



LUPC & SUPC Conference 2025

Event Agenda | Thursday 27 March 2025 | 09.00 - 17.00

Followed by Drinks Reception | 17.00 -18.30

Timings	Session
07.00 - 09.00	Exhibitor Registration and Set Up
09.00 – 10.00	Delegate Registration, Breakfast and Exhibition
10.00 - 10.10	Welcome and Introduction
10.10 – 10.55	<p>Open Plenary: Procurement soft skills mastery <i>Tom Mills – Author and Owner, Procure Bites</i></p> <p>Success in procurement isn't just about strategy or technology, it's about people. Join procurement expert Tom Mills as he shares key soft skills that can supercharge your impact in 2025. Learn how to navigate complex procurement challenges, manage stakeholder relationships, and reduce stress with proven strategies that will elevate your professional effectiveness.</p>
10.55 - 11.00	<p>A word from our Headline Sponsor: Key Travel</p> 
11.00 – 11.45	Refreshments, Exhibition and Meet the Category Manager
11.45 - 12.30	Breakout Session 1 (choose one from the following):
	<p>1a Procurement Act 2023: How is it going? <i>Mohamed Hans – Solicitor and Principal Advisor, Procurement and Commissioning Network</i></p> <p>With the Procurement Act 2023 now in effect, how has the sector adapted? This interactive session will explore early challenges, practical insights, and the Act's impact on procurement procedures, supplier engagement, and internal responses. Share your experiences and ask key questions as we assess its real-world implications.</p>
	<p>1b Transformation and efficiency in higher education <i>Ed Castell – Head of Strategy and Insight, Universities UK</i></p> <p>A new era of collaboration is reshaping UK higher education. Universities UK's Transformation and Efficiency Task Force is exploring bold solutions for sector-wide cost savings and innovation. Hear insights on financial challenges, sector-wide transformation, and the role of procurement in driving efficiency.</p>
	<p>1c Measuring Scope 3 carbon emissions with greater accuracy <i>Dr Toby Green – Director and Co-founder, MyCarbon</i> <i>Justin McLoughlin – Senior Category Manager, LUPC</i></p> <p>Accurate Scope 3 carbon measurement is essential for meaningful sustainability progress. This session will explore best practices, including the role of HESCET and advanced methodologies for deeper supply chain insights. A case study will showcase how data-driven strategies drive real-world impact.</p>
	<p>1d Smart spending: leveraging non-pay spend data to engage key stakeholders and identify potential cost reductions <i>Paul Sayles – Group Business Intelligence Manager, SUMS Group</i> <i>Colin Davies, Associate Procurement Consultant, SUMS Consulting</i></p> <p>Unlocking value from non-pay expenditure is key to financial sustainability. Learn how to manage and analyse spend data to engage stakeholders, drive cost savings, and promote smarter decision-making. This session will cover best practices, data-sharing techniques, and success stories from across the sector.</p>

12.30 – 13.45	Lunch and Exhibition
13.45 – 14.30	Breakout Session 2 (choose one from the following):
	<p>2a The practical application of AI in procurement <i>Declan Kevenner – Partner, TPP Procurement</i> AI is reshaping procurement – are you ready? Discover real-world applications of AI that streamline processes, enhance decision-making, and improve efficiency. Learn how to implement AI tools effectively and harness their full potential in procurement strategy.</p>
	<p>2b Tackling Modern Slavery in ICT Supply Chains <i>Marisol Bernal – Affiliate Engagement Manager, Electronics Watch</i> <i>Mags Shapiro – Responsible Procurement Lead, LUPC</i> <i>Mike Kilner – Senior Category Manager, LUPC</i> <i>Ollie Bradbury-Stewart – Category Manager, SUPC</i> Electronics Watch provides procurement teams with powerful tools to combat modern slavery in ICT supply chains. Learn how to maximise your organisation’s affiliation benefits and see how LUPC and SUPC integrate these principles into their ICT frameworks.</p>
	<p>2c Early procurement career networking <i>Justin McLoughlin – Senior Category Manager, LUPC</i> New to procurement or studying CIPS? Connect with peers, share experiences, and build a support network. This interactive session is designed for early-career professionals looking to develop their skills, gain insights, and navigate their procurement journey with confidence.</p>
	<p>2d Supplier Session For exhibitors</p>
14.30 - 15.45	Refreshments, Exhibition and Meet the Category Manager
15.45 – 16.45	<p>Closing Plenary: AI-powered procurement: Navigating opportunities and challenges <i>Sally Guyer – Global CEO, World Commerce and Contracting</i> <i>Cristian Martin – Director of Procurement, London School of Economics</i> <i>Tom Mills – Author and Owner, Procure Bites</i> AI is transforming procurement, but what are the risks, benefits, and real-world applications? This expert panel will discuss the opportunities and pitfalls of digital technology in procurement in the UK and internationally. Sharing insights on AI-driven efficiencies, lessons learned, and the challenges of implementation, you can expect a diverse range of perspectives and practical takeaways.</p>
16.45-17.00	Wrap-Up and Close of Conference
17.00 – 18.30	<p>Drinks Reception Sponsored by</p> 