



Connected  
Places



# CONNECTED PLACES SUMMIT POST-EVENT REPORT



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# THANK YOU

It is with great pleasure and gratitude that I extend my sincerest thanks to all who participated in the inaugural Connected Places Summit. We are the UK's innovation accelerator for cities, transport and place leadership, and our mission is clear: we connect, people, places and businesses for a future of sustainable growth and prosperity. This Summit did exactly that – it brought together visionaries, innovators, and changemakers from across the worlds of cities, transport and place leadership.

As the CEO of Connected Places Catapult, I am inspired by the passion, dedication, and ingenuity demonstrated by our global community of partners, stakeholders, and attendees. Your unwavering commitment to the transformative vision of connected places is truly remarkable, and it is through collaborative efforts like those showcased at the Summit that we are able to drive positive change and innovation at scale.

We saw over 850 delegates attend in-person (a sell-out), and over 1,000 join us online. We welcomed over 220 speakers from across a variety of sectors, all here to share their stories and ideas.

I personally loved the thought-provoking discussions, insightful presentations, and impactful collaborations that took place during the two days. The Summit provided a platform for sharing

knowledge, exchanging ideas, and forging partnerships that will shape the future of our cities, towns and communities.

I would like to express a special thank you to our sponsors, exhibitors, and partners for their generous support and collaboration. This event would not have been possible without them. I would also like to thank the team at Connected Places Catapult for their hard work and dedication in organising this event and ensuring its success.

As we reflect on the discussions and outcomes of the Summit, let us remain committed to the urgency of creating connected, sustainable, and inclusive places where people thrive, businesses flourish, and the environment is protected.

Thank you once again for your participation, your contributions, and your commitment. I look forward to continuing our journey together and shaping the future of connected places.

**Erika Lewis,**  
**Chief Executive Officer,**  
**Connected Places Catapult**



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“This event is great as it brings the different infrastructure providers together to have the conversations that need to be had in order to solve the shared challenges we all face.”



“Using Connected Places Catapult has been an absolute game-changer for our organisation. Their expertise in transport research, development and innovation, and digital connectivity has supported us answering industry challenges with confidence. Their dedication to driving positive change through technology is truly commendable, and we’re grateful for the invaluable support they’ve provided every step of the way. Highly recommend their services to any organization looking to harness the power of connected technologies for a smarter, more sustainable future.”



“The Connected Places Catapult’s work is key to making cities work better for people in the UK and globally. It is very much aligned to the West London Alliance Vision of Connected Communities in the World’s most Connected Place today and tomorrow.”



“Thought provoking and engaging sessions. Great to see people delivering real benefits for people and places.”



“Today’s event has been refreshing and inspiring. An opportunity to connect with people across the infrastructure sector, build relationships and get fresh perspectives and focus.”



“Fantastic to see different sectors coming together, sharing experiences and innovation opportunities.”



“This has genuinely been one of the best organised and interesting events I have attended. The calibre of talks and panels has been extremely high, and the actual events space is superb! I look forward to returning next year!”











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**900+**  
UNIQUE  
ORGANISATIONS



