



## TEAM DEFENCE INFORMATION BULLETIN

May 2023

News digest and look ahead to TD-Info Events

Please note most links provided are to our website at [www.teamdefence.info](http://www.teamdefence.info) and many are accessible to registered members only. If you have not visited our website for a long while, and you have issues logging in, you may need to re-register at this [link](#).

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### Foreword from our Communications Lead, Jack Thompson

Phil Williams, our Managing Director, was too busy to provide an introduction this week, so I have stepped up. Following his example though, I will set the scene with a gaudy Shakespeare quote:

“April hath put a spirit of youth in everything”

With spring in full bloom and conference season taking flight, TD-Info heads to Heathrow for SupportNet - in what is shaping up to be a very valuable couple of days. There'll be a packed agenda as ever, with our Vanguard group teaming up with Strategic Command to deliver the Dragon's-Den-style Support Innovation Challenge.

As we look ahead, the cogs are well and truly turning, with TD-Info at the forefront of a number of key enterprises in the Defence sector, such as our work within the Multi-Domain Integration and Digital Twinning space. We're also looking for engagement from our members on several fronts. Please [get in contact](#) if you want to take the opportunity to showcase your activities through our up-and-coming newsletter, as detailed below.

Finally, we are delighted to introduce our newest team member on a secondment from Babcock, Joseph Marinaccio, Welcome Joe!

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## Exhibit in our new Quarterly Newsletter

After May's SupportNet, we will launch our new quarterly newsletter. This newsletter will provide a deeper insight into the work of Team Defence, with contributions from our team and, hopefully, you!

We are looking for contributions from our members - articles and initiatives which demonstrate your organisational capabilities, and how your work can benefit the industry as a whole. This will be an opportunity to exhibit to over 4000 people across the defence landscape.

With the first newsletter building on the back of May's SupportNet, we would welcome contributions which are relevant to the conference theme - 'Delivering Greater Resilience.' However, please do not hold back your submissions on this basis, as there will be room to demonstrate your capabilities throughout the year.

The submission deadline for the first Newsletter is May 19th, and the word limit for each article will be 500 words. With limited space in the newsletter; in the case of many potential contributions, we will have to filter the selection based on a criteria of relevance and benefit to the defence sector.

If you are interested in showcasing in one of our newsletters, please contact [Jack Thompson](#).

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## SME and Members Showcase Events

TD-Info are planning to run a series of showcasing events on behalf of our members over the coming months, initially designed to help our SME (Small and Medium Sized Enterprises) community to demonstrate their organisations' capabilities to the wider TD-Info membership base. This initiative also aligns to the MOD's commitment to help and promote the SME community in the Defence sector.

We will then run similar events for the rest of our members over the course of the next few months, providing the cross-fertilisation and sharing of capabilities and opportunities amongst the TD-Info Membership.

These events will run as as one or two hour sessions for 4-8 organisations at a time (a slot of around 15 minutes each) to provide a brief overview of their company, services and capabilities. There will be MOD, Industry and TD-Info representation at the events, providing the governance and continuity.

We will be sending out an invitation to join these events in the next few days, please watch out for the communication and register your interest.

To apply for our first SME Showcase, please contact [admin@teamdefence.info](mailto:admin@teamdefence.info) to register your interest.

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## Conferences of 2023 (Hold the Dates)

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## Multi-Domain Integration (MDI) Town Hall - Driving Integration through Partnership - 17 May 2023

This Multi-Domain Integration (MDI) Town Hall Event takes place on the 17th May 2023 between 10:30 and 15:30 (final timings to be confirmed).

We are delighted to announce our principal guest is General Tom Copinger-Symes, Deputy Commander UK StratCom, and the MDI Single Responsible Owner.

The focus of the event is driving integration through partnership, including the importance of cultural reform, digital transformation, innovation accelerators, the Integration Design Authority (IDA), standards, and DSEI.

Our partnership reach will extend from UK Gov towards NATO through to Industry.

For further information, please contact [Steve Worsnip](#).

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# SupportNET

18 – 19 May 2023

[Join the Conversation online using #SupportNet23](#)

The Defence Support organisation, within the UK Ministry of Defence, are hosting their annual SupportNet conference in May. Please find details on the event, including how to register, below.

### Delivering greater resilience

SupportNET23 is an opportunity for Defence leaders, industry, academia, and international partners to discuss and reflect on how we can deliver greater resilience for UK Defence Support. Consecutive global disruptions from the COVID-19 pandemic, the Ever Given blocking of the Suez Canal, the war in Ukraine and the environmental threats borne from climate change, have highlighted the fragile nature of the Support network in Defence and industry. These disruptions alongside ongoing workforce and financial pressures are combining to create a more challenging environment.

### SupportNet23 aim

SupportNet's aim is to critically evaluate and challenge our understanding of resilience and the Defence Support Network (DSN) to help improve our planning and response. Over the course of the conference a range of Support experts will share their insights around how we can become more resilient, as well as share their insights on the work that is already underway.

