

# Friends of CHEDDAR

9 JULY 2026

Agenda

**09.30–10.00** Arrival & Registration & Coffee.

**10.00–11.00** Opening Welcome from CHEDDAR and Justin O’Byrne (EPSRC).



**11:00– 12:00** Invited Keynote: Beyond Biosignals: Earables and the Future of Physiological Intelligence, Prof Fahim Kawsar (Founder & CTO OmniBuds and Professor of Mobile Systems at University of Glasgow).

**12:00–12:30** Invited Talk: Future Connectivity in the Electromagnetic Environment: Defence Science, Dual-Use Innovation and Resilient Capability, Prof Akram Alomainy (QMUL).

**12:30 –13:00** Cheddar poster/demo spotlight talks.

**13:00 –14:00** Lunch / Posters and Demos.

**14:00 –15:45** Afternoon Session (selected presentations from CHEDDAR).

**15:45 – 16:00** Afternoon coffee, Posters and Demos.

**16:00 – 16.40** Panel on the Future Networks: Autonomous, Aware and Accountable:

Panel: Dr Delia Rico Marchena (University of Malaga), Daniel K.C. So (University of Manchester), Hatem Abou-Zeid (University of Calgary).

**16.40 – 17.20** Panel on “Creating Inclusive Futures: Lessons from Diversity-Focused Initiatives”

Panel: Dr Poonam Yadav (Chair, ACM-W UK), Prof. Qammer Abbasi (Director, CDT DiveIN at University of Glasgow), Prof. Nagham Sayeed (Chair, IEEE UK and Ireland Section), Dorota Filipczuk (Senior Applied Scientist at Microsoft (MSAI) & Chair at ACM Women Europe).

**17:20–17.30** Close.