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Connected Places Summit

Post event report



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Thank you

As CEO of Connected Places Catapult, I was truly encouraged by the energy, commitment and creativity shown by our global network of partners, stakeholders and participants at this year's Connected Places Summit. Events like this demonstrate the power of collaboration and how bringing people together can help accelerate meaningful innovation and positive change at scale.

The Summit welcomed more than 1,000 delegates in person, making it a sold-out event alongside over 500 people who joined us online. We were also joined by more than 180 speakers representing a wide range of sectors, each sharing their experiences, insights and ideas.

Over the two days, I greatly valued the stimulating conversations, insightful sessions and the many new connections that were formed. It was also a pleasure to meet so many of the SMEs whose work is helping to push the boundaries of innovation.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to our sponsors, exhibitors and partners for their support and collaboration, which played a vital role in making the Summit possible. I am also extremely grateful to the team at Connected Places Catapult whose dedication and hard work ensured the event was such a success.

The American anthropologist Margaret Mead famously said that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens is the only thing that has ever changed the world. She highlighted the power of a community in discovering what it cares about, pursuing it and driving impact.

I couldn't agree more. Joining forces matter. So, thank you again for being part of the Summit. I look forward to continuing this journey together.

Warm regards,

**Erika Lewis,
Chief Executive Officer,
Connected Places Catapult**

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"We are pleased we made the decision to exhibit. The Summit offers us opportunity to connect with quality individuals over quantity from a diverse audience."



"Fantastic opportunity to connect with customers to explore how sustainable transport networks power productivity and growth. The summit provides a great platform for positioning Amazon thought leadership and innovation with senior members of policy, strategy and technology, and discuss the future of transportation in the cloud."



"A fantastic event that enables new conversations. Helps us put together all the pieces of the jigsaw."



"Lots of good quality conversations."



"The cross sector audience adds value to the conversations. We have met a good level of decision makers."



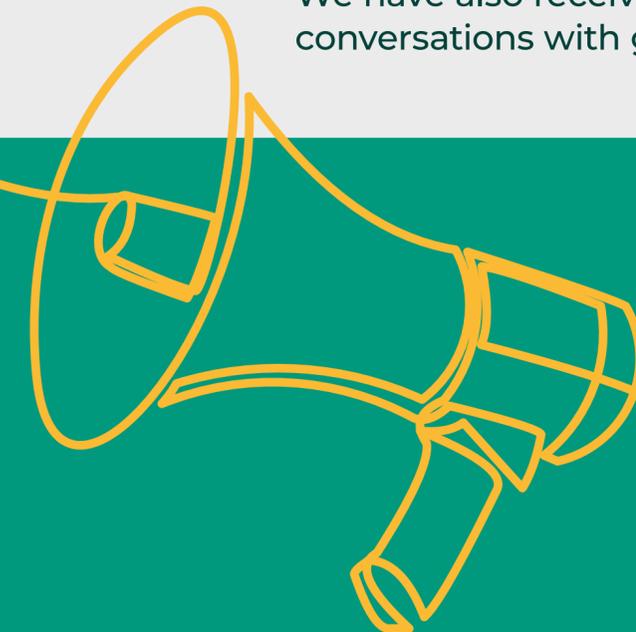
"We have had good quality conversations with individuals from various sectors. This has led to diverse and unusual leads. We have also received great advice from conversations with government officials."



"Many good quality conversation led to me distributing all my business cards on day 1! Conversation that I had started when exhibiting in 2025 have been rekindled this year with those in question stating they are in a better place to move forward."



"Conversation were nonstop with a good mix of people and organisations from across sectors. Great venue and catering."



