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Partnership Launch

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BBC North West Late  
News (30 secs)



**Kerry Harrison**  
Lancashire Digital Skills Partnership  
BBC NORTH WEST TONIGHT



**Lieutenant General Tom Copinger-Symes**  
Deputy Commander, UK Strategic Command  
BBC NORTH WEST TONIGHT



**Dr Rebecca Robinson**  
Lancaster University  
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**BBC** RADIO  
**Lancashire**

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News

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Asked whether it would be difficult for those working in the NCF environment to switch off from the 'mind games' their jobs might involve, he acknowledged the intensity of the work that the organisation does.

"One of the features of cyber is it's always 'on' - we're in absolute constant competition. As we would say in the army, we're in constant contact with the enemy.

"Therefore, we do need to think really carefully about how to give people rest and make sure - because this is a marathon, not a sprint -... [that] they're ready for tomorrow."

The responsible cyber power report notes that an "inevitable consequence" of the digital revolution is that cyberspace has become an "environment where global security issues are increasingly played out"

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"[However], developing systems that can respond particularly to the creativity and randomness of our own brains and our activities - and the inspirational thought that people have - is very hard.

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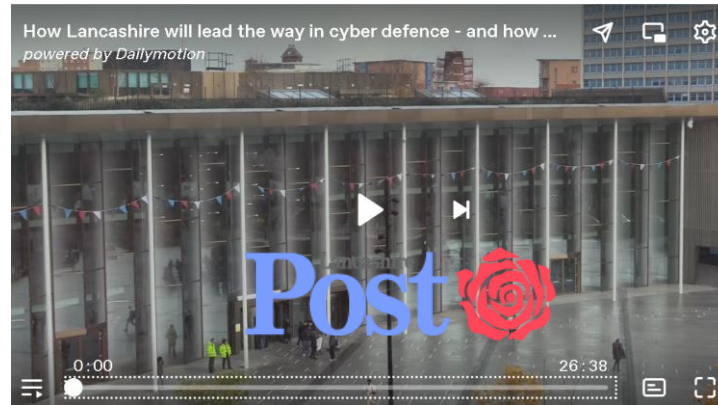


"We're no longer in the land of geeks in the bedroom. Everybody has some digital device, some access [to] or manipulation of computers - and everyone needs to be aware of [cybersecurity].

"I think the problem is when we devolve it to a higher power...we're mystifying it, it becomes something to be worried about [and] something to be scared of. By taking control of it [and] by understanding [it, we are] empowering people."

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## PARTNERSHIP AIMS TO POWER CYBER GROWTH



Lancashire has announced a new strategic partnership to maximise the county's 'once in a generation' cyber opportunity.

The National Cyber Force, local authorities, industry, and academia, have joined forces to create the Lancashire Cyber Partnership (LCP).

Its role will be to shape, support and promote the county's world-class cyber strengths and fast-growing cyber ecosystem.

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Hosted at UCLan, the event brought together a wide range of participants, including businesses owners, council leaders, academics, and representatives from national government.

Over two days delegates took part in discussions and workshops which explored how Lancashire's ambition to create a high-value, high-skilled, and inclusive cyber economy, could be realised.

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The LCP vision is for the county and the corridor to be one of the world's leading destinations for cyber businesses, support agencies, careers, training and research.

Its launch comes as the NCF, a partnership between defence and intelligence, gets set to open its new home in Samlesbury in 2025.

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Lieutenant General Tom Copinger-Symes, deputy commander, UK Strategic Command, is pictured here with Andy Walker at the launch of the Lancashire Cyber Partnership.

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BAE Systems employs around 10k people in Lancashire and will offer an advanced aerospace and defence technology perspective to the LCP. It leads digital defence solutions and enterprise cyber security provisions, through its Digital Intelligence business.

“BAE Systems is proud to be at the heart of the county's advanced manufacturing, digital technology, and defence capability, with thousands of colleagues in the region,” explained Dave Holmes, BAE Systems FalconWorks' Managing Director.

“We're proud of the role we play supporting the wider Lancashire economy and community, especially promoting STEM-related careers to Lancashire's young people. Being part of the Lancashire Cyber Partnership will help us build on that work, and we are looking forward to supporting Lancashire, and all its regional and national partners.”

## Cyber spooks to take pivotal role in Lancashire economy as agency commits to Samlesbury base by 2025



Andy Walker, Lancashire County Council with Lieutenant General Tom Copinger-Symes CBE, Deputy Commander, UK Strategic Command

Lancashire is to be the home for the National Cyber Force in 2025, burnishing the credentials of the county as a cyber security centre.

