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[Innovate 2017](#) is happening on 8 and 9 November 2017 at the [National Exhibition Centre](#) (NEC) in Birmingham – and you can follow the event at work or from home.

The focus is on UK innovation's role in tackling some of the biggest global challenges. You can learn about what these challenges mean for individuals, businesses and government, through our social media channels, alongside the opportunities for entrepreneurs to come up with their own solutions.

## **Keep up with the action**

During the 2 days we'll be hosting a number of live video interviews on Facebook.

We will be speaking with some of the UK's top innovators across various sectors and industries, including the winners of the 2 awards that will be handed out. These are the innovation in design award, voted for by Innovate UK colleagues, and the peer-to-peer award, which is voted for by those attending the event.

We'll also provide a look around the centre itself so you can experience the event from afar.

Elsbeth Finch, Indigo& and Tera Allas, McKinsey Global Institute, at Innovate 2016.

## **Have your say**

As well as Facebook, there's the opportunity to get involved in 2 of the panel debates, which will be streaming live on Twitter. You'll be able to watch the debate and tweet any questions on the same screen. We'll be putting the best ones to the speakers to answer.

### **Automating the world – 2:30pm on 8 November 2017**

Are robots really going to take over jobs? And how do you manage this as a business? The session will explore automation and the fourth industrial revolution, looking at the benefits – and potential downsides – of an increased use of data and machine autonomy.

Debating the topic are:

### **Securing the cyber world – 9:45am on 9 November 2017**

The interconnectedness of the world makes the prospect of a cyber war very real. Are our connections and transactions really secure? How can we prepare

for the next cyber attack? This session, which features a former hacker, will look at tackling these problems.

Debating the topic are:

## **Still time to attend in person**

If you want to attend in person there's still time to register. Tickets are available now and will be on the day as well. It costs £150 for a one day ticket or £199 for both days.

## **Innovate 2016 highlights**

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