



Strategy on Suicide Conference 2026

24th March 2026 | De Vere Grand Connaught Rooms, London



Main Room Agenda

08.40 Arrivals & Registration - Morning Networking

Tea / Coffee / Pastries for Delegates

09.40 Welcome Address

Will Archer, Managing Director, Collaboration Network
& Morning Host: Anastasia Vinnikova, Suicide Prevention and Project Officer, Corporation of London

09.50 Keynote: Empowering the Conversation on Suicide

Geoff McDonald, Co-Founder, Wellbeing in the Wilderness

10.20 Keynote: The UK Government's Suicide and Self-Harm Prevention Strategy

Liz Twist MP, Chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Suicide and Self-Harm Prevention

10.50 Fireside Discussion: BS30480 - A World-First Standard for Suicide and the Workplace

Featuring Lachean Humphreys - BSI, Marcus Long - IIOA, & Paul Vittles - Towards Zero Suicide

11.20 Morning Refreshment & Networking Break in Exhibitor Area

Tea / Coffee

12.00 Keynote: The True Cost of Poor Mental Health & Suicide in the Workplace

Ben Wilson, Clinical Director, Baton of Hope

12.30 Fireside Conversation: Suicide Support for Men - From the Terrace to Communities

Featuring Will Vaulks, Oxford United Football Club Senior Player, Ben Wilson, Clinical Director, Baton of Hope

13.00 Lunch Break & Networking in Exhibitor Area

14.00 Return with Afternoon Host, Geoff McDonald

14.05 Keynote Talk: From the Battlefield to the Boardroom

Dave Swann, Former Special Forces Medic, Mental Health Advocate & COO of OurPulse

14.35 Case Study: Creating Safe Spaces: A Conversation on Suicide and Debt Advice

Featuring Money Wellness & Lived Experience Consumer Voices

15.10 Afternoon Refreshment Break & Networking in Exhibitor Area

15.50 Case Study: The Samaritans & Network Rail - The Rail Industry Suicide Prevention Programme

Dave Brown, Head of Rail Programme, The Samaritans

16.20 Fireside Conversation: Leading Without Certainty: What Suicide Prevention Demands of Leaders Today

Featuring Harry Corin, Elevo & Prof. Ann John, Director of the National Centre for Suicide Prevention and Self-harm Research

16.50 Closing Remarks:

With Will Archer, Ben Wilson, Anastasia Vinnikova, & Geoff McDonald

17.00 Networking Drinks Reception

18.00 Close of Day



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Training & Workshops Agenda

12.00 Workshop: Implementing a Suicide First Aid Approach - What Meaningful Suicide Prevention Looks Like
Delivered by Jamie Compton-Rea, The National Centre for Suicide Prevention & Training

12.30 Workshop: How to Listen & Provide Support During a Conversation Mentioning Suicide
Delivered by The Samaritans

14.00 Workshop: SP-ARK Suicide Prevention Awareness, Resource, Knowledge
An introduction to PAPYRUS and suicide prevention
Delivered by Ho Yen Tsang, Papyrus

14.30 Workshop: An Introduction to Mental Health First Aid in the Workplace
Delivered by Mental Health First Aid England

Exhibitors at the SOS Conference

