

Official Programme Vision Weekend UK



June 5-7, 2026 - London, England

40 Years of Foresight: Looking Back, Looking Forward

FORESIGHT INSTITUTE

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

VENUE GUIDE: FRIDAY

■ **50 Years UK** 📍

- **Parlor**

VENUE GUIDE: SATURDAY

■ **The Barbican** 📍

- **Frobisher Auditorium**
- **Conservatory Terrace**
- **Garden Room**

VENUE GUIDE: SUNDAY

■ **Bankside** 📍

- **Floor 6 - South Room**
- **Level 5**

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FRIDAY

JUNE 5 · DAY ONE

VIP Gathering — All Access, Sponsors, Speakers, Fellows & Grantees

VENUE: 50 YEARS UK

5:00 – 6:00 pm Drinks, Intros and Welcome to Vision Weekend ★ VIP

PARLOR

Welcome drinks and conversations. Introduce yourself and your goals for this weekend.

6:00 – 7:00 pm Highlights from Foresight Fellows & Grantees ★ VIP

PARLOR

- **Paul Schneider**, PRIORB
- **Georg Lange**, Independent
- **Fin Moorhouse**, Forethought
- **Sobia Hamid**, Infinicell Bio: Building the Upstream Cell-State Platform for Longevity
- **Ninon Masclef**, MIT Media Lab
- **Nicholas Schaum**, Covalent.Bio
- **Peggy Yin**, Stanford University
- **Jakub Lala**, Imperial College London
- **Gunnar Zarncke**, Aintelope
- **Georg Kaissis**, University of Potsdam
- **Mahlaqua Noor**, University of Cambridge
- **Keith Patarroyo**, Université de Montréal: Imaginationmaxxing
- **Alberto Privitera**, Università degli Studi di Firenze
- **Tianyi Alex Qiu**, Stanford University / Oxford HAI Lab
- **Sven Truckenbrodt**, MRC Laboratory of Molecular Biology: Why We Map the Brain
- **Léo Pio-Lopez**, Allen Discovery Center at Tufts University
- **Qiancheng Xiong**, A*STAR Bioprocessing Technology Institute: DNA Nanostructures for Drug Delivery
- **Samuel Nellessen**, Radboud University: Tag-Along Attacks: Evaluating What AI Agents Do, Not Just What They Say
- **Sidh Sikka**, Manifold: Humanity's Discovery and Creation Engine
- **Simon Dürr**, HES-SO Valais-Wallis: Reproducible Protein Design with GradioBio

7:00 – 8:00 pm Dinner and Discussion ★ VIP

PARLOR

Connect with old and new friends over dinner and drinks before the big weekend.

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SATURDAY

JUNE 6 • DAY TWO

Main Summit: Looking Ahead

Open to Everyone

VENUE: THE BARBICAN

9:00 – 9:40 am Morning Social with Coffee and Tea

CONSERVATORY TERRACE

9:40 – 10:00 am Welcome by Allison Duettmann, Foresight Institute

FROBISHER AUDITORIUM

10:00 – 11:00 am Emerging AI Paradigms

powered by Apollo Research | track emcee: Allison Duettmann, Foresight Institute

- **Marius Hobbhahn**, Apollo Research: The Case for AGI Safety Products
- **Adam Shai**, Simplex AI Safety: Building a Science of Intelligence, From Transformers to Brains
- **Greg Wayne**, DeepMind: Universal AI Assistants
- **Moxie Marlinspike**, Confer: Private AI: Why We Need it and How We're Building it at Confer
- **Irina Rish**, MILA: Beyond Scaling: Toward Continual and Adaptive Intelligence

10:00 - 11:00 am Office Hours

GARDEN ROOM

- **Thane Campbell & Aaron Appleton**, Deep Science Ventures
- **Georg Arndt**, Centre for the Governance of AI
- **Dei Vilkinsons**, HASH
- **Chiara Herzog**, Biomarkers of Aging Consortium
- **Stephanie Sherman**, Antikythera

11:00 am - 12:00 pm Life Unlimited

powered by e184 | track emcee: Allison Duettmann, Foresight Institute

FROBISHER AUDITORIUM

- **Marianna Krell**, e184: Reproduction, the Genome, and Cognition Beyond Biological Limits
- **João Pedro de Magalhães**, University of Birmingham: Hacking Aging Biology
- **Žiga Avsec**, DeepMind: Advancing Regulatory Variant Effect Prediction with AlphaGenome
- **Lynne Cox**, University of Oxford: Reframing Longevity and Healthspan as Resilience
- **Dominique Darvas**, HALOS Biosciences: The Bioreactor of Youth

