

Below you'll find the full Directors Forum 2026 event programme...

March 18th - Leading for Change & Transformation - Impact at Kelsick Grammar, Ambleside

Kick off your day with an inspiring morning workshop on Human-Centric Learning for Leaders. Gain key insights, practical tools, and real-world examples for leading change through an engaging plenary session, an interactive outdoor experience to reimagine your current leadership approach, and a peer-consulting opportunity to apply new ideas immediately in small groups. Conclude with a relaxed networking lunch.

May 21st - Evolution, Not Reinvention - The Porsche Centre South Lakes, Carnforth

Spend the morning exploring the latest developments in EVs. Begin with a presentation from Porsche UK, followed by a test drive of their newest vehicles. Enjoy a pit-stop lunch in the main Spice Restaurant at the Gilpin Hotel.

July 2nd - Heart of the City - Tullie, Carlisle

Join us for drinks, canapes, and live music from local musician Naomi Frost at the DF Summer Social. Network with fellow members in the stunning, recently regenerated Tullie. Hear an update from Vice-Chancellor Professor Julie Mennell (University of Cumbria) on the exciting relocation of the campus to the Citadel, plus news on the Carlisle Bid and its vital role in the future growth of our border city.

September 24th - Links & Leads - Silloth on Solway

Take part in our prestigious Golf Day at this hidden-gem of a links course in Cumbria. Ranked among the UK's Top 100, it challenges some of the famous courses just across the Solway in Scotland. While scores are tallied, savour a hearty lunch in the Leitch Lounge.

October 22nd - Critical Power & AI Innovation - Benders UK, Ulverston

Enjoy a morning showcase of Bender UK's advanced electrical safety monitoring, insulation monitoring, and medical IT power systems, alongside conduit benders. Experience a demonstration of their equipment in the state-of-the-art mock operating theatre onsite. Hear from Yanguo Jing (University of Cumbria), Professor of Artificial Intelligence, on the latest AI innovations, and from Stephen Knight-Gregson (National Grid) on the Great Grid Upgrade. Finish with a delicious lunch.

December 2nd - Lights, Tech, Business - Theatre by the Lake, Keswick

An afternoon workshop for senior business leaders, created by Theatre by the Lake, exploring how place-based identity, creativity, and purpose drive long-term success. Following the session, enjoy a guided tour of the theatre, a three-course pre-theatre dinner, and the option to attend the evening production.