**220+**  
SPEAKERS



**27**  
EXHIBITORS



**850+**  
IN PERSON  
ACROSS TWO DAYS



**350+**  
MEETINGS  
BOOKED



**80+**  
SESSIONS



**1000+**  
ONLINE ACROSS  
TWO DAYS

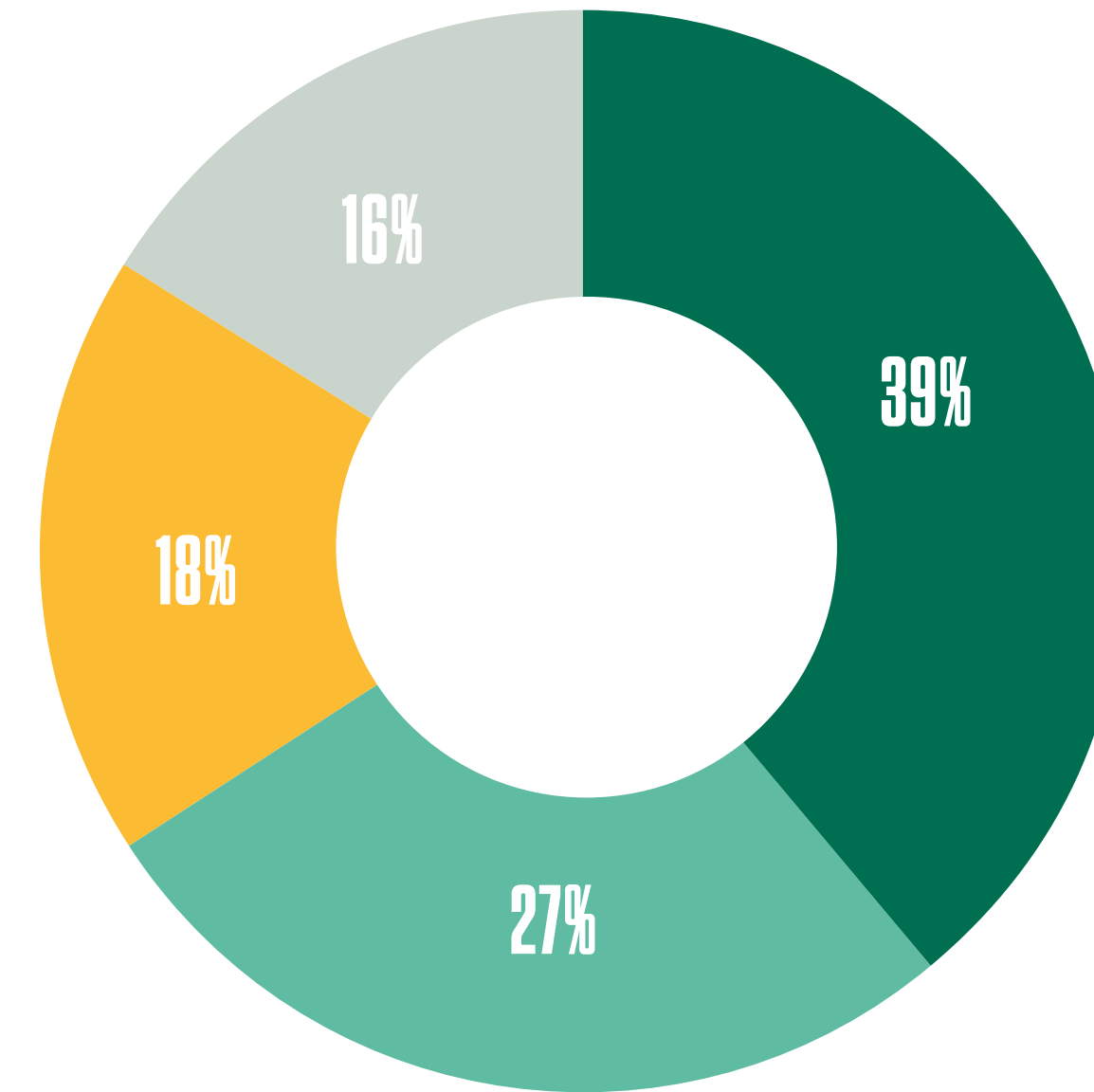


**30**  
PARTNERS



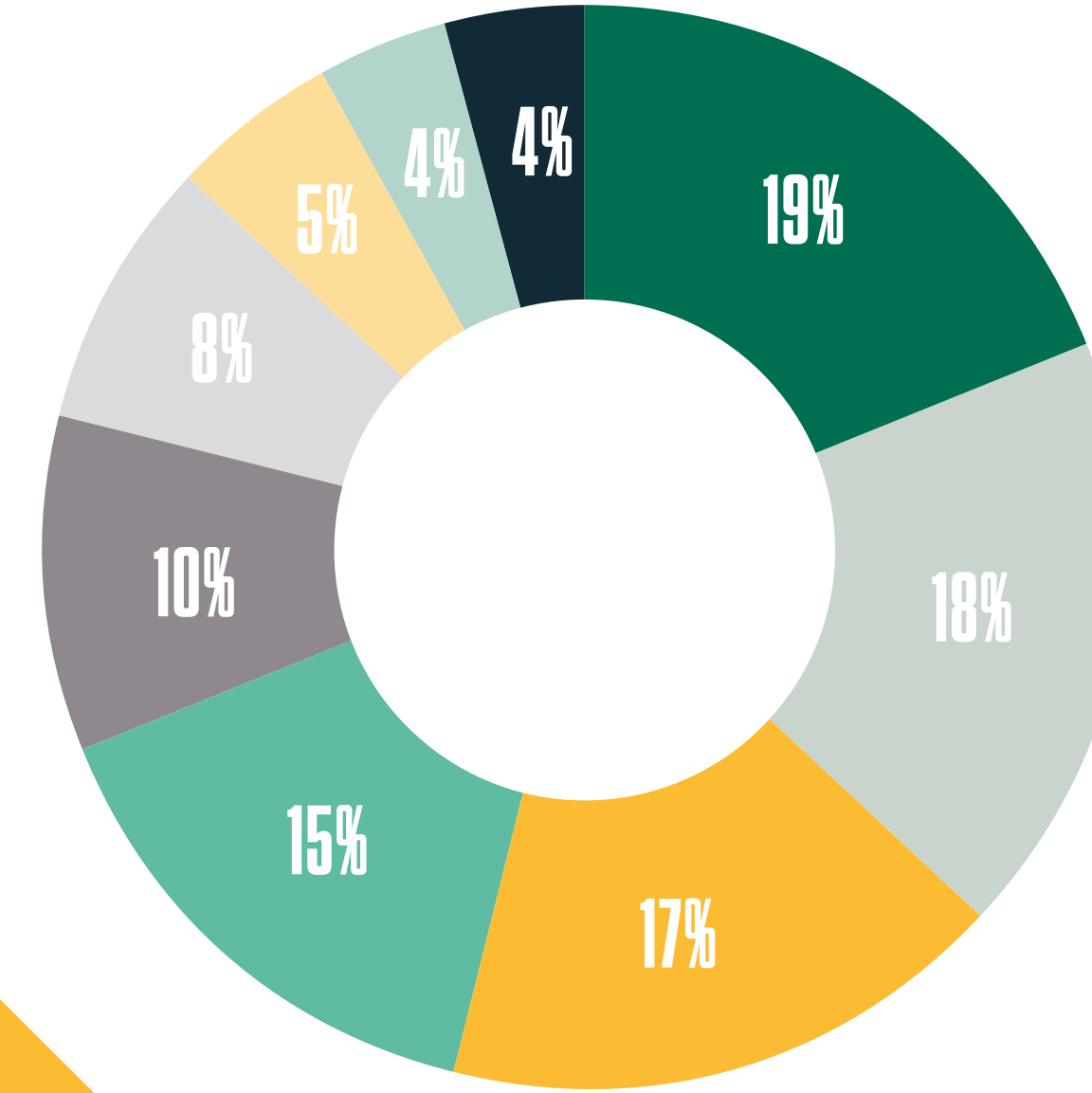


# BY THE NUMBERS



## JOB TYPE

- MANAGER
- DIRECTOR
- CXO
- OTHER



## INDUSTRY

- TRANSPORT
- GOVERNMENT
- TECHNOLOGY
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- OTHER

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**BURO HAPPOLD**

“It has been an amazing opportunity to reconnect with people, hear the latest industry trends and expand my network.”



“We’re delighted to be the Headline Partner of this fantastic event; the opportunity to both meet and be inspired by such creative and innovative people has been truly motivating. It’s testimony to all of the hard work and effort put in by Connected Places Catapult to organise such a wonderful Summit.”



“Great morning on Day One of the conference. It is already going to take me a week to follow-up with the contacts I have made and it is only lunchtime on Day One! Thanks for some great sessions and for attracting such an interesting audience and set of presenters.”

**Hack&Craft**

“We have had a fantastic two days at the Summit. Everybody at the event is vested in a shared vision of a better connected, more sustainable future - and what’s evident from this event is that collaboration and leveraging digital twin capabilities will be crucial to the world we envision for tomorrow.”

**WeWALK**

“For a startup like WeWalk, developing cutting edge technology for visually impaired people, we are always looking at new environments such as airports, for which our community can have new independence and confidence when navigating. The CPC through our everyday collaboration to the Connected Places Summit have facilitated connections to the stakeholders that matter most in this mission. We have been able to access new airport partners while learning from industry leaders on how to deliver a safe and effective service. Most importantly it has helped us pilot our new system in scenarios that may have never been possible before, validating our impact and allowing us to fly higher.”



“Great platform for positioning AWS thought leadership and innovation with senior members of Policy, Strategy and Technology, helping us better understand our customers.”



