



National debate on resilience in the water sector

Bridging the skill gap in the water sector

Event programme
Wednesday 21 May 2025

10:00 – 10:10	Welcome addresses and introduction to the event Hosts: Prof. Peter Jarvis, Cranfield University and Dr Samuela Guida, International Water Association
10:10 – 10:25	From a student perspective Tomas Hotzel Escardo - WIRe PhD student
10:25 – 11:15	Keynote session <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Elouise Leonard-Cross, Northumbrian Water - Group Head of HR• Hugh Thomas, AtkinsRéalis - Water Treatment Service Line Director• Fiona Punchard, Institute of Water - Head of Membership and Communications• Stephen Barrett, Energy & Utility Skills - Director of Membership and Strategic Engagement
11:15 – 12:15	Debate session <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kamal Birdi, The University of Sheffield• Tomas Hotzel Escardo, WIRe PhD student• Pinelopi Savvidou, WIRe PhD student• Matthew Pitt, WIRe PhD student
12:15 – 12:30	Closing remarks