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CREATIVE DIGITAL GOVERNMENT

DAY ONE: MONDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 2025

NATIONAL LIBRARY OF NEW ZEALAND
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8:00 am - 8:45 am	Registration opens with coffee and pre-conference networking		Foyer
Plenary			
8:45 am - 9:00 am	Mihi whakatau - Taranaki Whānui		Auditorium
9:00 am - 9:10 am	Welcome and housekeeping Mick Crouch, GOVIS President		Auditorium
9:10 am - 9:30 am	Conference opening address Speaker to be confirmed		Auditorium
9:30 am - 10:00 am	Keynote: Public service leadership Speaker to be confirmed		Auditorium
10:00 am - 10:30 am	Keynote: Reflections on breaking the mould Reverend Murray Edridge, Wellington City Missioner		Auditorium
10:30 am - 11:00 am	Paramanawa / Morning tea		Foyer
11:00 am - 11:45 am	Creative Connections - Stream 1 Workshop Room 1	Creative Connections - Stream 2 Workshop Room 2	
	What does creative and accountable leadership look like? Reverend Murray Edridge (Wellington City Missioner)	Reimagining data at Stats NZ: the journey to an integrated statistical data system Celeste Cutting, Michael Alspach, Sarah Cowell, Mike Judd and Simon McBeth (StatsNZ)	
11:45 am - 12:30 pm	Digital experiences that truly matter - overseas voting Jarrod Baker (Electoral Commission); James Guthrie and Steve Barnard, (Pikselin)	Data driven community grant funding Alanna Irving, Maria Ngawati, and Marianna Pekar (DIA)	
12:30 pm - 1:15 pm	Tina / Lunch		Foyer
Plenary			
1:15 pm - 2:00 pm	What do public service restructures and technical debt have in common? Annika Naschitzki, PhD Student, School of Government, Victoria University of Wellington		Auditorium
2:00 pm - 2:45 pm	Neurodivergence in IT: beyond the stereotypes Rachael Hurren, Director Learning and Development, Inde Technology		Auditorium
2:45 pm - 3:15 pm	Paramanawa / Afternoon tea		Foyer
3:15 pm - 4:00 pm	Creative Connections - Stream 1 Workshop Room 1	Creative Connections - Stream 2 Workshop Room 2	
	What do public service restructures and technical debt have in common? (discussion session) Annika Naschitzki (Victoria University of Wellington)	Neurodivergence in IT: beyond the stereotypes (your questions) Rachael Hurren (Inde Technology)	
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Networking drinks		Foyer

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DAY TWO: TUESDAY 2 SEPTEMBER 2025

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8:00 am - 8:45 am	Registration opens with coffee and pre-conference networking.		Foyer
Plenary			
8:45 am - 9:00 am	Conference relaunch Mick Crouch, GOVIS President Chris McDowall, Conference Convenor		Auditorium
9:00 am - 9:30 am	Remixing the rules of digital government Andy Neale, Deputy Chief Executive for Access and Digital Services, Parliamentary Counsel Office		Auditorium
9:30 am - 10:15 am	Creativity in the C-suite panel Speakers to be confirmed		Auditorium
10:15 am - 10:40 am	Paramanawa / Morning tea		Foyer
10:40 am - 11:20 am	Creative Connections - Stream 1 Workshop Room 1	Creative Connections - Stream 2 Workshop Room 2	
	Creativity, it's a 'culture thing'! Pat McShane (Croga Ltd)	Trust by design: creative interventions in bureaucratic spaces (workshop) Centre for Data Ethics and Innovation (Stats NZ)	
11:20 am - 12:00 pm	PDFs are where creative government goes to die: transforming the API guidelines into digital infrastructure Victoria Wray and Jim Clendon (DIA); Tom Barraclough (Syncopate Lab)		
12:00 pm - 12:45 pm	Tina / Lunch		Foyer
Plenary			
12:45 pm - 1:15 pm	Keynote: At the cutting edge - where are AI tools heading next? Shivonne Londt, Senior Solution Architect, AWS		Auditorium
1:15 pm - 1:45 pm	Keynote: Public service leadership Speaker to be confirmed		Auditorium
1:45 pm - 2:30 pm	Creative Connections - Stream 1 Workshop Room 1	Creative Connections - Stream 2 Workshop Room 2	
	Share your ideas about digital service modernisation with the GCDO! Michelle Edgerly (DIA)	From bespoke to routine: enabling rapid delivery of complex analytics Simon Anastasiadis (Social Investment Agency)	
2:30 pm - 3:00 pm	Poster Party - during Paramanawa / Afternoon tea		Foyer
Plenary			
3:00 pm - 3:30 pm	Utaina: Connecting Aotearoa through Digitised Sounds and Stories Zak Argabrite, Cynthia Wu and Joshua Ng, DIA		Foyer
3:30 pm - 4:00 pm	Closing keynote Speaker to be confirmed		Foyer
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Conference finale		Foyer

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