

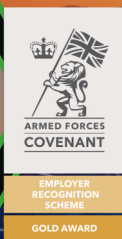


DSET³ 2026

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Showcasing Defence Tech Innovation



Dear DSET Community,



It's a new decade for DSET! 2026 sees us move to a new venue, with renewed focus, and excellent new branches of technology, sectors, and communities. Welcome to Cheltenham!

We still face increasingly complex international geopolitical tensions and active conflicts. Defence, Security and Armed Forces remain stretched, under pressure and changing operational environments. Across the armed forces, government, academia and industry, the requirement for trained and educated talent is higher than ever. Readiness and resilience are the focus in equal measure. DSET is a unique conference and community, designed to contribute to the advancement of training, education, and technology across Defence, Security, Emergency Services, Medicine, Cyber, Space and CNI.

NATO Next Generation

Our goals for DSET fully incorporate the NATO #NextGen intention of the development of a multinational simulated training capability under the Distributed Synthetic Training High Visibility Project (HVP). The initiative aims to meet the growing need for multinational military training through a secure network of advanced virtual environments. By integrating existing national simulation systems, the project is designed to make cross-domain training more efficient, affordable, and quicker to organize and execute. We will be addressing this and the initiatives driven by this throughout the year.

DSET is now 365 – 24/7!! - The Studio

The opening of the Serious Games, Simulation, and Wargaming Studio in Salisbury, UK, is enabling an innovative, energetic, safe and welcoming place for training, education, research and development, as well as providing a home for HexWar, Valkyrie Technologies, Varjo, ETSA, Fight Club International, MORS Wargaming Courses, DSET and more. A year-round showcase for DSET Exhibitors. Participants will have access to the centre for R&D, Education, Meetings, and Networking. We are building this with the community for the community.

We don't do this on our own. Every single person attending and supporting DSET makes a difference. We want this to be your community - the first place that you think of when wanting to answer work and study challenges, from technical to research to recruitment. You keep us striving for excellence and we are excited and driven to do this. A huge welcome to everyone participating in DSET 2026. A huge thank you to everyone that has made it happen.

Here's to the next decade of DSET. It's going to be amazing thanks to you!
It's go time!

PEOPLE, COLLABORATION, ACTION!
Tess Butler, CEO, Ruddy Nice and DSET

DSET³

DSET origins are embedded in Defence, Simulation, Education and Training, but we have been so much more than that for a long time now. This is best explained by saying that DSET is now to the power of 3!

DSET is a conference, an event and a working environment. We are not simply a show - we are here to get things done and moving to make a genuine impact to Defence and National Security.

DSET always has, and will, continue to adapt and evolve to the needs of our delegates and exhibitors, expanding into new sectors, exploring new capabilities, and innovating in our approach to conferencing.

DSET now stands for:

Digital

Space

Experimentation

Technology

Defence

Simulation

Education

Training

Data

Security

Emergency Services

Talent



WARGAMING CONFERENCE 23rd - 25th JUNE

Back by popular demand: The DSET Wargaming Conference now runs across all three days with the Wargaming Festival now integrated into the exhibition as the dedicated Wargaming Zone.

All aspects of commissioning, game design, facilitation, delivery, and analysis are covered across all formats - manual, hybrid, and digital. Our speakers are international and bring a wealth of knowledge and practice from a diverse range of experience.

Attendees can take part in workshops, 101 sessions, and game design activities spanning Defence, CNI, Emergency Services, Security & Cyber, and Space, including focused discussions on the role of AI in wargaming.

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The UK Space Skills Awards



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SPACE AWARDS

Join us for a night of celebration

Wednesday 24th June 2026

Cheltenham Town Hall

The UK Space sector is growing rapidly, but the talent pipeline is not keeping pace. We must act now. With fierce competition for talent from global employers and other high-tech industries, how do we attract and retain skilled people and shift perceptions about careers in space?

It starts with celebration.

The Hazels is a bold new event spotlighting the people, skills, and innovation driving the UK space industry, through our unique CREATES© framework, showcasing what's possible when talent meets opportunity.