Sponsors and partners

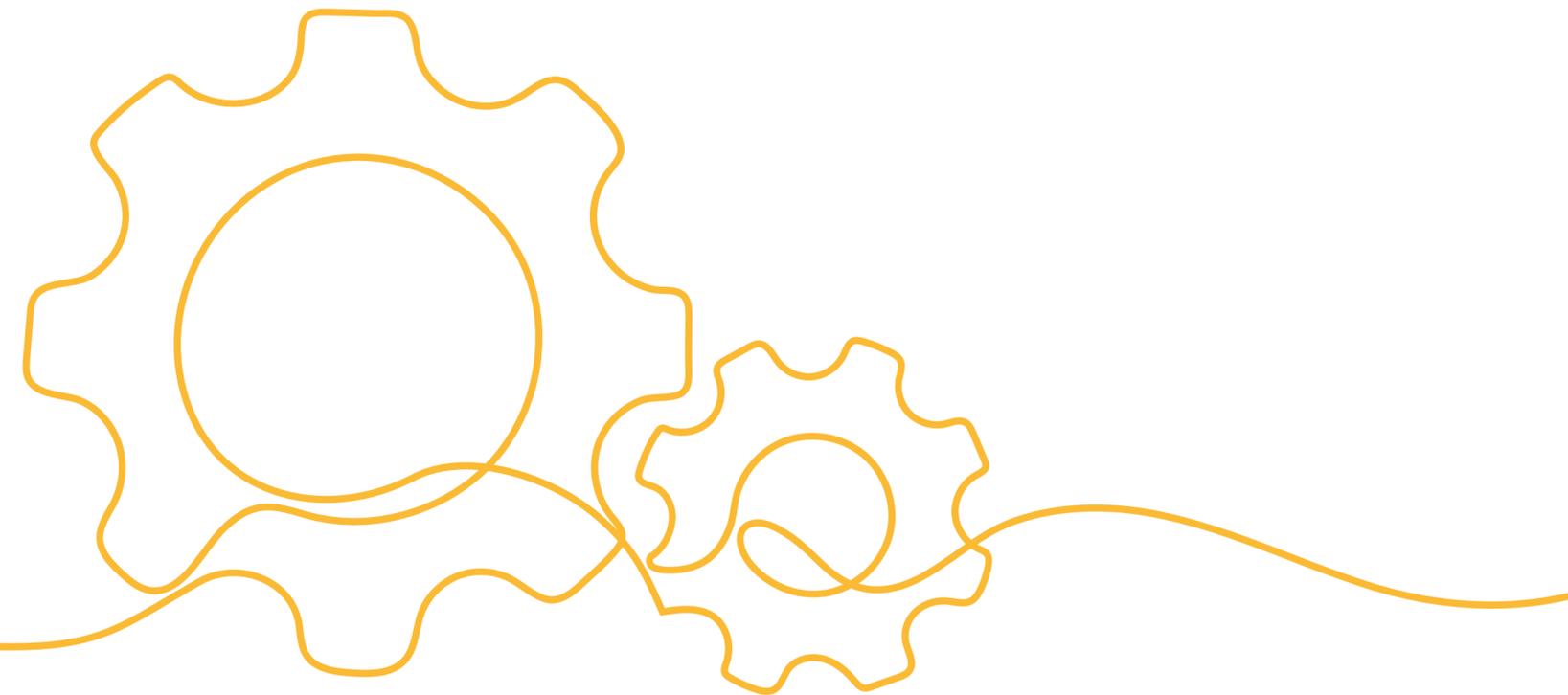
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1136 Unique companies

