hosted on miro.com

Access – Miro

1. Click on link
2. Enter your name or alias
3. Click *Continue*
4. Click *Enter board now* (do not enter email)

Adjust screen view

- Go to top left menu and click on 3 dots
- View >  Enter full screen



Moving around

- Move items – left mouse or left click-and-drag on touchpad
- Move around the board – right mouse or 2 fingers touchpad
- Zoom in/out – mouse scroll or pinch fingers on touchpad

Menu options

- Sticky notes are provided in the workspace
- Additional menu on the left-hand side
- Click + for more options
- Use any shapes, emojis, stickers, and gifs you like
- To link objects, click on object, click on any blue dot that appears, drag to another object
- You can hyperlink objects to URLs

The Challenge

Looking ahead to the next 5–10 years, what do you believe will be the single greatest challenge that AI will create for your industry?

Group Challenge

Stage 1

What factors do you believe are most likely to cause or accelerate this challenge?

Stage 2

What important uncertainties make it difficult to predict whether this challenge will occur?

Stage 3

What early signs or indicators would tell you that this challenge is beginning to emerge?

Stage 4

What actions could organisations begin taking today to change the impact of this challenge to a desired impact?

Outcomes

- ✓ Find innovative solutions to AI challenges.
- ✓ Identify pathways to desired AI impacts.

Discussion

Your team will pick a speaker to discuss the scenarios you identified to address the challenge.