



**DAMA Ireland & DAMA UK Joint Event
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**AI Begins with Data:
DAMA Ireland & DAMA UK Data Leaders Forum**

THURSDAY 7 MAY 2026 17:30 – 20:00

Bank of Ireland Workbench, 1 Grand Canal Square, Dublin 2 DO2 P820

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START TIME	END TIME	DURATION	TOPIC	SUMMARY	SPEAKER(S)
17:15	17:30	15 minutes	Arrival & Registration		
17:30	17:45	15 minutes	Welcome & Overview of the Summit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome • Logistics • Overview of agenda • Sponsors 	Ellie Fitzpatrick, Head of Data Strategy & Responsible AI, BearingPoint & DAMA Ireland
17:45	18:30	45 minutes	<p><u>Keynote Presentation</u></p> <p>Always On Agentic Data Governance</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current problems with data governance today • The need for an Agentic, unified data governance platform and AI-automation • Understanding the core AI-assisted data governance services you need • Using Data Governance AI Agents and AI-Assisted data governance action automation 	Mike Ferguson, CEO, Intelligent Business Strategies

18:30	19:00	30 minutes	<p><u>Presentation</u></p> <p>AI & Data: The Legal & Regulatory Challenge</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The landscape of current data and AI legislation & regulation • The EU AI Act • Current and future compliance challenges for organisations • Key strategies and practices for ensuring compliance 	<p>Rob Owens, Head of Legal - Technology, Data Protection & Efficiencies Bank of Ireland Group</p>
19:00	19:10	10 minutes	<p><u>Lightning Talks</u></p> <p>Topic My One Wish for Data & AI</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four 2-minute lightning talks 	<p>Tom Cunningham (Stibo Systems) John Thompson (E&Y and DAMA Ireland) Nigel Turner (GDS & DAMA UK) Alan Hendrickx (MUFG Investor Services and DAMA Ireland)</p>



19:10	19:30	20 minutes	<p><u>Partnership in Action</u></p> <p>Overview of DAMA Ireland & DAMA UK</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of DAMA International • DAMA UK – aims, membership, services & benefits • DAMA Ireland – overview and current status • Ireland & the UK – partnership announcement • Further information & contacts 	<p>Carl Kane, Senior Manager, Data Management, Bank of Ireland & President DAMA Ireland</p> <p>Mary Drabble, Head of Data Governance, Royal London & Chair DAMA UK</p>
19:30	19:50	20 minutes	<p><u>Panel Session</u></p> <p>How to Survive the AI & Data Revolution</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Panel Session and Attendee Q&A 	<p>Ellie Fitzpatrick (Moderator) Mike Ferguson Rob Owens Mary Drabble Tom Cunningham</p>
19:50	20:00	10 minutes	Close Down	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prize Draw • Follow Ups & Next Steps • Final Remarks 	<p>Ellie Fitzpatrick, Carl Kane & Mary Drabble</p>
20:00	Onwards		<i>Post Event Drinks Reception</i>	<i>Dockers Bar, 5 Sir John Rogerson's Quay, Dublin 2</i>	<i>Sponsored by Stibo Systems</i>