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# Programme

Welcome to the

# 18th Appleton Space Conference

Thursday 1 December 2022

# Morning Sessions

**09.00** Registration  
R22 Coffee Lounge

## **Session 1: Chair – Dr Sarah Beardsley, Director STFC RAL Space**

**09.15 – 09.25** Welcome  
Dr Sarah Beardsley, Director STFC RAL Space

**09.25 – 09.45** Implementing the National Space Strategy  
Rebecca Evernden, Director of Space, Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy

**09.45 – 10.05** Space is a team sport  
Paul Bate, Chief Executive Officer, UK Space Agency

**10.05 – 10.25** ESA's Council of Ministers 2022 and the future of Europe's exploration Programme *Terrae Novae*  
Dr David Parker, Director of Human and Robotic Exploration, European Space Agency

**10.25 – 10.45** Gaia: Mapping the Milky Way in 3-D  
Dr Nicholas Walton, Institute of Astronomy, University of Cambridge

**10.45 – 11.15** Break, networking, showcase

## **Session 2: Chair – Dr Joanna Hart, Director STFC Skills Factory**

**11.15 – 11.35** Solving the space skills gap  
Joseph Dudley, Director, Space Skills Alliance

**11.35 – 11.55** 10 years engaging, informing and connecting a generation of innovators at Stemettes, in 10 words!  
Dr Anne-Marie Imafidon MBE, Co-Founder, Stemettes

**11.55 - 12.15** UK Space – Inspiration and Opportunity for all young people  
Dr Emma Egging, Chief Executive Officer, Jon Egging Trust

**12.15 - 12.30** Highlight on STFC Skills Factory and skills opportunities  
Morgan Sagar, 4<sup>th</sup> Year Apprentice, STFC Apprentice Scheme  
Hannah Bilby, STFC Graduate Training Scheme

**12.30 – 13.30** Lunch – networking showcase

## Afternoon Sessions

### Session 3: Chair – Paul Eccleston, Chief Engineer, STFC RAL Space

- 13.30 – 13.50** Coordinated Ionospheric Reconstruction Cubesat Experiment (CIRCE)  
Dr Gemma Attrill, Lead Scientist and Chief Space Weather, Space Systems Programme, Defence Science and Technology Laboratory (Dstl)
- 13.50 – 14.10** MDA: Innovating to stimulate and empower the future Earth and Space economy  
Anita Bernie, Managing Director, MDA UK
- 14.10 – 14.30** Quantum communications at all distance scales, but especially the largest ones  
Prof Timothy P. Spiller, Director, EPSRC Quantum Communications Hub
- 14.30 – 15.00** Break, refreshments, showcase

### Session 4: Chair – Dr Jane Hurley, Head of Earth Observation and Atmospheric Science, STFC RAL Space

- 15.00 – 15.20** Small Satellite Constellations for Earth Observation  
Mohammed Belal, Spire Global
- 15.20 – 15.40** Beyond New Space  
Dr Nick Appleyard, Head of Downstream Applications, European Space Agency, ECSAT
- 15.40 – 16.00** CubeMAP: Pioneering climate missions from cubesat platforms  
Dr Damien Weidmann, Head of Spectroscopy Group, STFC RAL Space
- 16.00 – 16.10** Comfort break

### Session 5: Chair – Rob Elliott, Head of Business Development, STFC RAL Space

- 16.10 – 17.10** **Panel discussion: Unlocking Private Investment from Science and Technology**  
Stuart Martin, Chief Executive Officer, Satellite Applications Catapult  
Dr Andy Muir, Investment Director, Future Planet Capital  
Dr Barbara Ghinelli, Director, Innovation Clusters and Harwell Campus  
Hitesh Thakrar, STFC Council
- 17.10 – 17.25** Comfort break

### Session 6: 18<sup>th</sup> Appleton Keynote Lecture; Chair – Dr Sarah Beardsley, Director STFC RAL Space

- 17.25 – 18.15** The JWST Mission and First Science  
Prof Gillian Wright MBE, FRSE, European Principal Investigator MIRI and Director UK ATC
- 18.15 – 18.25** Conclusion
- 18.25 – 19.00** Closing networking



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