



CREATIVE DIGITAL GOVERNMENT

DAY ONE: MONDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 2025

NATIONAL LIBRARY OF NEW ZEALAND
TE PUNA MĀTAURANGA O AOTEAROA

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 <i>Speaker to be confirmed</i>		Auditorium
9:30 am - 10:00 am	Keynote: Public service leadership <i>Speaker to be confirmed</i>		Auditorium
10:00 am - 10:30 am	Keynote: Reflections on breaking the mould Reverend Murray Edridge, Wellington City Missioner	<i>Sponsored by Druid Lab</i>	Auditorium
10:30 am - 11:00 am	Paramanawa / Morning tea	<i>Sponsored by OSS Group</i>	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 <i>(Wellington City Missioner)</i>	Reimagining data at Stats NZ: the journey to an integrated statistical data system Celeste Cutting, Michael Alspach, Sarah Cowell, Mike Judd and Simon McBeth <i>(StatsNZ)</i>	
11:45 am - 12:30 pm	Digital experiences that truly matter - overseas voting Jarrold Baker <i>(Electoral Commission);</i> James Guthrie and Steve Barnard, <i>(Pikselin)</i>	Data driven community grant funding Alanna Irving, Maria Ngawati, and Marianna Pekar <i>(DIA)</i>	
12:30 pm - 1:15 pm	Tina / Lunch	<i>Sponsored by OSS Group</i>	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		<i>Sponsored by OSS Group</i> 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? <i>(discussion session)</i> Annika Naschitzki <i>(Victoria University of Wellington)</i>	Neurodivergence in IT: beyond the stereotypes (your questions) Rachael Hurren <i>(Inde Technology)</i>	
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Networking drinks		Foyer

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 , <i>GOVIS President</i> Chris McDowall , <i>Conference Convenor</i>		Auditorium
9:00 am - 9:30 am	Remixing the rules of digital government Andy Neale , <i>Deputy Chief Executive for Access & Digital Services, Parliamentary Counsel Office</i>	<i>Sponsored by Catalyst</i>	Auditorium
9:30 am - 10:15 am	Creativity in the C-suite panel <i>Speakers to be confirmed</i>	<i>Sponsored by Catalyst</i>	Auditorium
10:15 am - 10:40 am	Paramanawa / Morning tea	<i>Sponsored by OSS Group</i>	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 <i>(Croga Ltd)</i>	Trust by design: creative interventions in bureaucratic spaces <i>(workshop)</i> Centre for Data Ethics and Innovation <i>(Stats NZ)</i>	
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 <i>(DIA)</i> ; Tom Barraclough <i>(Syncopate Lab)</i>		
12:00 pm - 12:45 pm	Tina / Lunch	<i>Sponsored by OSS Group</i>	Foyer
Plenary			
12:45 pm - 1:15 pm	Keynote: At the cutting edge - where are AI tools heading next? Shivonne Londt , <i>Senior Solution Architect, AWS</i>		<i>Sponsored by AWS</i> Auditorium
1:15 pm - 1:45 pm	Keynote: Public service leadership <i>Speaker to be confirmed</i>		Auditorium
1:45 pm - 2:30 pm	Creative Connections - Stream 1 Workshop Room 1	Creative Connections - Stream 2 Workshop Room 2	
	Invent a government service Michelle Edgerly <i>(DIA)</i>	From bespoke to routine: enabling rapid delivery of complex analytics Simon Anastasiadis and Dan Young <i>(Social Investment Agency)</i>	
2:30 pm - 3:00 pm	Poster Party - during Paramanawa/Afternoon tea	<i>Sponsored by OSS Group</i>	Foyer
Plenary			
3:00 pm - 3:30 pm	Utaina: Connecting Aotearoa through Digitised Sounds and Stories Zak Argabrite, Cynthia Wu and Joshua Ng , <i>DIA</i>		Auditorium
3:30 pm - 4:00 pm	Closing keynote <i>Speaker to be confirmed</i>		Auditorium
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Conference finale		Auditorium