



**The Eastside Rooms**  
Woodcock Street, Birmingham, B7 4BL



**April 17-18 2024**



# Annual Conference Programme

## Programme

### What's on during day 1

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- 10.00 – 10.30 Registration
- 10.30 – 10.40 **Dr Katherine Critchley** PhD MIET FWES **President of WES**  
Welcome and introduction
- 10.40 – 11.10 **Dr. Shini Somara**, BEng (Hons) EngD HonFIED, **Founder and Producer, eSTEAMd Media**  
Opening talk
- 11.10 – 11.35 **Louise Hardy**, BSc CEng FICE FWES CCMi HonFAPM, **Non Executive Director at Balfour Beatty Plc, Crest Nicholson Plc, Travis Perkins Plc and Severfield Plcs**  
Women in the built environment
- 11.35 - 11.50 **Break**
- 11.50 – 12.15 **Kerry Evans**, CEng FIHE, FCIHT, FWES, **Senior Operations Manager, UK Highways A55 Ltd**  
The emergency closure of the Menai Suspension Bridge – a reflection on leadership during crisis
- 12.15 – 12.45 **Panel Session - Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC)**  
Women in Engineering – How do we address the leaky pipeline in the engineering sector?
- 12.45 – 13.30 **Lunch**
- 13.30 – 13.50 Meet ups and exhibition
- 13.50 – 14.30 **Rosa Wells**, FE Principal & Dean for STEM, UCB and Board Director for GBSIoT.  
The benefits of Professional Registration
- 14.30 - 14.55 **CNH Industrial**  
Sponsor talk
- 14.55 – 15.25 **Break**
- 15.25 – 16.05 **Panel Session**  
Enhanced Engineering - the impact women make.
- 16.05 - 16.35 **Elizabeth Donnelly**, MSc FRSA MRAeS MINCOSE, **Chief Executive Officer of WES**  
Find out about the results of the WES PPE Survey and join in the discussion
- 16.35 - 16.55 **Questions**

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### What's on during day 2

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- 09.30 – 10.05 Registration
- 09.55 - 10.05 **Dr Katherine Critchley** PhD MIET FWES **President of WES**  
Welcome and introduction
- 10.05 – 10.35 **Claire Gott**, MBE, WSP Head of Industry and Deputy of Structures UK  
Engineering transforms lives
- 10.35 – 11.15 **Anouska Carling**, **Diversity and Inclusion Programme Manager, STEM Returners**  
Developing an effective returners programme.
- 11.15 – 11.45 **Break**
- 11.45 – 12.10 **Titilola Oliyide**, CEng MIET, **2023 IET Young Woman Engineer of the Year Winner**  
Supercritical Solutions
- 12.10 – 12.40 **Mark McBride-Wright**, MBE CEng MChemE, **Founder & CEO, EqualEngineers**  
The SAFE Leader: Engineering inclusive cultures
- 12.40 – 13.00 **Helen Close**, **WES Heritage manager**  
Celebrating 100 years of the Electrical Association for Women.
- 13.00 – 13.45 **Lunch**
- 13.45 – 14.15 **Networking**
- 14.15 – 14.40 **Emma McCaig**, **Advanced Technologies Programme Manager, Mercedes AMG High Performance Powertrains**  
Sponsor talk - Is Diversity key to winning every race?
- 14.40 – 15.15 **Panel Session**  
How can digital engineering be used to enhance working lives and enable inclusion?
- 15.15 – 16.00 **MentorSET & Ricardo**  
Find out how to get involved
- 16.00 - 16.30 **Close and networking**

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