

## Conference Host and Sponsors

### Host

#### The University of Edinburgh



THE UNIVERSITY  
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The University of Edinburgh, founded in 1582 and the sixth oldest university in the English-speaking world, is one of the UK's largest universities with more than 39,000 students from all around the world studying on courses ranging from on-campus to on-line part time and it is the largest provider of distance learning in the Russell Group.

The university has five campuses across Edinburgh, Central, King's Buildings, BioQuarter, Western General and Easter Bush, and is custodian for many historic buildings including the McEwan Hall, St Cecilia's Hall, Teviot Row House, which is the oldest purpose built student union building in the world, and the restored 17th-century Mylne's Court student residence in the Royal Mile.

The Central Campus is the oldest part of the university, occupied primarily by the College of Humanities and Social Science, the Schools of Computing & Informatics and the School of Law, along with the main university library and first year undergraduate teaching in science and engineering in the Appleton Tower. The campus has a focus around George Square, and connects intimately into the Old Town with historic buildings such as Old College and St Cecilia's Hall.

The University has a substantial capital programme across all its campuses. The 2030 Masterplan for the Central Campus includes refurbishments, redevelopment and expansion of the campus, current projects including the new Wellness Centre and the Edinburgh Futures Institute at Quartermile.



McEwan Hall

#### The Informatics Forum



The Cowgate fire of 2002 destroyed a number of university buildings, including space occupied by the School of Informatics. Fortunately the University had already identified the strategic need for a new building for Informatics and had identified the site adjacent to George Square on which the Informatics Forum, designed by Bennett Associates and BuroHappold, was completed in July 2008, housing the research institutes of the School with a brief to provide a *Forum for Interaction* to foster synergies among the 500 researchers the largest computing research department in Europe.

£42M was raised from public and philanthropic sources. Planning approval was confirmed on 12 September 2005, and work on site commenced in October 2005.

The Forum is the first phase of the *Potterrow Project*, the redevelopment of the site bordered by Potterrow, Crichton Street, Charles Street and Marshall Street that was cleared for redevelopment by the University in 1963, and had been used as a car park since then. The Potterrow Project is itself part of a more extensive masterplan, that will see the Potterrow underpass removed to provide improved connections between Old College to George Square.

## The Bayes Centre



Designed by Bennetts Associates and Buro Happold, the £45 million Bayes Centre building was officially opened in October 2018 by University of Edinburgh Chancellor HRH The Princess Royal.

Supported by the Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region Deal Data-Driven Innovation Programme, the Bayes Centre is the University of Edinburgh's Data-Driven Innovation Hub hosted by the College of Science and Engineering and is part of a complex with the Informatics Forum and the Dugald Stewart Building

which hosts the School of Philosophy, Psychology, and Language Sciences, set around a new landscaped courtyard.

Providing space for approximately 600 researchers, students and external partners over five floors, the Centre's space is open in design, providing interactive places for occupants from across academia, industry and the public sector to foster create a collaborative community which works in synergy to unlock pioneering advances in data science and artificial intelligence.

The Bayes Centre brings together academics and students working in the fields of Data Technology, Design Informatics, Maths and Robotics with start-up / spin-out companies and industrial collaborators.

An atrium with break out areas, open plan working spaces and a large ground floor café facilitates interaction between different disciplines, bringing together departments previously spread across the city in many smaller buildings, alongside facilities for conferences, seminars and social events for academics from across the UK and beyond.

Internally, the Bennetts Associates designed the building to be a cousin of Informatics rather than a twin. The five-storey top-lit atrium space has the same helical white steel stairs, but also has the main stair flying across the atrium and back at high level. Cellular offices, open-plan working areas, meeting rooms, coffee areas and break out spaces support the 600-660 people working here. At ground and first floors there are large state of the art Robotics labs that showcase the University's groundbreaking work.



## Student Panel

### The Edinburgh School of Architecture and Landscape Architecture, University of Edinburgh

The Edinburgh School of Architecture and Landscape Architecture (ESALA) is an important element of the Edinburgh College of Art which can trace its history back to 1760 and merged with the University in 2011. The College of Art provides higher education in art and design, architecture, history of art, and music disciplines for over two thousand students, and is at the forefront of research and research-led teaching in the creative arts, humanities, and creative technologies.

