

PROGRAMME: 07 JULY 2026

Time	Session	Speakers
9:00am	Registration & Networking	
9:50am	Forum Commences in The Kelvin Lecture Theatre	
10.00am	Welcome by your Policy Forum Host, Lucy Grey	
10.10am	Opening Ministerial Address	Stephanie Peacock MP Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Sport, Media, Civil Society and Youth
10.30am	The View From Westminster How the APPG for Events is Supporting the UK Events Sector in Parliament	Martin Rhodes MP Member of Parliament for Glasgow North Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group for Events
11.00am	The Political Landscape Its Impact on the Events Industry	Nick Watt Political Editor, BBC Newsnight
11.30am	Break	
11.45am	The Global View Launch of the 2026 Global Destination Report	Sarah Fleming Managing Director, SFA Connect Neil Brownlee Head of Business Events, VisitScotland Paul Harvey Editor, M&IT Magazine

12.15pm	An International Perspective Developing the UK Event Economy	Sherrif Karamat CAE President and CEO, PCMA
12.45pm	Lunch in the Riverside Room	
1.50pm	Programme continues in The Kelvin Lecture Theatre	
2.00pm	Update on the 2026 Culture, Media & Sport Select Committee Inquiry Into Major Events	Dame Caroline Dinenage DBE MP Member of Parliament for Gosport Chair, Culture, Media and Sport Select Committee
2.30pm	Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Act 2025 A Personal Journey to Martyn’s Law	Figen Murray OBE Public Safety Campaigner
3.15pm	Closing keynote Access All Areas: Closing the Accessibility Gap in Events	Dr Shani Dhanda Multi-Award-Winning Disability Campaigner and Changemaker
3.45pm	Summary & Close	
4pm	Drinks Reception Hosted by IET London: Savoy Place	