The NCF will move into a new home in Samlesbury, Lancashire, in 2025 to carry out cyber operations to defend national security.

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As well as helping to create jobs across the technology and digital supply chains, the NCF's presence in Lancashire will also support and enhance other cyber-related investments, R&D assets, and key sub-sectors. aligning work between Lancaster University and BAE Systems, which has around 10,000 workers in Lancashire, and supports thousands more jobs across the local supply chain.

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Debbie Francis OBE, Chair of the Lancashire Enterprise Partnership, said: "The LEP was very closely involved in bringing the NCF to Lancashire, and throughout that process we ensured that the needs and priorities of all of Lancashire's different business communities, and sectors, were represented.

"Through our industry-led sector groups, our Digital Strategy, and our Innovation Board's new five year Innovation Plan, the LEP will continue to act as the voice of business as the Lancashire Cyber Partnership moves forward. This is genuinely a once in a lifetime opportunity for the County, and we now need to all work together to maximise the benefits set to be generated for all of Lancashire."

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The LCP was officially launched at the county's first ever Lancashire Cyber Festival this week. Hosted at the University of Central Lancashire, the event brought together a wide range of participants, including businesses owners, local authority leaders, academics, and representatives from national government.

Students from local colleges, and Lancaster University and UCLan, were also involved.

Each LCP member will bring unique expertise, insights, and resources to support the partnership's aspirations.

Andy Walker, Lancashire County Council's head of business growth, said: "Lancashire has recognised that by combining our commercial, industrial, academic and political strengths, we can become one of the world's leading destinations for cyber jobs, R&D, and investment.



"The Lancashire Cyber Partnership is a testament to that partnership approach, and we are relishing the opportunities which a thriving and inclusive cyber economy will bring to all of Lancashire's communities and stakeholders."

Air Vice-Marshal Tim Neal-Hopes, commander of the National Cyber Force, said: "This partnership, and opportunity, will ensure that Lancashire is uniquely placed to further establish its role as a national leader for cyber and security related capabilities, delivering enduring security, resilience, and prosperity for the nation."

Sarah Kemp, Pro-Vice Chancellor at Lancaster University, added: "Lancaster University has been at the forefront of cyber and cyber security research and teaching for over a decade. As one of a handful of UK Universities whose education and research is recognised by the UK's National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC), we are excited about the opportunities we can bring to Lancashire and the wider region.

Professor Graham Baldwin, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Central Lancashire, said: "Being a member of the LCP will help support UCLan's commitment to widening participation in cyber, technology, and wider STEM disciplines, through both undergraduate courses and degree apprenticeships. It will also allow us to highlight the many non-technical pathways which we offer, open to students from all backgrounds, which could lead them to a high-value cyber career."

Dave Holmes, BAE Systems FalconWorks® managing director, said: "BAE Systems is proud to be at the heart of the county's advanced manufacturing, digital technology, and defence capability, with thousands of colleagues in the region. We're proud of the role we play supporting the wider Lancashire economy and community, especially promoting STEM-related careers to Lancashire's young people."

Debbie Francis, chair of the Lancashire Enterprise Partnership, said: "Through our industry-led sector groups, our Digital Strategy, and our Innovation Board's new five year Innovation Plan, the LEP will continue to act as the voice of business as the Lancashire Cyber Partnership moves forward.

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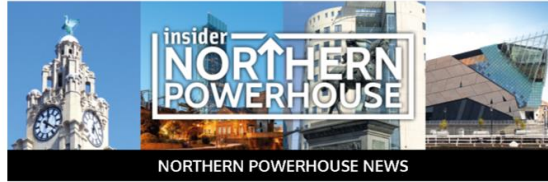
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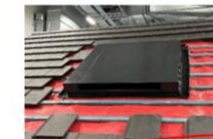
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However, he stressed that with opportunity comes a challenge to which Lancashire will have to rise through the new partnership's members, which include Lancashire County Council, the Lancashire Enterprise

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## Lancashire needs you - whoever you may be

Kerry Harrison, schools and colleges lead for the Lancashire Digital Skills Partnership, says that there is a need to "demystify" both the type of jobs cyber can entail and also the routes to obtaining them - in order to attract the best young people and make sure that nobody feels locked out of a career that could be perfect for them.