180+ Speakers

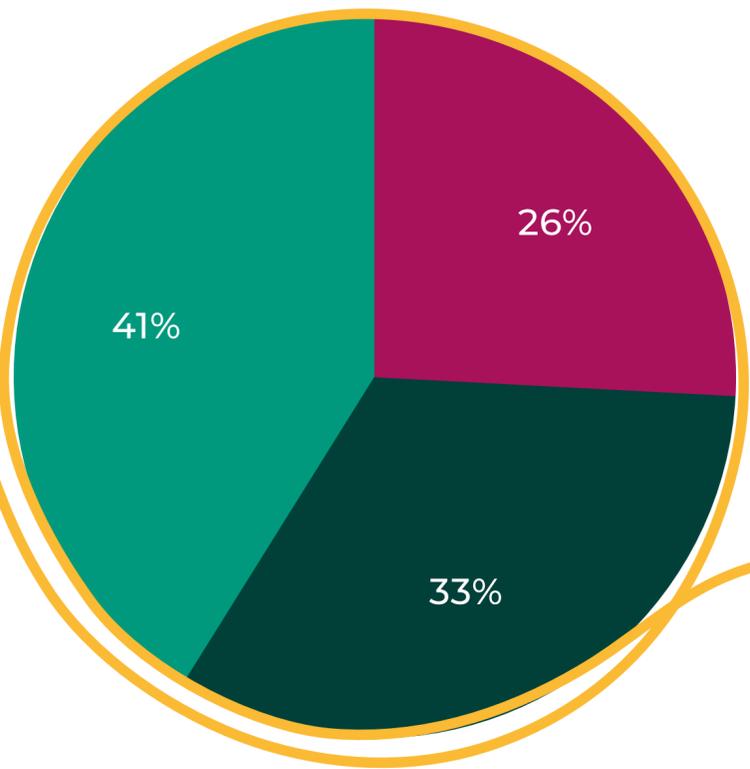
1100+ Onsite attendees across two days

2000+ Registrations

59% Decision makers

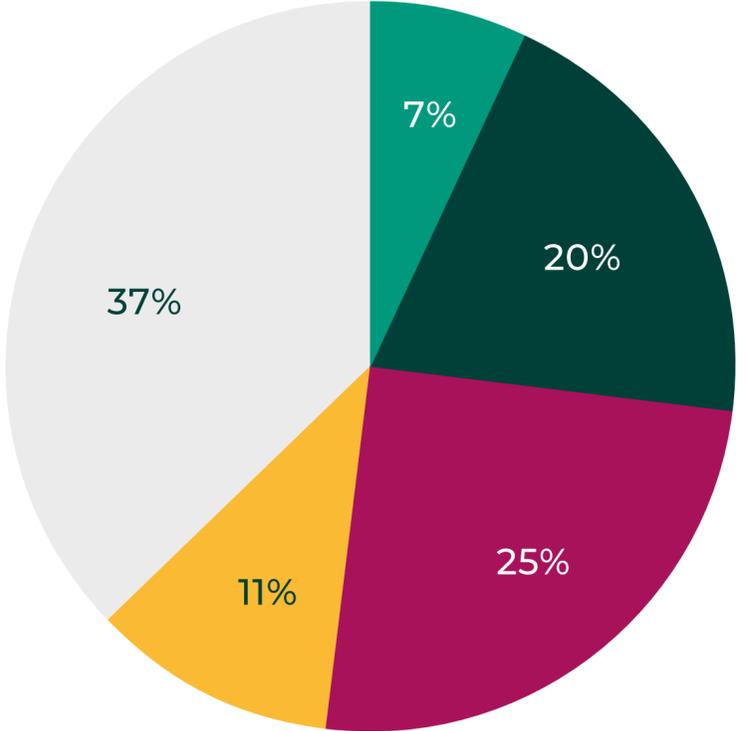


By the numbers



Job type

- Manager
- Director
- CxO



Industry

- Academic
- Government
- Industry
- Investors
- SMEs

Thank you

To our speakers including...



Caroline Haas
Head of Sustainable
Finance Advisory,
Natwest



Sam Evans,
CEO & Co-founder,
Aeroflow



Amit Bhave
CEO,
CMCL



Rokhsana Fiaz OBE,
Mayor of Newham,
Newham Council



Chris Patnoe
Head of Accessibility,
Google



Graeme Craig
Director & Chief Executive,
Places for London



Andy Lord
Commissioner,
Transport For London



Clare Wildfire
Global Cities Lead,
Mott MacDonald



Charlotte Hills
Head of Innovation,
HS2



Lee Edmonds-Ward
Chief of Staff,
Sizewell C



Hussam Sultan
Head ESG Solutions,
Santander UK



Ian Brown
Chief Investment Officer,
National Wealth Fund



Jan Ward CBE
Chair,
Plymouth & South
Devon Freeport



Mike Pittman
Head of Transport Research
and Innovation Board,
Department for Transport



Sophie Randall
Innovation Lead,
Mobility & Cities,
Innovate UK



Rodney Berkeley CBE
Director of Infrastructure
& Technology,
Department for Business & Trade