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## MEDIA PARTNERS



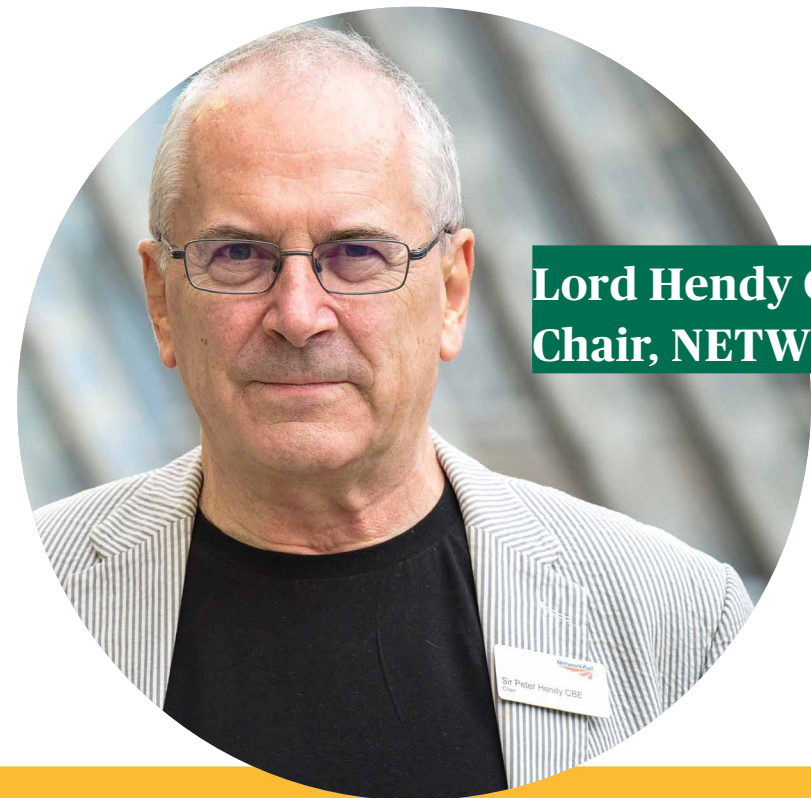
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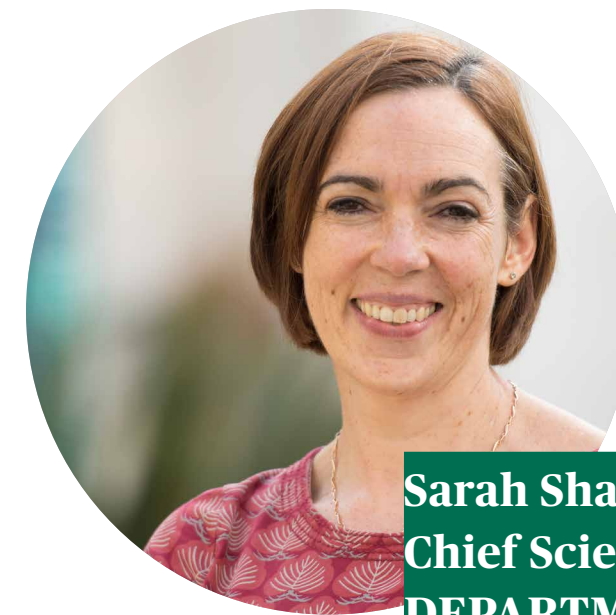
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# LEARNINGS

**The open data movement is valuable - it can be the fuel for innovation. Data should be gathered for a purpose against specific use cases. Regulators can help support open data to thrive in their sectors through appropriate license conditions.**

Globally 2023 was the warmest year on record. The last 3 months the wettest ever in the UK. Extreme weather is on the rise. There is increasing recognition across Government that the UK is poorly prepared for such events. It is not well understood how failure cascades across sectors; for example across energy, communications, transport and water and what the overall impact is.

AI is an enabler to help us reach our goals. It comes with challenges - data access, data availability, data quality, data centralisation and most importantly, public trust.

Economic productivity within UK innovation districts is 25% higher than the wider cities in which they are based - 'supernormal' impact on growth.

Dedicated, collaborative leadership across regional innovation economies enables strategic alignment among partners and fosters credibility with investors - public, private, domestic and global.

We need to think across modes and sectors when funding innovation. There is commonality in decarbonising industry and decarbonising transport. We can learn from each other and avoid competing. Future fuel choices is a challenge for all modes.

Innovation is disjointed. How do we join public and private finance so investors are curating propositions from the start?

How do we make the maritime sector more attractive to attract the right skills?

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How can we design an end-to-end innovation process from idea to procurement?

The Maritime industry, can't tackle decarbonisation in isolation. We need co-ordination across end-to-end journeys and places. Moreover, it's a global issue and we need to work closely with other countries.

The public sector can learn from private sector examples of just getting on with it.

Data sharing across sectors needs to be promoted as part of understanding infrastructure systems. Secure sharing is key.

Resilience is of shared interest across sectors. Decision makers need high quality climate data and collaboration is key: Cross-sector and cross-regulators.

Developing thriving hubs of innovation requires more than just bricks and mortar - curation and activation are needed to spark success.

