

Thames Valley AI Skills & Workforce Forum

Date: Thursday 22nd January

Time: 09:00 – 11:30

Venue: ORIDA Hotel Newbury

9:00 – 9:30	Arrival, Registration & Networking Refreshments available
9:30 – 9:45	Welcome & Setting the Scene <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome • Purpose of the forum and how your input will be used
9:45 – 10:15	Keynote: AI Skills for the UK Workforce Dr Nisreen Ameen, Lead Author, <i>AI Skills for the UK Workforce</i> report Followed by audience Q&A
10:15 – 10:45	Fireside Discussion: Turning AI Ambition into Business Impact Contributors: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Nisreen Ameen – Associate Professor, Royal Holloway, University of London • Dr Mona Ashok – Associate Professor of Digital Transformation, Henley Business School & Co-Director, Thames Valley AI Hub • Dr Kate Webb – Strategic Project Consultant, Thames Valley Chamber of Commerce Skills Unit <p>Live panel discussion with audience polling, covering:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key AI skills challenges for organisations • Barriers to effective AI adoption • Practical actions for employers and training providers
10:45 – 11:00	Next Steps: Shaping the Local Skills Improvement Plan (LSIP) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How today's insights feed into LSIP 2.0 • What happens next and how to stay involved
11:00 – 11:30	Networking & Refreshments Opportunity to continue conversations and complete the LSIP survey

Please bring a smartphone or tablet to take part in live polling during the session.