Join us for an unforgettable evening of recognition, celebration, and performance, from world class entertainment and speakers from Government, Defence, Skills and workforce development, Space industry employers and more from across the UK. In partnership with DSET we are also giving those exhibitors the opportunity to join us on this wonderful evening.

Nominations open 19th January 2026

skill + dedication + big dreams = fuel for the future

Join our growing network of sponsors and strategic partners.

Contact : Jan Morgan on jan@thehazels.space

Get involved.
Scan the QR Code to find out more



JOIN THE INNOVATION & START-UP ZONE AT DSET 2026

The Innovation and Start-Up Exhibitor Zone at DSET 2026, is designed to showcase cutting-edge technologies and emerging companies in the defence simulation, education, and training sectors.



Exhibitors will be invited to brief in the 'Hall Of Fame' theatre. *This dedicated zone provides a unique platform for start-ups and innovators to connect with industry leaders, military stakeholders, and investors, facilitating collaboration, knowledge exchange, and business growth.*

With a focus on next-generation solutions, this space will highlight disruptive technologies, AI-driven training systems, immersive simulation tools, and advanced analytics shaping the future of defence and security.

Underscoring our commitment to empowering innovation and supporting new entrants in the defence industry, ensuring that ground-breaking ideas have the opportunity to be seen, tested, and adopted.

DSET IN SPACE WEDS 24th JUNE 2026

DSET is delighted to host its first full conference stream dedicated to Space. There is an urgent need for effective Space domain awareness and to develop the resilience of military and dual use space systems.

Wargaming for the space domain is a rapidly evolving field. Simulation and wargaming provide immersive, risk-free environments for personnel to practice tactical and operational scenarios, develop critical thinking, and improve decision-making under pressure.

Simulation creates an environment that allows for the integration and evaluation of new technologies and concepts, such as AI-driven behaviours or autonomous systems, before committing real-world resources, but none of this is possible without a skilled, sustainable and responsive space workforce.

Conference highlights include:

- Keynote from UK Space Command
- An all-day workshop hosted by the UK Space Agency, with presentations and fireside chats from Government and industry; and leading industry speakers
- Some Space Skills Awards will be presented during the day, ahead of the Space Skills Awards Dinner

BRITISH ARMY SECURITY CONFERENCE

Announcing the British Army Security and Conference at DSET 2026.

We are incredibly proud to host the Official British Army Security event to run alongside DSET. Featuring a full security and cyber operations track, the conference will explore emerging threats in the digital battlespace, including hardware, software, and training solutions.

Sessions will examine latest developments in warfare, simulation, AI enabled threat modelling all in a multi-domain operational context. The exhibition will also include a Security Zone with exhibitors from across Government, Industry, and Academia

ARMY SERVICEWOMEN'S NETWORK

We give a huge welcome back to the Army Servicewomen's Network - after hosting the 10th Anniversary conference last year, the ASN are back with an expanded programme, including a joint Keynote with the Senior Team to open DSET 2026.

The Army Servicewomen's Network (ASN) is the professional network that supports women of all ranks across the Army, both Regular and Reserve. Addressing health, AI, education, training, kit, systemic issues and more - we look forward to the wider DSET community supporting more than 1,000 delegates from across the British Army this year.

