



AI AMBASSADOR NETWORK



3 June 2026



10:30AM - Midday





Your invitation - AI Ambassador Network meeting: Closing the disability gap with AI, Digital Literacy to shape NHS Trust policy, bite-sized AI learning & more...
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Join us as **Mary Lavender (Highly Specialist Speech and Language Therapist, Disabled Staff Network Chair Cumbria, Northumberland Tyne & Wear NHS Foundation Trust)** will examine how AI can help close the disability gap by supporting greater accessibility in work and everyday life, focussing on real-life practical examples and inclusive implementation of related technologies.

Dr Payal Ghatnekar (Technologies Research Programme Manager, Torbay and South Devon NHS Foundation Trust) will address the question of how you build genuine AI confidence across an entire NHS Trust, by sharing the story behind Torbay and South Devon NHS Foundation Trust's AI policy development, which was rooted in a bottom-up approach, informed by a digital literacy and inclusion project which was shortlisted for HSJ Awards in 2025.

Drawing on real-world experience designing and evaluating AI and digital literacy programmes for NHS staff, Payal will walk through how behavioural science principles were used to build knowledge, confidence, and psychological safety around AI, enabling staff at all levels to engage critically and responsibly with emerging technologies. She will reflect on the lessons learned, the challenges of embedding responsible AI thinking into everyday practice, and how inclusive design shaped a policy that is both practical and people-centred.

This session will be of particular interest to AI Ambassadors looking to champion responsible adoption, support staff engagement, and contribute to AI governance conversations within their own organisations.

James Freed (NHS England, Deputy Director, The Digital Academy) and Dr Jeffry Hogg (Clinician Scientist, University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust) informed by our recent members' learning needs survey, will lead the second session in a series of applied bite-sized AI learning.

New and existing members are warmly welcome, and we look forward to seeing you!



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