11:00 am - 12:00 pm Office Hours

GARDEN ROOM

- **Kamen Shoylev**, The Longevity Initiative
- **Pranay Shah**, ARIA
- **Barbara Diehl**, SPRIND
- **Aleš Flídr**, Renaissance Philanthropy
- **Alya Abdelhafid**, Nucleate

11:00 am - 12:00 pm Speaker Meet & Greet: Emerging AI Paradigms

CONSERVATORY TERRACE

Chat with your favorite speakers from the Emerging AI Paradigms track

12:00 - 1:00 pm Lunch

1:00 - 2:00 pm Neurotechnology, WBE, & BCI

powered by ARIA & Cambridge University Health Partners | track emcee: Jacques Carolan, ARIA

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- **Jerzy Szablowski**, Rice University: Precision Neuromodulation Through Molecular Engineering and Focused Ultrasound

- **Sergey Stavisky**, UC Davis: High-Bandwidth BCIs for Restoring Speech and Language
- **Christopher Rozell**, Georgia Institute of Technology: Neurotechnology that Learns from the Brain to Rewire the Circuitry of Severe Depression
- **Valerie Voon**, University of Cambridge: Bridging Neural Mechanisms and Clinical Intervention with Machine Learning
- **Sean Escola**, Protocol Labs: Funding Brain Science or: How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love AI

1:00 – 2:00 pm Speaker Meet & Greet: Life Unlimited

CONSERVATORY TERRACE

Chat with your favorite speakers from the Life Unlimited track

2:00 – 3:00 pm Nanotechnology, Energy, & Space

track emcee: *Lydia La Roux, Foresight Institute*

FROBISHER AUDITORIUM

- **Lee Cronin**, University of Glasgow: Programming Matter using Causal Mechanics
- **William Shih**, Wyss Institute at Harvard University: What Can We Build with DNA Self-Assembly
- **Sara Walker**, Arizona State University: Detecting Life on Exoplanets Using Assembly Theory
- **David Kingham**, Tokamak Energy: Superconductivity and Fusion - A Story of Rapid Technology Development

2:00 – 3:00 pm Speaker Meet & Greet: Neurotechnology, WBE, & BCI

CONSERVATORY TERRACE

Chat with your favorite speakers from the Neuro track

3:00 – 3:30 pm Break

3:30 – 4:30 pm Participant Lightning Talks

track emcee: *Lydia La Roux, Foresight Institute*

FROBISHER AUDITORIUM

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| • Mike Jackson , CIC/Venture Café: The UK's Scaling Challenge - Five Quick Fixes | • Pablos Holman , Deep Future: Cypherpunks Religion |
| • Tom Milton , Amodo Design: How Engineering Drives Science | • Stefan Dvoretzkii , Eightsix Science: Alexa, Print Me a Heart: How Bioprinting Changes Transplants and Drug Testing |
| • Jean Rintoul , Mindseye Labs: Toward Scalable Non-Invasive Neurotechnology Using the Acoustoelectric Effect | • Samuel Nellesen , Radboud University: Slingshot: Automating Agent-to-Agent Jailbreaks with RL |
| • Nicholas Schaum , Covalent Bio: The Flaw at the Heart of Drug Discovery – and Why AI Scientists Won't Fix It | • Keith Patarroyo , University of Glasgow: Open-Endedness - The Final Goalpost of AI |
| • Tianyi Alex Qiu , Stanford University / Oxford HAI Lab: Learning From a Human Learner (and How It May Solve AI Psychosis) | |

3:30 – 4:30 pm Speaker Meet & Greet: Nanotechnology, Energy, & Space

CONSERVATORY TERRACE

Chat with your favorite speakers from the Nano track

3:30 – 4:30 pm Speed Friending & Book Swap

GARDEN ROOM

Facilitated nerdy speed-friending to make new friends and colleagues in and outside of your domain:plus a book swap! Bring a book you love, leave with one you'll love.

