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HORIZONS NEWSLETTER

May 2026

WGIC UPDATES

[Horizons 2026 is Over-Subscribed! See Who's Checking In](#)

WHO WILL YOU MEET AT HORIZONS 2026

June 2, 2026 | London, UK

- GEOSPATIAL LEADERS
- TECHNOLOGY & BUSINESS DECISION MAKERS
- PARTNERS SHAPING CROSS-SECTOR COLLABORATION
- ACADEMIA AND POLICY CHAMPIONS

Join the Conversation!
[Register now](#)

Horizons 2026 is almost here, bringing together geospatial leaders, technology and business decision-makers, partners shaping cross-sector collaboration, academia and policy changemakers for a focused day of discussion, networking, and industry insight.

For the second year in a row, Horizons has been oversubscribed, and additional seats have now been added to accommodate growing interest in the event.

Taking place on June 2, 2026, in London, the event is a unique opportunity to connect with the people shaping conversations across the geospatial industry.

Join the conversation at Horizons 2026.

[Register Now!](#)

Plan Your Day at Horizons 2026

HORIZONS
World Geospatial Industry Event

June 2, 2026 | 8 Bishopsgate, London

Explore the Agenda

With just days to go, explore the sessions and conversations shaping Horizons 2026 in London.

With just a few days to go, the Horizons 2026 agenda is ready to explore. See the sessions, themes, and conversations shaping this year's event in London, and start planning the discussions you don't want to miss.

[View the Agenda](#)

WGIC Geospatial Policy Scan - First Edition Now Out

A QUARTERLY PUBLICATION OF THE WGIC POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

POLICY SCAN
Q2 2026 | April - June - Volume 1, Issue 1

- 27 POLICIES REVIEWED
- 5 REGIONS COVERED
- 12 HIGH-IMPACT ITEMS
- Q2 2026 APRIL - JUNE

[Policy Scan](#) is a quarterly publication of the WGIC Policy Development and Advocacy Committee, providing timely analysis of regulatory developments, emerging policy trends, and forward-looking assessments for WGIC members and the broader geospatial ecosystem. This edition draws on 27 policy developments reviewed across 5 regions.

Explore the latest developments and what they mean for the geospatial community.

[Download the Policy Scan](#)

HORIZONS PODCAST VIDEOS

["No One Company Is Going To Resolve The Skills Gap"](#)

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DO WE UNDERSTAND INDUSTRY SKILLS GAP ANYMORE?

Zubran Solaiman, President of WGIC and Director of Industry Advancement Policy at Bentley Systems, speaks with Alex Pearsall, President of the Chartered Institution of Civil Engineering Surveyors (CICES), about professional pathways, leadership, skills, AI, and the value of stronger collaboration between WGIC and CICES. The episode explores how curiosity, professional judgment, volunteering, and cross-industry partnerships can help shape the future of geospatial, surveying, and construction.

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[John Renard: Geospatial Data is Increasingly Being Inferred Rather than Measured](#)

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AI MAY BE FABRICATING GEOGRAPHY

John Renard, Founder and Owner, Airedale Advisory Ltd and WGIC Data Committee Chair, discusses how AI is reshaping the way geospatial data is created, trusted, governed, and shared. He explains why the industry is moving from measurement-based trust to model-based trust, and reflects on the growing importance of data authenticity, data sovereignty, interoperability, and industrywide collaboration. He also shares how WGIC's Data Committee is addressing these issues through member engagement, podcasts, white papers, and discussions around decision-grade data.

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EVENTS & OUTREACH

[WGIC Connects With Industry Voices At 3DISE](#)















Associate Director Helen Gilmartin attended the 3DISE event in Prague, joining conversations with key voices across the geospatial, 3D, reality mapping, surveying communities and beyond.

Thank you to the 3DISE team for bringing together an inspiring community and supporting valuable cross-sector dialogue.

PARTNER EVENT



WGIC To Take the Stage at GEO Business 2026

 		
 JUNE 3 2026	From Data to Decisions: Geospatial Workflows in the Age of Automation and AI	 11:30 - 12:00
 JUNE 3 2026	Roundtable: From data to decisions: Geospatial workflows in the age of automation and AI	 14:45 - 15:45
 JUNE 4 2026	The Future of Geospatial Workforce	 11:00 - 11:30
 JUNE 4 2026	Beyond the Algorithm: Thriving as a Geospatial Professional in the Age of AI	 12:00 - 12:30
 June 3-4, 2026  Excel London, UK		

WGIC will be part of several key conversations at GEO Business 2026, with Aaron Addison and Helen Gilmartin joining sessions on AI, automation, geospatial workflows, workforce development, and the future of professional skills in the industry.

Taking place on June 3–4 at Excel London, the sessions will offer an opportunity to hear WGIC perspectives, connect with Aaron and Helen, and exchange insights with the wider geospatial community.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Horizons 2026 | June 2, 2026**
- Geo Business | June 3-4, 2026**
- UCGIS Symposium | June 15, 2026**
- Innovate4Cities | June 21, 2026**
- AWWA ACE | June 21, 2026**
- EO Summit | June 22, 2026**

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