The Hydrogen Economy is shifting rapidly with scale. The price of Hydrogen is decreasing rapidly and forecast to continue the trend. Hydrogen presents a value proposition to the UK's security, resilience, and exports.

We talk a lot about land-based places for investment; what about sea-based areas, the Irish Sea, wind farms, and seabed infrastructure?





# WHAT HAPPENED ONLINE



690+

UNIQUE PARTNER BOOTH VISITS

1,000+  
ONLINE DELEGATES

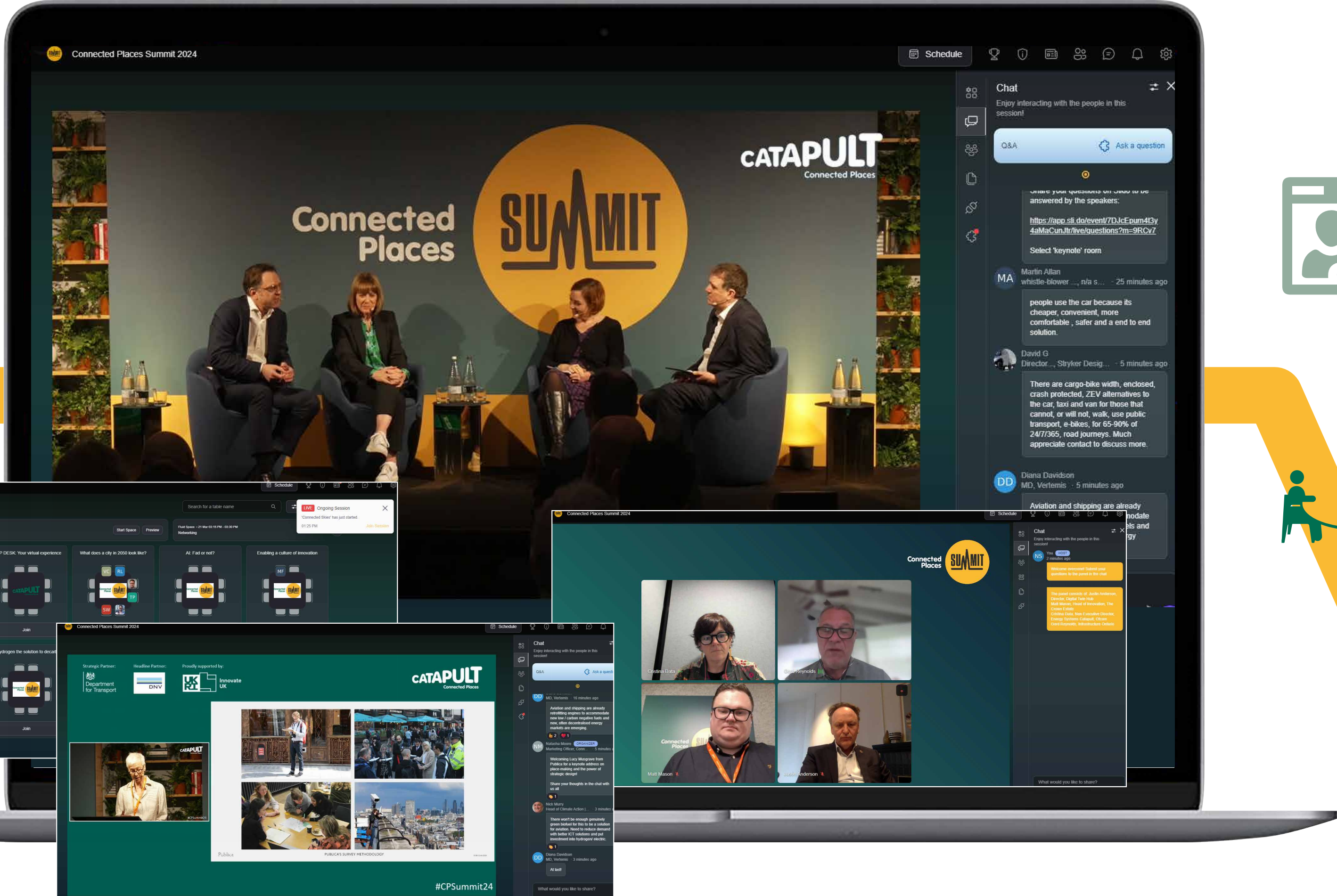


30+  
PARTNERS  
EXHIBITING  
ONLINE

100+  
PARTICIPANTS IN  
ROUNDTABLES



20  
HOURS OF  
ONLINE CONTENT



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