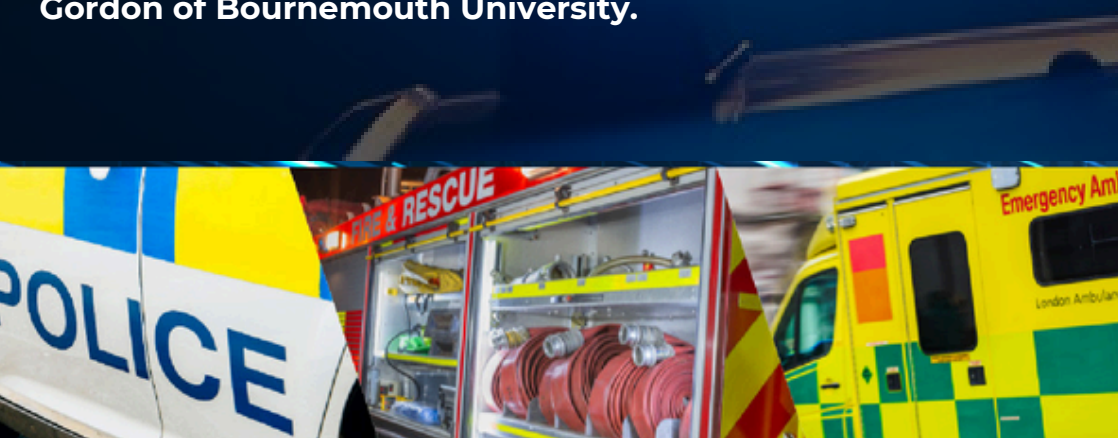


EMERGENCY SERVICES AND CRITICAL NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE (CNI)

DSET is expanding Blue Light participation in collaboration with our Defence colleagues to support the integrated use of simulation, education, and training across both communities. The goal is to strengthen collective resilience and readiness for emergency situations. This partnership places particular emphasis on aligning emergency services through the principles of MACA (Military Aid to the Civil Authorities) and JESIP (Joint Emergency Services Interoperability Principles).

By working together, both sectors can develop more effective crisis- management strategies, enhance communication, and deliver a more coordinated response to major incidents. Beyond improving operational capability, this collaboration also fosters a shared culture of learning and preparedness across all responder groups.

This ethos was reflected in last year's speaker programme, which featured contributions from leading academics and Local Resilience Forums, including Chief Superintendent David Boyle, Head of the JESIP Transformation Team; Lianna Roast from the Cabinet Office EPC; Assistant Commissioner Patrick Goulbourne of the London Fire Brigade and Richard Gordon of Bournemouth University.



2025 SPEAKER HIGHLIGHTS



Lt Gen Sir Ralph Wooddisse
Commander
NATO ARRC



BGen Errico De Gaetano
Section Head Wargaming
NATO SHAPE



Col Charles Seaberry
AFC International
Atlantic



Lt Col Miguel A. Marazuela
Staff Officer
CIS-CYBER-TDL European Air
Group



**Senior Executive Service
Member Lea Kirkwood**
Program Executive Officer and
Director
Agile Combat Support Dir



Maj Gen Chris Barry
Director Land Warfare
British Army



Commodore Jo Deakin OBE
Deputy Director People –
Training
Royal Navy



Maj Sander Cruiming
Snr Staff Officer
M&S Knowledge,
Innovation and Policy



Col Olaf Werner
Head Training & Exercise
Division Head
NATO Joint Force Training
Centre



Neil Odin
Chief Fire Officer
Hants F&R



Col Francesco Pacillo
Director
NATO Modelling and
Simulation of Excellence

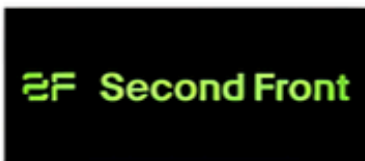


Brig Caroline Woodbridge-Lewin
Commandant
Defence College of Technical
Training



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2025 EXHIBITOR HIGHLIGHTS





ORGANISATION HIGHLIGHTS:





Designed as a hybrid-tech space, The Studio fosters collaboration between militaries, governments, academia, and industry, driving innovation in training, education, research, and development. It supports the entire lifecycle of capability development, from concept design to full deployment, including all aspects of talent growth and development.

The Studio is already delivering Wargaming experimentation and design for the UK Cabinet Office and has partnered with NATO ACT to provide Wargaming Workshops, reinforcing its role as a leader in the field.

By bringing together global expertise, The Studio is shaping the future of defence and security innovation, ensuring that the latest advancements in technology and strategy are effectively integrated into real-world applications. The Studio is also home to international tech companies, providing users direct access to the latest technology for demos, experimentation, research, and training delivery—all in one place.

In addition to being a centre for innovation, The Studio serves as a dynamic co-working space, offering hot desks, booth pods, permanent desk facilities, and meeting and conference room hire. This flexible environment provides professionals with the resources they need to work, collaborate, and develop cutting-edge solutions.

Visit the-studios.io to discover who's in and book your place!



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