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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 & Online
9:00 am - 9:10 am	Welcome and housekeeping Mick Crouch, GOVIS President		Auditorium & Online
9:10 am - 9:30 am	Conference opening address Paul James, Government Chief Digital Officer		Auditorium & Online
9:30 am - 10:00 am	Keynote: From Te Tiriti to ChatGPT Richard Foy, Kaiwhakahaere, Pūnaha Mōhio, Te Puni Kōkiri		Auditorium & Online
10:00 am - 10:30 am	Keynote: Reflections on breaking the mould Reverend Murray Edridge, Wellington City Missioner		Sponsored by Druid Lab Auditorium & Online
10:30 am - 11:00 am	Paramanawa / Morning tea		Sponsored by OSS Group Foyer
11:00 am - 11:45 am	Creative Connections - Stream 1 Workshop Room 1 Sponsored by Silverstripe	Creative Connections - Stream 2 Workshop Room 2 Sponsored by Silverstripe	
	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 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)	From bespoke to routine: enabling rapid delivery of complex analytics Simon Anastasiadis and Dan Young (Social Investment Agency)	
12:30 pm - 1:15 pm	Tina / Lunch		Sponsored by OSS Group 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 & Online
2:00 pm - 2:45 pm	Neurodivergence in IT: beyond the stereotypes Rachael Hurren, Director Learning and Development, Inde Technology		Auditorium & Online
2:45 pm - 3:15 pm	Paramanawa / Afternoon tea		Sponsored by OSS Group 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 & Online
9:00 am - 9:30 am	Remixing the rules of digital government Andy Neale, Deputy Chief Executive for Access & Digital Services, Parliamentary Counsel Office		Auditorium & Online
9:30 am - 10:15 am	Creativity in the C-suite panel Stuart Wakefield, Chief Digital Officer, Ministry of Education Jan Sheppard, Chief Data and Analytics Officer, PHF Science Alix Clark, Chief Information Officer, New Zealand Red Cross Sonny Taite, National Chief Information Security Officer, Health New Zealand Te Whatu Ora Panel chair: Brian Norris, General Manager - Customer Experience, Catalyst		Auditorium & Online
10:15 am - 10:40 am	Paramanawa / Morning tea		Foyer
10:40 am - 11:20 am	Creative Connections - Stream 1 Auditorium & Online Sponsored by Silverstripe	Creative Connections - Stream 2 Workshop Room Sponsored by Silverstripe	
	Creativity, it's a 'culture thing'! Pat McShane (Croga Ltd)	Trust by design: creative interventions in bureaucratic spaces (workshop)	
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)	Emma MacDonald, Emma Naji and Fiona Wharton (Centre for Data Ethics and Innovation, Stats NZ)	
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 & Online
1:15 pm - 1:45 pm	Keynote: Social investment: The importance of data and evidence Tahia Eaqub, Interim Director – Data and Economics, Social Investment Agency, Toi Hau Tāngata		Auditorium & Online
1:45 pm - 2:30 pm	Creative Connections - Stream 1 Auditorium & Online	Creative Connections - Stream 2 Workshop Room	
	Data driven community grant funding Alanna Irving, Maria Ngawati and Marianna Pekar (DIA)	Invent a government service Michelle Edgerly and Erika Pearson (DIA)	
2:30 pm - 3:00 pm	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		Auditorium & Online
3:30 pm - 4:00 pm	Closing Keynote : Practical ways of providing joined-up services Prashant Bakshi, Deputy Chief Executive, NZQA		Auditorium & Online
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Conference finale		Auditorium & Online

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