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Business South Annual Conference

Thursday 7th November 2024

Hilton at the Utilita Bowl, Southampton, SO30 3XH

- 09:00 Registration, refreshments and connections
- 09:45 Lee Peck, Host, Lee Peck Media – Welcome
- 09:50 Leigh-Sara Timberlake, Group CEO, Business South Group – An introduction to our region and our Central South forward journey
- 10:00 Andrew Carter, Chief Executive, Centre for Cities – The UK reality and Opportunities for the Central South cities and towns to thrive
- 10:20 Wayne Layton, Executive Head of Regeneration, Havant Borough Council – Ground breaking Leigh Park project
- 10:30 Action Groups introduced by Kate Pearce, Head of Strategy, Business South
- 10:35 People South – Cathy Barnes, Pro Vice-Chancellor, Solent University – Talent Agenda
- 10:45 Sustainable South – Alison Barnes, CEO, New Forest National Park Authority – What do we want our region to be known for in ten years time.
- 10:55 Energy & Utilities South – Shaun Stevens, UK General Manager, EPS Water – The need to boost regional utility infrastructure to drive growth.
- 11:05 Professor Dame Wendy Hall, University of Southampton – Making Southampton an AI City of Excellence
- 11:25 Q&A for Professor Dame Wendy Hall hosted by Lee Peck.
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- 11:35 BREAK – refreshments and connections (30 minutes)



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- 12:05 Lee Peck, Host, Lee Peck Media – Welcome Back
- 12:05 Nicola Millard, Futurologist, BT – People, Productivity, Planet: Trends shaping the future of work
- 12:35 Q&A for Nicola Millard hosted by Lee Peck. **Slido.com**
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- 12:45 Pippa Crerar, Political Editor, The Guardian
- 13:15 Q&A for Pippa Crerar hosted by Lee Peck. **Slido.com**
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- 13:25 LUNCH – join us for a light lunch and connections
- 14:30 Ends

