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We have a jam-packed agenda, including multiple conference exclusives and sessions covering the latest insights into:

- Technology, AI and the future of governance
- Governance in a volatile and globalised world
- Ethics, culture and trust
- Future skills and career development

Sessions will offer practical takeaways you can implement immediately, and our exclusive **Exhibition Hall** will give you the opportunity to meet a myriad of companies and organisations who can help you in your governance career.

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Special guests including...

Anjali Raval

Management Editor, Financial Times

In a session entitled 'AI, the future of work and the role of the board', Anjali will explore the board's expanding responsibility in governing AI as a workforce and organisational issue.

Conference exclusives...

We're delighted that this year we're giving Governance 2026 attendees access to exclusive research findings before anyone else! So to hear it all first, you need to be at Governance 2026!

- **Governance Market Survey 2026:** The Core Partnership will announce the results of this survey, delivered in partnership with the Institute, exclusively at Governance 2026. The survey is a significant, data-led snapshot of how the governance profession is evolving in practice.
- **CGI research:** the Institute will present findings of four brand-new research projects centred around governance and AI, Extended Leave, Mindful Exclusion and Board Reporting.

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...and fantastic networking opportunities during, and after, the conference.

Governance 2026 is your best opportunity of the year to network with company secretaries, governance professionals and experts & leaders in our industry from across the UK and beyond.

Both days will culminate in a private drinks reception.

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Day 1: Tuesday 7 July Highlights

Opening Keynote:
Why ethics in governance is important now more than ever - Risk, regulation and leadership

Speaker: Derek Leatherdale, Senior Geopolitical Risk Adviser, Sibylline

Conference Exclusive:
The Governance Market Survey 2026

Speakers: Jon Moores and Mariza Dimaki, The Core Partnership

Complete
agenda
for Day 1



Closing Keynote:
Connected leadership masterclass

Speakers: Leigh Smyth FRSA, Founder of ImpactMatch and Co-Founder, ActionAble, and Em Wilson FRSA

Other Main Hall sessions

- Ethics in cybersecurity
- The Future State of Entity Compliance
- CGI research update: governance in the modern world
- Everyone talks about ESG - But are we talking about the same thing?

Breakout sessions

- Geopolitical risk
- Getting the most out of your internal board evaluations
- Responding to the failure to prevent fraud offence
- Trust, culture, and connection between boards and teams
- Board reporting: then, now, and next
- AI in the boardroom: risks and responsibilities
- Mindful Exclusion and boardroom prioritisation
- Modernising corporate reporting
- AI in governance: how to take the lead

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Day 2: Wednesday 8 July Highlights

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Opening Keynote:
AI, the future of work
and the role of the board

Speaker: Anjali Raval,
Management Editor,
Financial Times

Ministerial Address
from Blair McDougall MP,
Parliamentary
Under-Secretary of State,
Department for Business
and Trade

Closing Keynote:
Psychological safety:
the hidden driver of
high quality governance

Speaker: Tracey Groves
ACA, Director and Founder,
Intelligence Ethics



Other Main Hall sessions

- What's keeping your board awake?
- Leadership, Legacy, and the power of diversity
- Demystifying the next generation of governance

Breakout sessions

- Turning crisis into composure
- The Accidental Company Secretary
- Data driven governance: rethinking entity management for strategic impact
- Creating a governance career that's right for you
- Composure in action: strategies for consistent calm
- Governing cyber risk in an era of deep fakes, fraud and new regulation

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