The message to young people was that diverse skillsets would be valued by the National Cyber Force

Kerry added: "We talk about cyber in a homogenous sense... like cyber is just one thing. Actually, it's multiple roles with multiple disciplines, some of which needs digital and tech skills, some of which needs linguistic skills, some of which needs logical and technical skills, some of which needs behavioural psychologist skills."

"You need people [who] understand cultures and behaviours to inform how they react to situations. You also have the social engineers who look at the information that's on the internet - and the amount of staff that people put out there - and how that can be used to understand a situation."

"None of those are necessarily the people with the high IT backgrounds that we often associate with the people behind the word 'cyber'."

Her comments were echoed by Dr Rebecca Robinson, Lancaster University's Research and Enterprise Business Support Manager, who said that diversity was key to a successful cyber workforce. She said: "If we think about any kind of problem solving, if we all approach it from the same perspective... with that same mindset, we're only going to come up with one solution. Now that might be the best solution for a particular challenge or for a particular type of person and the way that they interact with their world."

"But, actually, that doesn't make it the right solution for everybody, and it also doesn't necessarily allow us to be coming up with the most creative solutions."

"If we think about cybersecurity, the biggest risk factor is the human - it's the person in that mix. Over 90 per cent of breaches are as a result of human error. So we need to understand people [and] psychology is really important."

She said that there was a tendency to presume that cyber was "a male role", even though there was "no good reason for that".

As well as wanting to ensure that women and girls see a place for themselves in the cyber world, Dr Robinson said it was also important to encourage and inspire neuro-diverse people.

"They might have hyper-focus - [and] that can be such as talent... to be able to focus on something in-depth," Dr Robinson said.

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He added that there was a need to "actually be able to explain what our AI platforms are doing" in order to ensure that "a safe and ethical environment" was maintained.

Rob also encourages people to gain a grasp of cybersecurity in their own lives and jobs.

"When we have some knowledge of what's going on [and] what the risks are, we can make sensible choices for ourselves. If we look at our younger generation - they're very understanding of how technology works, the interconnectedness of things, the need to be aware of the risks and how to manage their own personal identity and privacy within those systems."

"We're no longer in the land of geeks in the bedroom. Everybody has some digital device, some access [to] or manipulation of computers - and everyone needs to be aware of [cybersecurity]."

"There's no problem is when we devolve to a higher power... we're mystifying it, it becomes something to be worried about [and] something to be scared of. By taking control of it [and] by understanding [it, we are] empowering people."



Dr Rebecca Robinson



Professor Rob Aspin

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## Lancashire needs you - whoever you may be

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Her comments were echoed by Dr Rebecca Robinson, Lancaster University's Research and Enterprise Business Support Manager, who said that diversity was key to a successful cyber workforce. She said: "If we think about any kind of problem solving, if we all approach it from the same perspective... with that same mindset, we're only going to come up

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She said that there was a tendency to presume that cybersecurity was a 'male role', even though there was "no good reason for that".

Dr Rebecca Robinson



Professor Rob Aspin



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## New Partnership for Cyber Collaboration

The National Cyber Force works with partners across Lancashire ahead of its move to Samlesbury.



Cyber experts shared their experiences with pupils as part of the Lancashire Cyber Festival

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- UCLan is home to the [Security and Forensic Research in Computing Group \(SAFeR\)](#), one of the UK's leading cyber-focused research groups, and the [Cybercrime Research Unit \(UCRU\)](#), which specialises in all areas of cybercrime.
- UCLan also offers degree, degree apprenticeship, and postgraduate cyber security courses, as is leading on a widening participation strategy to ensure all students get the chance to pursue cyber-related learning pathways.
- In addition, UCLan's flagship [Engineering Innovation Centre](#), and its [Civic Drone Centre](#), are both supporting the development of leading-edge cyber applications for Industry 4.0, working with sectors such as automotive, future flight, and space.



## Lancashire announces new strategic partnership to maximise County's 'once in a generation' cyber opportunity

National Cyber Force, local authorities, industry, and academia, join forces to create the Lancashire Cyber Partnership

Lancashire has announced the formation of a new collaborative initiative, The Lancashire Cyber Partnership (LCP) which will shape, support and promote the County's world-class cyber strengths and fast-growing cyber ecosystem.

The Partnership's members: Lancashire County Council (LCC); the Lancashire Enterprise Partnership (LEP); the University of Central Lancashire (UCLan); Lancaster University; BAE Systems; and the National Cyber Force (NCF); will also maximise the County's once in a generation cyber opportunity, and all the benefits a thriving cyber economy will bring to Lancashire.