Laura Shoaf
Chair,
Shadow Great British Railways,
Department for Transport



Jon Loveday
Director for Infrastructure,
Enterprise & Growth,
NISTA



Prof Patricia Thornley
Chief Scientific Advisor,
Department for Transport



Mete Coban MBE
Deputy Mayor for
Environment and Energy,
Mayor of London's Office

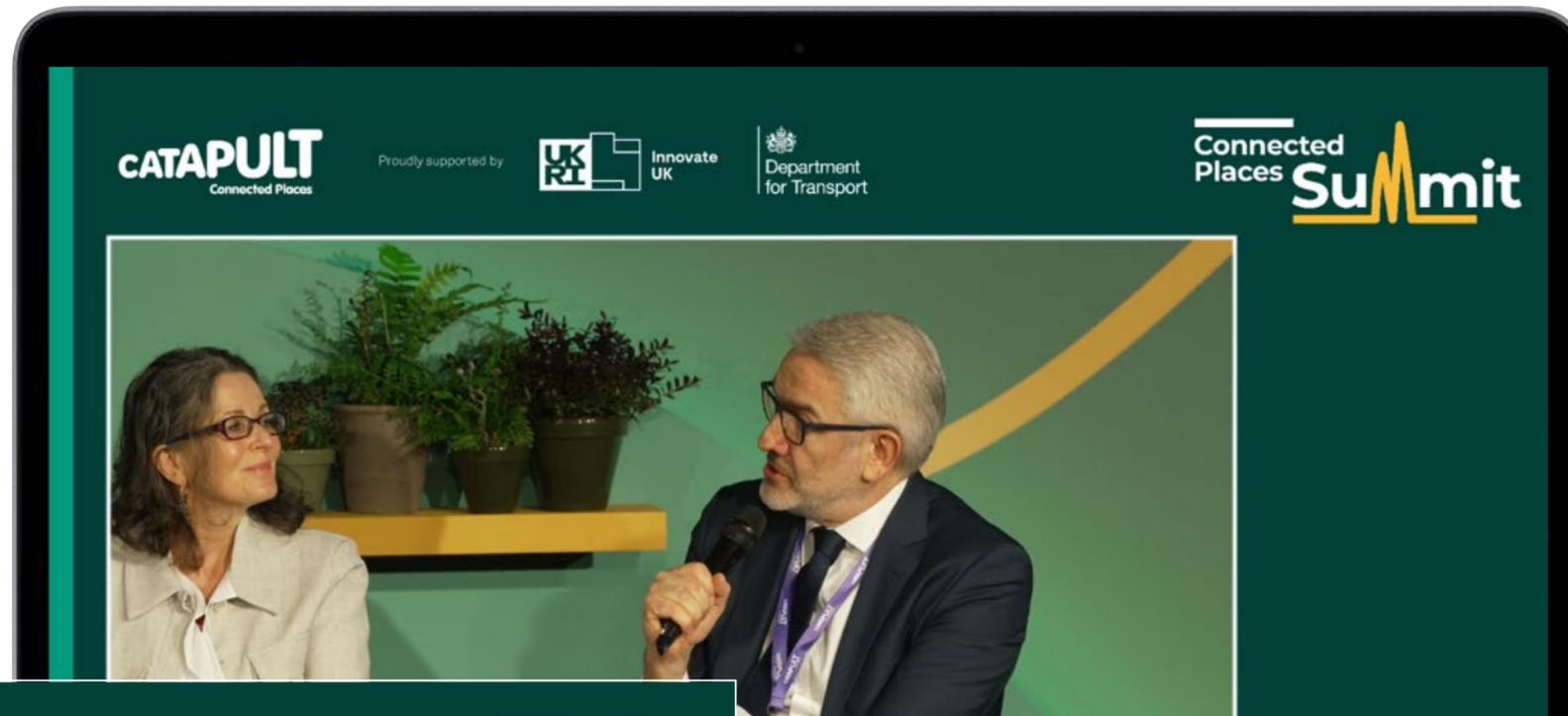


Kellie Beirne
Chief Executive,
Cardiff Capital Region



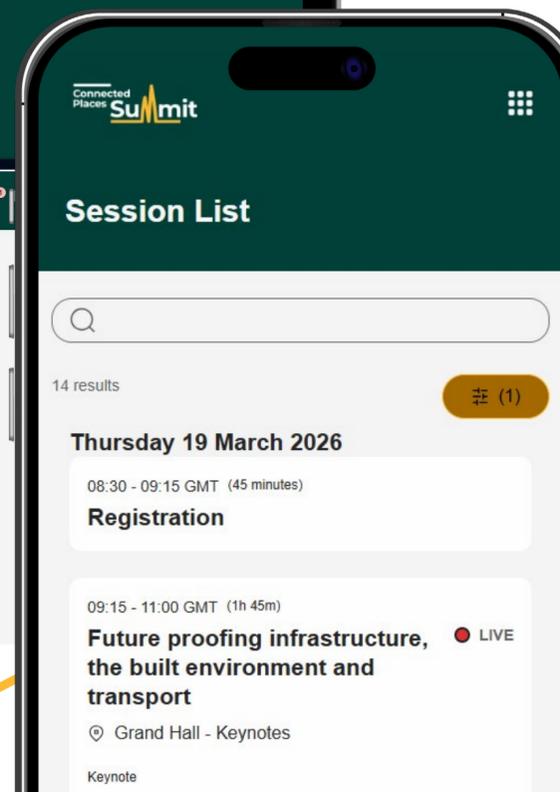
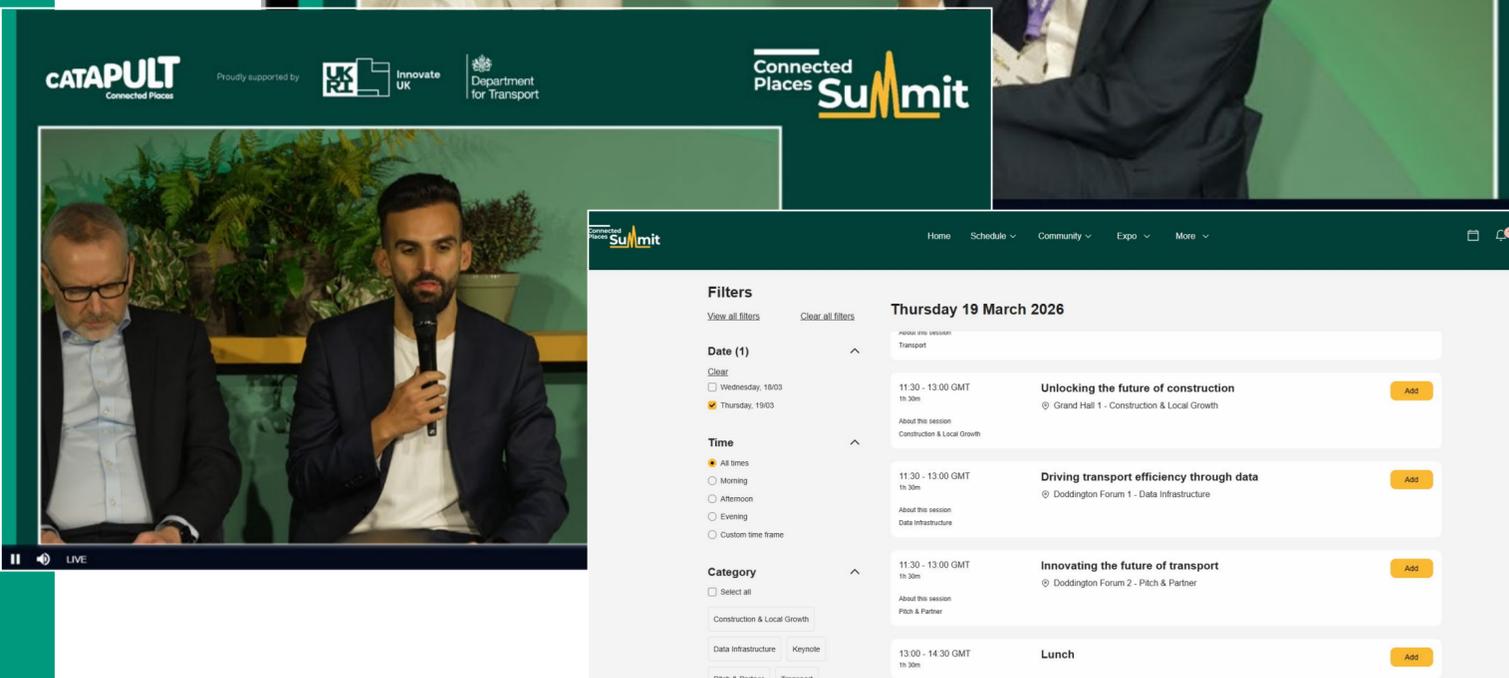
Hugh Taylor
Director, Strategy,
British Business Bank

What happened online



500+
Online delegates

12+
Hours of
online content



35+
Partners
exhibiting online

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In the news



**Connected Places Summit:
DfT calls for sharing of innovation**

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TRANSPORT+ENERGY



**Connected Places Summit:
Powering UK growth
through innovation**

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 **RailBusinessDaily**



**Meet the innovator
helping construction sites
understand nature better**

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STARTUPS
MAGAZINE



**Closer collaboration
needed to drive
innovation take-up,
industry told ahead
of Connected Places
Summit 2026**

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Building



**'Innovation and ideas are
everywhere' Interview
with former Policy Lab
head Vasant Chari**

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