4:30 – 5:30 pm Terrace Social

CONSERVATORY TERRACE

EVENING · VIP

7:00 – 10:00 pm Cypherpunk Gala ★ VIP

GARDEN ROOM

- Dress in your finest for an unforgettable evening
- Drinks, bites, and celebration
- Costume bits and pieces available
- Dance, movement, and glitch performances
- Vibey tunes selected by Lou de K
- '40 Years of Foresight' fireside chat with Christine Peterson and Allison Duettmann

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SUNDAY

JUNE 7 · DAY THREE

Main Summit: Flourishing Futures
Open to Everyone

VENUE: BANKSIDE · LONDON SE1 9TG, UNITED KINGDOM

9:00 – 10:00 am Morning Social with Coffee and Tea

LEVEL 5

10:00 – 11:00 am Funding X

powered by ARIA & Renaissance Philanthropy | track emcee: Eric Gilliam, Renaissance Philanthropy

FLOOR 6 – SOUTH ROOM

- **Dorothy Chou**, DeepMind: Capital for the Long Game: Financing Durable Innovation in an Age of Hype
- **Mehmet Fisek**, Meridial: FRO Mission and Setup
- **Ed Boyden**, MIT: Incentives in Science

Fireside Chat: Bringing breakthroughs from the bench to the world: **Kathleen Fisher** (ARIA) in conversation with Eric Gilliam

- **Ronit Kanwar**, Renaissance Philanthropy: Fuelling Scientific Renaissances: From Printing Presses to Metascience

10:00 – 11:00 am Office Hours

LEVEL 5

- **Mo Elzek**, London Longevity Network
- **Jasmine Li & Samuel Ratnam**, Idealists Collective
- **Veronika Cekala**, Dev IT Jobs
- **Amalie Farestvedt**, Giving What We Can
- **Matvey Boguslavskiy**, Society for Technological Advancement
- **Kilian Seitz**, SPRIND

11:00 am – 12:00 pm Pathways to Implementation

powered by SPRIND | moderated by Allison Duettmann, Foresight Institute & Barbara Diehl, SPRIND

FLOOR 6 – SOUTH ROOM

The Money: Funding the Unfundable

- **Pablos Holman**, Deep Future

Walking the Tightrope: How to Build Organizational Support Structures That Tolerate Uncertainty and Experimentation

- **Darja Isaksson**, Vinnova

Getting Real: Programmes That Combine Visionary Outcomes with Real-World Impact Creation

- **Jano Costard**, SPRIND
- **Joe Meyerowitz**, Field Foundry

Rethinking Training: What Skill Sets Will We Need to Increase the Number of Breakthroughs from the Research Base

- **Peter Gehler**, Tübingen AI Institute
- **Thane Campbell**, Deep Science Ventures

11:00 am – 12:00 pm Office Hours

LEVEL 5

- **Sudhanshu Kasewa**, 80,000 Hours
- **Mike Jackson**, CIC/Venture Café
- **Goda Mockute**, Cooperative AI Foundation
- **Rachel Carey**, Zinc Innovation Partners
- **Jonah Homm**, SPRIND

- - **Lucas Teixeira**, PIBBSS
 - **Beth McCarthy**, DWeb Camp
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11:00 am - 12:00 pm Speaker Meet & Greet: Funding X

LEVEL 5

Chat with your favorite speakers from the Funding X track

12:00 - 1:00 pm Lunch

1:00 - 2:00 pm Existential Hope in the Age of AI

track emcee: Beatrice Erkers, Foresight Institute

FLOOR 6 - SOUTH ROOM

- **Anders Sandberg**, Institute of Future Studies: Dyson 2070: How fast can we build a Dyson sphere?
 - **Leah Morris**, Pillar VC: Lessons from the UK's AI for Science Frontier
 - **Christine Peterson**, Foresight Institute: Foresight: First 40 Years, Next 40 Years
 - **Zoë Brammer & Ankur Vora**, Google DeepMind: AI for Science 2030
 - **Jonah Weinbaum**, IFP: The Launch Sequence: Towards a Concrete Agenda for Defensive Acceleration
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1:00 - 2:00 pm Speaker Meet & Greet: Pathways to Implementation

LEVEL 5

Chat with your favorite speakers from the Pathways to Implementation track

2:30 - 3:00 pm Pitch Competition

FLOOR 6 - SOUTH ROOM

> 1 minute to pitch your project for ambitious futures, win a \$10K prize

2:00 - 3:00 pm Speaker Meet & Greet: Existential Hope

LEVEL 5

Chat with your favorite speakers from the Existential Hope track

3:00 - 3:30 pm Closing Ceremony

FLOOR 6 - SOUTH ROOM

3:30 - 4:30 pm Social

LEVEL 5

Delight in drinks, delicacies, and discussions with old and new friends

4:30 pm Goodbye

4:30 - 5:30 pm Explore the Tate & Optional Aftershow

Explore the Tate and surrounding areas, then meet at Founder's Arms for an optional aftershow party (no host).

EXTERNAL LINKS

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Event details and registration

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