The LCP was officially launched at the County's first ever Lancashire Cyber Festival this week. Hosted at the University of Central Lancashire, the event brought together a wide range of participants, including businesses owners, local authority leaders, academics, and representatives from national government. Over two days, delegates took part in discussions and workshops which explored how Lancashire's ambition to create a high-value, high-skilled, and inclusive cyber economy, could be realised.

In addition, pupils from Lancashire primary schools took part in specially designed activities, including trying to solve cyber-themed puzzles based on famous fairy tales. Students from local colleges, and Lancaster University and UCLan, were also involved, taking part in a high-tech cyber escape room challenge held in a specially converted shipping container on UCLan's University Square.

By bringing together both public and private sector partners together, the Lancashire Cyber Partnership's members have developed a shared vision of Lancashire as a world-leading destination for cyber businesses, investors, careers, training, academia, and innovation.

To help achieve that vision, the LCP will work collaboratively to implement initiatives and strategies which will facilitate and boost cyber-led economic growth across the County's digital industries, technology supply chains, and broader disciplines.

The LCP's mission is also to ensure that all of Lancashire enjoys the positive social, cultural and educational benefits set to be generated by a rapid increase in cyber-related jobs, and significant inward investment, over the coming years.

In addition, the LCP will enhance and support the North West Cyber Corridor: a growing cluster of cyber businesses; specialist centres of excellence; governmental agencies; digital innovation hubs; hi-tech co-working spaces; and critical infrastructure providers, which are based across the North West.

Each LCP member (see notes to editors) will bring unique expertise, insights, and resources to support the LCP's aspirations.

The National Cyber Force, which will be opening its new home in Sarnesbury, Lancashire, in 2025 is a partnership between Defence and intelligence. It carries out cyber operations daily to counter and contest those who would do harm to the UK or its allies, to keep the country safe, and to protect and promote the UK's interests at home and abroad. NCF's presence will help stimulate growth across Lancashire's technology, digital and defence sectors.

Lancaster University - a UK top ten university, home to internationally significant research and 'gold' standard teaching - recently announced a £19m flagship investment into cyber security and protection science. Lancaster will use its global expertise to drive cyber innovation and R&D across Lancashire, the North West Cyber Corridor, and beyond.

The University of Central Lancashire, which has specialisations in combating international cyber crime, and the industrial application of cyber technologies in sectors such as future flight and space, will also utilise its academic expertise, and R&D resources, to support the LCP's mission.

Further, both universities also offer a wide range of cyber and cyber-related degrees, and post-graduate courses, which will help ensure Lancashire maintains a strong pipeline of graduate talent to support the growth of its cyber economy.

BAE Systems, which has around 10,000 workers in Lancashire, and supports thousands more jobs across the local supply chain will bring a world-leading advanced aerospace and defence technology perspective to the LCP. The company, renowned for its work on the Typhoon, F-35 and Tempest military aircraft programmes also leads digital defence solutions and enterprise cyber security provisions, through its Digital Intelligence business.

With over a decade's experience of working in partnership with both Lancashire's private and public sectors, The Lancashire Enterprise Partnership (LEP) will use its convening power to bring the voice of business, and other local partners, to the LCP. This will include sharing views from the LEP's industry-led Sector Groups, many of which feature SMEs who will directly benefit from growth in the cyber, digital, and technology sectors.

Lancashire County Council, working with partners, will help to ensure that the sub-regional social and economic priorities of Lancashire's local authorities, and the communities they represent, inform the work of the LCP, including embedding the inclusive growth principles of the Lancashire 2050 strategy - which is supported by all Lancashire's 15 county, unitary and district councils - into the LCP's approach. .

Commenting on the formation of the Lancashire Cyber Partnership, Andy Walker, Lancashire County Council's Head of Business Growth, said: *"Lancashire has recognised that by combining our commercial, industrial, academic and political strengths, we can become one of the world's leading destinations for cyber jobs, R&D, and investment. "The Lancashire Cyber Partnership is a testament to that partnership approach, and we are relishing the opportunities which a thriving and inclusive cyber economy will bring to all of Lancashire's communities and stakeholders."*

Air Vice-Marshal Tim Neal-Hopes OBE, Commander of the National Cyber Role, said: *"I am immensely proud that the NCF is set to play a pivotal role in the development of Lancashire's cyber ecosystem, and the far-reaching benefits that the cyber sector will bring to the whole of the County."*

