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Following the success of our first TECH-X (Technical Excellence Conference), we are excited to announce its return, bigger, bolder, and even more inclusive. Designed to bring together multiple disciplines across the lighting sector.

The event will once again include involvement from partner associations, who will deliver presentations and host exhibition spaces. Association members will be invited at the same price as LIA members, ensuring an open, collaborative atmosphere.

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DRAFT PROGRAMME

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OPENING

TIME	TITLE	
10:15AM	Welcome address	<p><i>Ayça Donaghy, LIA</i></p> 

Lighting Fit for the Future: Making Buildings Better for People, Health and the Environment




STANDARDS STAGE

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TIME	TITLE	SPEAKER	
10:45AM	The Building Safety Act: Responsibilities, Risk and Evidence for Lighting	TBC	
<i>An overview of how the Building Safety Act affects the lighting industry, clarifying duties, accountability, evidence requirements and the role of lighting products and systems in managing building safety risk</i>			
11:15AM	Stage Change		
11:30AM	Fire Safety, Accountability and Part B Compliance	TBC	
<i>Explains how Building Regulations Part B applies to lighting, clarifying TPa and TPb testing, evidence requirements and responsibilities for managing fire risk.</i>			
12:00PM	NETWORKING LUNCH		
13:00PM	European Regulation: Implications for UK Lighting Companies - LightingEurope	Antoine Hattemer, Policy Officer, and Alfredo Menghini, Policy Officer at LightingEurope	 
<i>Summarises key European regulatory developments affecting lighting, Product Packaging & Waste Regulation</i>			
13:30PM	Stage Change		
13:45PM	Flicker and Temporal Light Artefacts: Raising Knowledge, Dispelling Myths	Ronald Tol, Head of Standards and Regulations EMEA at Signify	
<i>Clarifies flicker and temporal light artefacts, explaining relevant metrics, test methods and limitations, and addressing common misconceptions to support accurate, responsible performance claims.</i>			
14:15PM	NETWORKING BREAK		

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14:45PM	IEC 60598-2-22: Understanding the Next Changes in Emergency Lighting	Stuart Burns, Senior Technical Policy Manager at The LIA	
<p><i>Provides an update on the first draft of IEC 60598-2-22, outlining key proposed changes, implications for emergency lighting design and testing, and what happens next.</i></p>			
<p>15:15PM Stage Change</p>			
15:30PM	What good looks like: Compliance, Evidence and Getting it Right First Time	Paul Sargent, LIAQA and Overseas Activity Manager & Andy Guest, Membership Services Manager at The LIA	 
<p><i>Looks at how lighting design in homes supports wellbeing, balancing daylight and artificial light and arguing for the same level of rigour applied to non-domestic buildings.</i></p>			
<p>16:00PM Stage Closing Address</p>			

LIGHTING DESIGN STAGE

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TIME	TITLE	SPEAKER	
10:45AM	Lighting for Human Health: Supporting Sleep, Cognition, Comfort and Mental Wellbeing	<i>Dr Shelley James, founder of Age of Light Innovations</i>	
<i>Explores how lighting design can support health and wellbeing through visual comfort, contrast, neurodiversity and evidence-led circadian considerations.</i>			
11:15AM	Stage Change		
11:30AM	Designing Light for Later Life: Safety, Confidence and Extending Independent Living	<i>John Bullock, Publisher at The Light Review Ltd</i>	
<i>This session examines how age-related changes in vision must directly inform lighting design in homes and care environments. It explores how glare control, balanced contrast and clear wayfinding can reduce falls risk while supporting dignity and confidence.</i>			
12:00PM	NETWORKING LUNCH		
13:00PM	Lighting for Healthy Homes: Designing Light That Supports Everyday Living	TBC	
<i>Shows how lighting design can support ageing in place by addressing age-related visual changes, reducing risk and improving confidence, orientation and independence at home.</i>			
13:30PM	Stage Change		
13:45PM	Designing Healthy Interior Spaces: Integrating Light, Daylight, Acoustics and Air Quality	<i>Myrto Skreta-Krikou, Associate and Dan Bailey, Associate Director at Buro Happold</i>	 
<i>How light, daylight, acoustics and air quality work together to create healthy interior spaces that support comfort, wellbeing and human performance.</i>			
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14:45PM	Healthier Nights, Better Light: Lighting for People, Safety and the Environment	Peter Thorns, Head of Strategic Lighting Applications at Thorn Lighting	
<i>Explores how responsible exterior lighting can balance safety, amenity and environmental protection, addressing ALAN impacts on people, biodiversity and night-time environments.</i>			
15:15PM	Stage Change		
15:30PM	The Art of Restraint: Designing for Safety, People, and the Planet	TBC	
<i>Discover why "less is more" in the future of urban illumination. This talk highlights how designers are reimagining the night, using purposeful light to enhance public safety while actively restoring the dark skies essential for human health and local wildlife.</i>			
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CONNECTED LIGHTING STAGE

