



DRCF Future of Cybersecurity and Emerging Technologies Agenda

15 October 2025

Time	Session
8:45 – 9:15	Registration and refreshments
9:15	<p>Welcome and Opening Keynote Address</p> <p>Confirmed Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kate Jones, CEO, DRCF Elizabeth Kohorn-Hill, Deputy Director for Cyber Security and Resilience, DSIT
9:30	<p>Retrospective Review</p> <p>This panel will outline the trends and developments in cybersecurity that have emerged over the last five years, how they are relevant for regulators, and the key learnings to take forward.</p> <p>Confirmed speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eva Ignatuschtschenko, Director of Technology and Insight, CMA – Panel Chair Nihal Newman, Director of Security Networks and Resilience, Ofcom Tim Capel, Executive Director of Regulatory Supervision, ICO Shiv Kaul, Senior Manager of Information Security and Operational Resilience
10:15	<p>Impact of Emerging Technology and Technology Convergence on Cybersecurity</p> <p>Expert talk on impact of the intersecting and convergence of emerging technologies.</p> <p>Confirmed speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carsten Maple, Professor of Cyber Systems Engineering at the University of Warwick's Cyber Security Centre (CSC)
10:50	Refreshment break
11:15	<p>The Role of the Human: Cyber Skills in 2030</p> <p>A panel of experts will discuss the role of humans in cybersecurity, including the importance of robust skills development in mitigating risk and why this is a particular area of interest for regulators.</p> <p>Confirmed speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Heather Toomey, Principal Cyber Specialist, ICO - Panel Chair

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NCSC Representative • Angela Sasse, Professor of Human Centered Security, University College London (UCL) • Gerry McQuaid, Director – Telecoms and Internet Security, Ofcom • Ceri Jones, Information Security Specialist, Mindera
12:00	<p>Cybersecurity as a Driver of Economic Growth A panel exploring how emerging technologies are reshaping the cybersecurity industry dynamics, the role of regulators in supporting innovation without sacrificing consumer protection as well as how regulators should consider cybersecurity as a driver of economic growth.</p> <p>Confirmed speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kate Jones CEO, DRCF - Panel Chair • Toby Lewis, Head of Threat Analysis, Darktrace • Ola Michalec, Research Fellow Bristol Cyber Security Group and Lecturer at Bristol Digital Futures Institute • Emma Philpott MBE, CEO, IASME
12:45	<p>Closing Remarks</p> <p>Confirmed Speakers: Nathalie Lowe, Director of Projects and Operations, DRCF</p>
13:00	Networking Lunch