



ALWAYS LEARNING: SHAPE WHAT'S NEXT

D2L Connection: Amsterdam

Thursday 29 October – Friday 30 October 2026

KIT Tropical Institute | Mauritskade 63, 1092 AD Amsterdam



EVENT AGENDA

PLENARY SESSIONS
Queen Maxima Hall

EDUCATION TRACK
Queen Maxima Hall

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING
Downing Street

D2L DEEP DIVES
Mauritsroom

DAY 1

THURSDAY 29 OCTOBER 2026 | 10:30 AM – 8:30 PM

TIME	DETAILS	LOCATION
10:30 am – 11:15 am	REGISTRATION OPENS TEA AND COFFEE AVAILABLE	
11:15 am – 11:25 am	Welcome + Opening Remarks	PLENARY Queen Maxima Hall
11:25 am – 12:10 pm	Learning, Through a New Lens Jonathan Holtby, Director of Product for Artificial Intelligence, D2L	PLENARY Queen Maxima Hall
12:10 pm – 12:50 pm	D2L Solution Spotlight Imran Ahmed, Senior Vice President, Customer and Product Marketing, D2L Louise Plunkett, International Product Strategy Director, D2L	PLENARY Queen Maxima Hall
12:50 pm – 1:45 pm	LUNCH + PARTNER SYMPOSIUM	

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1:45 pm – 2:25 pm concurrent sessions		
From Pen to Digital: Transforming Student Responses in Digital Assessment Josien de Boer, University of Groningen	Beyond the Login: Using Simple Data and Smart Automation to Keep Learners Engaged Agustina Bruno Videla, Irish Rugby Football Union (IRFU)	D2L Createspace: From Content Management to Enterprise Learning Strategy Rachel Foster, D2L
2:30 pm – 3:10 pm concurrent sessions		
Transforming Assessment Delivery – LIBF's Digital Assessment Journey Katy Hadlow, Walbrook Institute London (LIBF) Andi Gardner, Walbrook Institute London (LIBF)	Rethinking Learning Discovery and Using GenAI to Support the Development Process Jennifer Kitney-Xu, Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development (CIPD)	From Learning Intent to Interaction: Practical Design with H5P and Creator+ Rachel Foster, D2L Christian Uribe, H5P

DAY 1 CONTINUED

TIME	DETAILS	LOCATION
3:10 pm – 3:45 pm	Afternoon Coffee Break	
3:50 pm – 4:30 pm	From Scale to Specificity: The IIE’s Journey Towards Adaptive Instruction Dr. Mario Landman, Independent Institute of Education (IIE)	PLENARY Queen Maxima Hall
4:35 pm – 5:15 pm	Why We Need to Think Metacognitively in the Age of AI Emma J O’Neill, University College Dublin (UCD)	PLENARY Queen Maxima Hall
5:15 pm – 5:20 pm	Day One Closing Remarks	PLENARY Queen Maxima Hall
5:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Connection Evening Social Join your fellow attendees and keep the momentum going at our Connection evening social. Mingle with fellow attendees and speakers for meaningful conversations and spontaneous connections. Whether you’re diving deeper into day one insights or simply enjoying good company, this is your chance to unwind, engage, and get excited for what’s ahead on day two.	De Tropic Cafe

DAY 2FRIDAY 30 OCTOBER 2026 | 9:00 AM – 3:55 PM

TIME	DETAILS	LOCATION
9:00 am – 9:30 am	Registrations	
9:30 am – 9:40 am	Welcome + Opening Remarks Day Two	PLENARY Queen Maxima Hall
9:40 am – 10:25 am	The Future Is Human: Reimagining Learning, Leadership, and Connection in Changing Times Dr. Cristi Ford, Chief Learning Officer, D2L	PLENARY Queen Maxima Hall
10:30 am – 11:15 am	Panel Discussion From Experimentation to Institutional Readiness: Leading Through the AI Transition Moderator: Michael Kavanagh, Senior Director, International Customer Success, D2L Panellists: Emma O’Neill, Professor of Veterinary Medicine and Acting Director of Innovation Academy, University College Dublin (UCD) Dr. Mario Landman, Executive: Educational Technology & Innovation, Independent Institute of Education (IIE) Anders Hyldig, Head of EdTech, Aarhus University, Center for Educational Development (CED)	PLENARY Queen Maxima Hall
11:15 am – 11:45 am	COFFEE BREAK + PARTNER SYMPOSIUM	

DAY 2 CONTINUED

EDUCATION TRACK Room: Queen Maxima Hall	PROFESSIONAL LEARNING TRACK Room: Downing Street	DEEP DIVE WITH D2L Room: Mauritsroom
11:45 am – 12:25 pm concurrent sessions		
No Neutral Default: A Course Setup Widget That Makes Pedagogical Choices Visible Mads Vestergaard Karkov Holst, Aarhus University Tobias Alsted Nielsen, Aarhus University	What Happens After Go-Live? Lessons from Our First Year with Brightspace Indre Dragunaite, Institute of Practitioners in Advertising (IPA)	Lumi Deep Dive Louise Plunkett, D2L Jonathan Holtby, D2L
12:25 pm – 1:15 pm LUNCH + PARTNER SYMPOSIUM		
1:15 pm – 1:55 pm concurrent sessions		
Beyond the Basics: Rethinking Brightspace Training at University College Dublin (UCD) Liam Fogarty, University College Dublin (UCD)	From LMS to Member Value: Building the UK Finance Knowledge Hub Jade Cox, UK Finance	When Content Isn't Enough: Designing Meaningful Learning Experiences Mortilaine Riley, D2L
2:00 pm – 2:40 pm concurrent sessions		
Lessons Learned from (re)Implementing Brightspace in a Running Organization at TU Delft Franca Jonqui�re, Delft University of Technology (TU Delft) Klara A. Bonder, Delft University of Technology (TU Delft)	From Membership to Career Partnership: Creating Lasting Value Through Learning (Panel) Moderator: Shefali Mishra, D2L Panelists: Tony Lynn, Institute of Directors (IoD) Rachel Evans, Chartered Institute of Procurement and Supply (CIPS)	Everyone's Using AI. Now What? Moderator: Kelsea Walsh, D2L Panelists: Liam Fogarty, University College Dublin (UCD) Jolien De Meester, HoGent
2:45 pm – 3:25 pm concurrent sessions		
Brightspace Within the Windesheim Student Journey Geert van der Wijk, Windesheim University Ren�e Visscher, Windesheim University	Designing for Access, Inclusion and Sustainability Elaine Cohalan, National Adult Literacy Agency (NALA) Caitriona Whelan, National Adult Literacy Agency (NALA)	Trust By Design: Security and Data Sovereignty in the Age of AI Andrew Datars, Chief Technology Officer, D2L

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3:30 pm – 3:50 pm	Fireside Chat A Conversation with John Baker Stewart Watts, Senior Vice President, APAC & EMEA, D2L John Baker, President and CEO, D2L	PLENARY Queen Maxima Hall
3:50 pm – 3:55 pm	Day Two Closing Remarks + Thank You	PLENARY Queen Maxima Hall