ESALA is one of very few schools, internationally, to connect teaching, research and practice in Architecture and Landscape Architecture, with its programmes accredited by the Royal Institute of Architects (RIBA), Architects Registration Board (ARB) and the Landscape Institute. It is also the largest centre for the study of Architectural History in the UK and a centre of excellence in Digital Media and Design and works closely with Heriot-Watt University, including on world-leading research.

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We focus on minimising risk and creating opportunities to maximise the value of our clients' developments and property assets. We deliver Project Leadership, Commercial Success, Construction Excellence and Specialist Consultancy working across all sectors of the built environment. Recent projects include the University of the West of Scotland's Ecocampus in Hamilton, one of the greenest campuses in Higher Education, the Blavatnik School of Government at the University of Oxford, Anglia Ruskin's School of Medicine and Chadwick Hall at the University of Roehampton.

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We are in the top 10 of the Architect's Journal's list of 100 UK practices, and have won numerous awards including AJ100 Practice of the Year three times. We were shortlisted for the RIBA Stirling Prize for the redevelopment of the Park Hill Estate in Sheffield, and most recently, were winners of the 2018 AJ100 Best Use of Technology and Building of the Year awards for our work at Here East.

Our expertise ranges from conservation to digital innovation, landscape to interior design. We welcome input from others and encourage a collaborative way of working with the client, stakeholders and consultant team.

Our expertise in Higher Education covers new buildings and the refurbishment of legacy estates. Current Higher Education projects include the new £75 million Creative Arts Building for Leeds Beckett University, Edinburgh College of Art, Glasgow College of Arts and the UCL Institute of Neurology and UK Dementia Research Institute Headquarters.

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We understand that today's universities face an uncertain world and rapidly changing student needs. At the core of what we do is the belief that we, like you, never stop learning.

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## Overbury PLC



Founded in 1942, Overbury has delivered fit out and refurbishment projects for higher education clients throughout the UK from the University of Salford to Aston University to Kings College, London and the University of Portsmouth. Our teams have developed a deep knowledge and understanding of local markets and work with localised supply chains to deliver projects that exceed expectations time and time again.

Over half of our work in the higher education sector comes from repeat business. Colleges and universities trust us for our unique expertise in their field and for delivering on time and on budget. We've learned to deal with large or small projects

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## Troup Bywaters and Anders

**TROUP** TB+A is an engineering partnership founded in 1958. With over 60 years' experience  
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### Bennetts Associates

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**ASSOCIATES** believe that timeless, humane and beautifully crafted architecture expresses the indivisibility of space, fabric, structure and services. We believe that the best buildings reveal their beauty and utility over time. We address with conviction urban place-making, genuine functionality and believe that truly long-lasting architecture is underpinned by our pioneering expertise in sustainability.

Our portfolio of projects is deliberately diverse across a wide range of sectors, scales and complexities in both the public and private sector. The variety and potential of cross-fertilisation of ideas between typologies generates a creative stimulus that we enjoy. Whilst being generalists, we have acknowledged specialist expertise in a number of areas such as workplace, arts/culture, education, masterplanning and sustainability.

University projects include the Informatics Forum and Bayes Centre in which the conference is based, and the Edinburgh Futures Institute for the University of Edinburgh, the Student Services Centre for the University of Cambridge and Project Oriel for Moorfields Hospital and UCL in London.

### BuroHappold Engineering



We are a world-class, global engineering and consultancy practice. Integrated thinking, passionate, highly skilled people and transformative, creative solutions lie at the heart of BuroHappold. Truly multidisciplinary, our interconnected community of experts transform project outcomes for every one of our clients.

Our founder, Sir Ted Happold, believed that it was out of the different skills and bodies of knowledge we have across our firm, that the quality of what we do really emerges.

This culture of collaboration is as strong today as ever, and drives us to deliver elegant solutions that both create wealth for clients, as well as leave a positive, sustainable legacy for every community we work in. Our buildings and cities contribute positively to our climate, society, culture and the environment.

Recent Higher Education projects include the Pauli Murray and Benjamin Franklin Colleges at Yale University, New Haven, CT, Brown University Engineering Research Centre in Providence, RI, UCL at Here East, London, Coventry University Science & Health Building and the Urban Sciences Building at the University of Newcastle.