



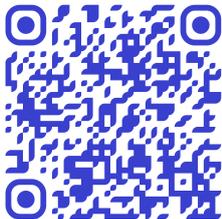
**Wednesday 25th March 2026
from 7:00pm**

**Speaker:
Professor Sarah Hainsworth
OBE FEng
Pro-Vice-Chancellor
(Research) at Durham
University**

**FREE ENTRY - with light
refreshments served**

**Venue:
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Harnessing AI for the Future of Engineering

Challenging Common Misconceptions Around AI

Join us for an inspiring talk by Professor Sarah Hainsworth OBE FEng, Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Research) at Durham University, as she explores how artificial intelligence is set to transform the engineering profession for the better.

Drawing on her extensive leadership and engineering background, Professor Hainsworth will highlight how AI can be a powerful enabler for engineers—boosting productivity, enhancing decision-making, and freeing up time for creativity, innovation, and complex problem-solving. Rather than replacing engineering expertise, AI offers new tools to amplify it, supporting engineers in designing smarter systems, working more efficiently, and tackling challenges at greater scale.

This talk will challenge common misconceptions around AI and present a compelling case for why engineers should see AI as an opportunity, not a threat. Attendees will come away with a clearer understanding of how AI can positively shape engineering practice, research, and careers in the years ahead.

Whether you are an early-career engineer, an experienced practitioner, or involved in shaping the future of the profession, this session offers valuable insight into how AI and engineering can move forward together



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