

The Big D&T Meet



The Big D&T Meet returns on Friday 10th July 2026, continuing its role as a growing national gathering for those working across Design and Technology education. Since its successful launch in 2024, the event has established itself as a space where teachers, technicians, leaders and industry partners can come together to share ideas, reflect on practice and celebrate the subject.

Origins Rooted in Classroom Practice

First launched in the summer of 2024, The Big D&T Meet was created in response to a clear need within the community. Design and Technology teachers were seeking an event that felt genuinely rooted in classroom reality.

One that prioritised practical discussion, professional trust and shared experience. Designed by teachers, for teachers, the meet set out to create an inclusive and supportive environment that reflected the breadth and complexity of the subject.

Bringing the D&T Community Together

At its heart, The Big D&T Meet is about connection. It brings together professionals working across primary, secondary and further education, creating opportunities for conversation between colleagues who may otherwise rarely meet.

Working with Industry and Partner Organisations

The event is supported by a range of associations and companies that work closely with the Design and Technology community. These partnerships help to ensure that the meet reflects both current classroom practice and wider developments within design, engineering and manufacturing. Industry and education partners contribute insight, resources and expertise, strengthening the relationship between teaching and the real world contexts that underpin the subject.

What to Expect

The Big D&T Meet is not intended as a one-off conference experience. It has been designed to have a lasting impact on classroom practice, professional confidence and subject leadership.

Rather than a series of stand-alone lectures, the day creates a purposeful environment where teachers can engage critically with ideas, share experiences and leave with practical insights that can be applied directly in their own settings.

- ✓ The programme includes a range of guest speakers and workshops.



Attendees Can Expect:

Networking: Connecting with a wide community of educators, associations, and companies that support D&T.

Professional Growth: Engaging in "reflection" and "problem solving" to move individual teaching practices forward.

Community Advancement: Contributing to the collective progress of the D&T subject.

Support: The event is backed by various associations and companies working within the community to ensure educators have the tools they need.

The Venue: De Montfort University

DMU has a long-standing reputation as a hub for design excellence. Its Faculty of Arts, Design, and Humanities is home to award-winning courses and cutting-edge facilities, making it a natural home for an event focused on the future of Design & Technology education.

The university's commitment to industrial application and creative problem-solving reflects the core values of the D&T curriculum and supports a clear connection between higher education and secondary school teaching.

This event is for YOU, for our community!

It serves as a dedicated platform to share ideas, tackle current challenges in the subject, and celebrate the creative achievements of D&T teachers and students alike.

Secure Your Place

Tickets for the event on Friday, 10th July 2026, are already available. To join your colleagues and be part of moving the D&T community forward, you can secure your spot via the link below.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to network, reflect, and celebrate the vital role of Design & Technology in our schools!



Get Tickets
tinyurl.com/4z8dfn8m



Watch: The Big D&T Meet 2025
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