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Skills for our Digital Future – Are We Doing Enough?

Digital Media Group Roundtable

Do we have a talent crisis? Today’s digital natives do not always have all the digital skills they need. We are passionate about our bursaries, our schools and our apprenticeship events, but are we providing young people with the right mix of digital and technology skills they need for exciting work in our creative and content industries?

**Chairman - Jonathan Drori, CBE**

Until recently, Jonathan was Chair of Ravensbourne University London, which focuses on technology and the creative arts. He is on the Board of the Eden Project and of Raspberry Pi, which encourage young people to learn programming. He has been a Trustee of Internet Watch Foundation and was Head of Commissioning for BBC Online. He also led national numeracy and computer-literacy campaigns.

**Amali de Alwis, MBE, FRSA**

Managing Director, Microsoft for Startups UK and former CEO, Code First: Girls, the nationally recognised leader in diversity and tech talent. She is a board member of Ada, the National College for Digital Skills and has spoken extensively about the need for more women in technology. She was Computer Weekly’s Most Influential Woman in UK Tech 2018.

**David Barker, FRSA**

David is founder of Techcentre – The Social Innovation Agency. Social innovations include Popup Skills Academies, training unemployed youth with vital technical, digital and fusion skills and Placer, the app helping students access quality work experience. He is Chair of the Information Technologists’ Education and Training Committee, a Director of Livery Schools Link and the author of #eSociety - In the Digital Age No One Should Be Left Behind.

**Eliza Easton**

Eliza is Head of Policy for the Creative Industries Policy and Evidence Centre and for the Creative Economy team at Nesta. In 2020 she became a University of Cambridge Policy Fellow. Prior to joining Nesta, Eliza was part of the founding team of the Creative Industries Federation. She headed up the research team and worked across a number of policy areas.

**Jon Kingsbury**

Head of Digital Economy and Creative Industries at the Knowledge Transfer Network which includes coverage of Immerse UK, leading the UK’s AR/VR technology advancement. A passionate advocate of design and media education, Jon is a board governor at Ravensbourne University.

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