*"This partnership, and opportunity, will ensure that Lancashire is uniquely placed to further establish its role as a national leader for cyber and security related capabilities, delivering enduring security, resilience, and prosperity for the nation. Working alongside our colleagues in the region, the LCP will further support the development of an integrated and collaborative North West Cyber Corridor, helping us to achieve the objectives outlined in the Government's National Cyber Strategy."*

Sarah Kemp, Pro-Vice Chancellor at Lancaster University, said: *"Lancaster University has been at the forefront of cyber and cyber security research and teaching for over a decade. As one of a handful of UK Universities whose education and research is recognised by the UK's National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC), we are excited about the opportunities we can bring to Lancashire and the wider region."*

*"Our existing partnerships with the National Cyber Security Centre, GCHQ, other government agencies and industry partners, will enable the LCP to bring significant benefits, and prosperity to Lancashire and beyond."*

Professor Graham Baldwin, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Central Lancashire, said: *"I'm delighted that the Lancashire Cyber Partnership chose to use the inaugural Lancashire Cyber Festival, which was hosted at UCLan, to announce its formation."*

*"Being a member of the LCP will help support UCLan's commitment to widening participation in cyber, technology, and wider STEM disciplines, through both undergraduate courses and degree apprenticeships. It will also allow us to highlight the many non-technical pathways which we offer, open to students from all backgrounds, which could lead them to a high-value cyber career."*

Dave Holmes, BAE Systems FalconWorks® Managing Director, said: *"BAE Systems is proud to be at the heart of the county's advanced manufacturing, digital technology, and defence capability, with thousands of colleagues in the region. We're proud of the role we play supporting the wider Lancashire economy and community, especially promoting STEM-related careers to Lancashire's young people. Being part of the Lancashire Cyber Partnership will help us build on that work, and we are looking forward to supporting Lancashire, and all its regional and national partners."*

Debbie Francis OBE, Chair of the Lancashire Enterprise Partnership, said: *"The LEP was very closely involved in bringing the NCF to Lancashire, and throughout that process we ensured that the needs and priorities of all of Lancashire's different business communities, and sectors, were represented."*

*"Through our industry-led sector groups, our Digital Strategy, and our Innovation Board's new five year Innovation Plan, the LEP will continue to act as the voice of business as the Lancashire Cyber Partnership moves forward. This is genuinely a once in a lifetime opportunity for the County, and we now need to all work together to maximise the benefits set to be generated for all of Lancashire."*

# Partner Social Amplification

17<sup>th</sup> November 2023



**The University of Central Lancashire - UCLan** @UCLan · 1h  
Lancashire's **cyber** opportunity is beginning to feel real. UCLan hosted a **cyber** festival which explored how the county's ambition to create a high-value & high-skilled economy could be realised

[ow.ly/2Vx350Q8L9j](https://ow.ly/2Vx350Q8L9j)



**Strategic Command** @UKStratCom · 2h  
The National **Cyber** Force are proud to be part of the **Lancashire Cyber** Partnership, a new initiative launched this week at the first-ever **Lancashire Cyber** Festival.



**Lancashire LEP** @lancslep · 6h  
We're proud to be a member of **#Lancashire's** new strategic partnership to drive the county's **#cyber** economy with **@BAESystemsAir** **@LancasterUni** **@UCLan** **@LancashireCC** and the National **Cyber** Force. More here via **@ProlificNorth**

**Prolific North** @ProlificNorth · 6h  
"Once in a generation" Lancashire cyber partnership **@LancashireCC** **@uclan** **@LancasterUni** **@baesystemspc** [prolificnorth.co.uk/news/once-in-a-...](https://prolificnorth.co.uk/news/once-in-a-...) **#Lancashire** **#Cyber** **#Tech**



**BAE Systems Air** @BAESystemsAir · 2h  
Read all about it!

We're delighted to be working with with local authorities and academia to help deliver **Lancashire's** once in a generation **cyber** opportunity for employment, skills and contribution to national capability.



**Lancashire LEP** @lancslep · 3h  
Great to see our colleagues at **@GOVUK** helping to spread the word about the new **Lancashire Cyber** Partnership - a dynamic collaboration between the private and public sector to drive economic growth across the whole of the county



**Marketing Lancashire** @MarketingLancs · 4h  
National **Cyber** Force, **Lancashire** County Council, industry & academia, have joined forces to create the **Lancashire Cyber** Partnership (LCP) to shape, support and promote the County's world-class **cyber** strengths & fast-growing **cyber** ecosystem.  
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