

# Ukrainian women in Technology

## A careers & skills focussed event

On the 6th March, the LEAD Network Digital Chapter co-hosted Ukrainian Woman in Technology in London in collaboration with Stop the Traffic and IBM. Taking place at IBM's offices, the event gathered over 150 Ukrainian women for career-based workshops and roundtables, focused around equipping them with the skills needed to secure a job in tech.

The event was a resounding success, with overwhelmingly positive feedback from both participants and corporate partners. The event was a team effort, with a diverse range of organisations and companies coming together to ensure an impactful and inspiring day for everyone involved. Participants particularly enjoyed the interactive nature of the day—rather than hosting a straightforward conference, the day involved plenary sessions, workshops, roundtables and 1:1s.



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A key component of the day involved looking towards the future, including challenges and opportunities facing the tech sector in 2023 and beyond. Participants explored everything from digital transformation and the metaverse, to the importance of up-skilling and AI's current inability to replace human creativity.

The best way to summarise event? Wayne Peacock, Partner at IBM, LEAD Network Digital Chapter co-chair and the powerhouse behind the event said that "I cannot remember a more inspirational day in my 30+ years of consulting experience." LEAD Network is very happy to have contributed to organising such a successful event, and we look forward to continuing our positive impact across similar projects in the future. We thank all of the volunteers that supported this event from so many LEAD Network member companies, and elsewhere, and especially the band of IBM volunteers whether welcoming guests, hosting sessions or introducing "Spot" the IBM Artificial Intelligence Robot Dog!