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10:45AM	Understanding the Client First: Matching Control Systems to Use, Tenure and Occupancy	Russell Joseph, Senior Group Controls Manager at Luceco plc	
<i>Explores how building use, tenure and fit-out strategy influence the choice of connected lighting systems, moving beyond wired versus wireless to focus on user benefit.</i>			
11:15AM	Stage Change		
11:30AM	Before You Specify: How do you design a building that preserves the design intent	Alan Jackson, Intelligent Lighting Evangelist, Business Development Specialist	
<i>Examines early connected lighting decisions, including open versus proprietary systems, interoperability, data ownership and how to design out future risk before procurement.</i>			
12:00PM	NETWORKING LUNCH		
13:00PM	Integrating Lighting with Building Systems to Support Wellbeing	Adrianna Barr, Principal Lighting Designer at WSP	
<i>How lighting controls can be integrated with wider building systems to create responsive, adaptive environments, with particular emphasis on alignment with frameworks such as the WELL Building Standard and, where appropriate, BREEAM.</i>			
13:30PM	Stage Change		
13:45PM	Lighting Controls for Healthcare: Designing Adaptive Environments for Care, Comfort and Clinical Use	TBC	
<i>This talk explores how zoning, dual switching, scene setting and manual override strategies can be used to create adaptable healthcare spaces that balance automation with intuitive control. The focus is on designing lighting control systems that genuinely improve usability, operational performance and the experience of hospitals, care homes and assisted living environments.</i>			
14:15PM	NETWORKING BREAK		


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14:45PM	Designing Connected Homes Around Atmosphere, Usability and Everyday Living	TBC	
<p><i>How scene setting, tunable white lighting, zoning and wider smart home integration can support wellbeing, lifestyle and everyday living without introducing unnecessary complexity. The focus is on creating intuitive residential control systems that remain adaptable, understandable and valuable as user needs change over time.</i></p>			
15:15PM	Stage Change		
15:30PM	Designing Emergency Into Controlled Lighting Systems	<p>Stewart Langdown, Director Of Business Development at zencontrol</p>	
<p><i>How emergency lighting is incorporated into different control architectures, alongside emerging approaches such as adaptable and dynamic emergency signage within the UK.</i></p>			
16:00PM	Stage Closing Address		

SUSTAINABILITY STAGE

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10:45AM	Sustainable Lighting in 2026: What It Really Means	Ali Kay, Sustainability Manager at The LIA	
<i>What does sustainable lighting look like in 2026? Many companies will describe that they are on a sustainability 'journey'. If we are all on journeys; then where are the maps? where do we need to stop?, where are we going?, and are we all heading for the same destination on the same path?</i>			
11:15AM	Stage Change		
11:30AM	The UK Net Zero Carbon Buildings Standard: What is lighting expected to deliver?	TBC	
<i>Explores what the Net Zero Carbon Building Standard expects from lighting, including its contribution to operational and embodied carbon and how this affects design, specification and verification.</i>			
12:00PM	NETWORKING LUNCH		
13:00PM	LCA and EPDs, do we need to start yet?	Leela Shanker, Sustainability Director, Design Lab at WAP Sustainability	
<i>The latest on LCA and EPD use, are the reasons building for manufacturers and are lighting designers and specifiers using the data? As manufacturers and lighting designers what do the next steps look like?</i>			
13:30PM	Stage Change		
13:45PM	BREEAM 2026: Are you maintaining that excellence?	Cosmin Ticlean, Head of Lighting, and Anna Buchanan, Principal Consultant at BRE	 
<i>This session outlines what is required to maintain BREEAM performance and compliance throughout the building life cycle.</i>			
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Lighting Europe Sustainability updates. From Digital Product Passports to the Energy performance of Buildings directive, how to prepare?

Antoine Hattemer, Policy Officer, and Alfredo Menghini, Policy Officer at LightingEurope



Sets out the practical implications of Digital Product Passports for lighting manufacturers and specifiers, focusing on data, traceability and compliance.

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Stage Change

15:30PM

Designing Lighting for Whole-Life Carbon Performance

TBC

How robust, durable lighting products can deliver better whole-life carbon performance, even where embodied carbon is higher, by reducing operational impact and avoiding premature replacement.

16:00PM

Stage Closing Address