

FinTech North 2017

This year's [FinTech North](#) will take place at AQL, Salem Chapel, in Leeds city centre on Wednesday, 26th April, during Leeds Digital Festival. FinTech North is a regional event initiative designed to generate collaboration and knowledge share in the Leeds City Region, and to enhance the FinTech reputation within the region and beyond. Attendees are offered diverse, wide-ranging insight into the FinTech field from industry experts.

Organised by [White Label Crowdfunding](#), [Whitecap Consulting](#) and FiNexus, the second edition of the annual event will see distinguished members of the industry offer keynote speeches and take part in panel discussions. The non-profit, free event is expected to reach full capacity, and follows the networking drinks that will take place the week prior.

The event counts many prominent companies and organisations among its sponsors, strategic partners and supporters, including [aql](#), [Computershare](#), [Munroe K](#), [BJSS](#), [Vocalink](#), [Icon](#), [Manchester Metropolitan University](#), [West Yorkshire Combined Authority](#), [Leeds City Region Local Enterprise Partnership](#), [Nesta Open Up Challenge](#) and [Nostrum Group](#).

Following a networking breakfast and welcome address, the day will be divided into four sessions, focused on four topics: **FinTech Landscape**, **FinTech Fundamentals**, **Innovators** and **Game Changers**. Independent charity Nesta will be presenting their Open Up Challenge, and networking opportunities accompanied by coffee, lunch and evening drinks will punctuate the speeches and discussions.

The majority of the FinTech North 2017 speakers have been confirmed, with just a few more announcements to be made. Those already listed in the event agenda include Dr. Chris Sier, FinTech Envoy for the North; Christopher Woolard, Executive FCA Board Member; Karoli Hindriks, Estonian entrepreneur and Founder of Jobbatical; and Stuart Sherman, Founder and CEO of IMC, who is based in Toronto and will be flying in for the event.

Joining them will be UK Portfolio Director at Vocalink, Sara Parker, who will analyse the future of payments; CEO and Managing Director of Magpie, Stephen Kennedy, who will reimagine the customer journey; and CEO of Zerado, Laura Bailey, who will speak about BlockChain.

Commercial Director at Open Data Institute, David Beardmore, and Research Programme Manager at the Cambridge Centre for Alternative Finance, Tania Ziegler, are also confirmed as speakers at the event, discussing open banking and alternative finance respectively.

Daniel Rajkumar, Founder and Managing Director of three Leeds-based businesses, two of which focus on the FinTech industry, will also speak, giving insight into his company's journey to become an FCA-authorised enterprise. Dr. Chris Sier, Julian Wells and Stefan Haase, Directors of Whitecap Consulting, and Richard Carter, CEO of Yorkshire-based FinTech company Nostrum, will chair the four panel discussions.

Visit www.fintechnorth.uk for more information, and sign up on the dedicated [Eventbrite page](#).

About FinTech North

FinTech North is a collaborative project, conceived and created through the partnership of White Label Crowdfunding and Whitecap Consulting, with valued input from Dr. Chris Sier, FinTech Envoy for the North, and Leeds Digital Festival.

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