### Attendance benefits

- Opportunity to conduct business with Defence partners.

- Understand the direction of travel in Defence Support.
- Receive thoughts and observations from International and Partner Nations.
- Understand industrial key performance initiatives and new strategies.
- Opportunity for attendees to interact with speakers.

#### **Event details**

Team Defence Information are supporting the conference hosts, the Defence Support organisation. It is an in-person event for circa 500 delegates. Details as follows:

- At: Radisson RED hotel London Heathrow
- On: 18 - 19 May 2023 (ending lunch time on the 19 May 2023).

Both our main stand, providing information across our portfolio of activities, and our Vanguard stand, representing forward thinking and early careers professionals across the Defence sector, will be located by the hotel's Green room, just after the check in desk.

We look forward to seeing you on the day!

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## **Digital Twin Webinar Week - 19-23 June 2023 (Times TBC)**

We'd like to invite you to attend a series of webinars discussing the use and development of Digital Twins both in industry and the MOD. This series would be of great interest to software engineers & developers, data scientists, modellers and all those Interested in digital transformation of engineering.

The MOD has been working in collaboration with TD-info for many years to develop and harness an approach to Digital Twin development to best benefit defence. TD- Info aims to set the context of Digital Twins and to provide exemplar models of Digital Twins, giving unique insights on the applications, benefits and futures of Digital Twin technologies across defence and other sectors.

#### **Sectors Covered:**

Defence

Energy (Oil & Gas / Nuclear)

Built Environment

Robotics/Autonomous Systems

#### **Organisations & Institutions Involved:**

MOD

Alan Turing Institute

Baker Hicks

Babcock International

Webinar Lineup will be announced prior to the events

The series has been designed so that all attendees can 'pick and choose' participation to fit within working schedules. For further details on the webinar series, please contact [Joe Marinaccio](#).

Register your interest [here](#). Those registered will be contacted with the latest on the event schedule and agenda.

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## Defence Information 2023 (DI23) – 5-6 July 2023

### Delivery of the Defence Digital Strategy

#### Sessions

- Transformation & Acquisition
- Strategic Intent
- Developing Digital Skills – Defence's whole workforce approach
- Digital Defence as a Force Multiplier
- Exploiting Digital Technologies for Campaign Advantage



DI23 also hosts a Vanguard/Young Professionals element, the TD-Info Excellence Awards and Network Extra (end of Day 1).

#### Among those invited to speak:

- Charlie Forte - Defence Digital, Chief Information Officer
- Maj John Collyer, Director Information & Chief Information Officer
- Caroline Bellamy – Defence Chief Data Officer
- Christine Maxwell – Defence Digital, Director Cyber Defence and Risk
- Dave France - Director, Core Information Services at UK Ministry of Defence
- John Linwood, Defence Digital, Chief Technology Officer– Project Accelerate
- Claire Fry – Defence Digital, Functional Integration
- Dina Kakaras, Defence Digital, Commercial Head of Software

- Major General Richard Spencer – Defence Digital, Director
- Richard Franklyn – Airbus and DSF Industry Lead
- Malcolm Carrie - Chief Digital Officer at BAE Systems
- Nigel Shaw, DE&S CIO
- Arif Mustafa, RAF CIO
- David Tagg-Oram, Defence Digital, Head of the Digital Foundry
- Air Commodore David Rowland, Defence Digital, Defence Artificial Intelligence Centre (DAIC)
- Gareth Hetheridge – Leonardo CIO
- David Thompson – Appian
- Dominic Davies - Chief of S&T Knowledge Management Systems, DSTL

Registration now open!  
[CLICK HERE TO BOOK YOUR TICKET](#)

**DI23 is sponsored by:**



**Sponsors and Exhibitors:** if you would like to support the event, please contact [Sue Russell](#).

**Speakers:** If you are interested in a speaking role, please register your interest with [Steve Shepherd](#).

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## What's On

(Check the [What's On](#) section of the website for the up-to-date list of events and links to register.)

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### Defence Asset Management Community of Practice (AMCoP) – 25 May, 10:00 – 12:00

As part of TD-Info, the Defence AMCoP is a standing joint MOD, industry, and the Institute of Asset Management (IAM) community of practice. The IAM is the Asset Management professional body and will be represented by the IAM SW Branch.

The AMCoP will offer outputs and information that can be exploited by Asset Management professionals across the whole of MOD and industry. These outputs will improve day-to-day

practices in Asset Management across Defence as well as informing strategic decisions about professionalisation.

The agenda will be released to attendees once the presenters and content have been confirmed. Register [here](#).

#### **Team Defence Information Executive Team Meeting – 31 May, 10:45 – 13:00**

The Team Defence Information Executive Team operate monthly sessions to support and mature opportunities and guide the broad portfolio of Team Defence Information activities, so that these activities align with the strategic direction and focus set by the Team Defence Information Strategy Group.

For further information, please contact [Philippa Arter](#).

#### **Integrated Product Support (IPS) CoP (Formerly SCSEWG) – 7 June, 9:00 – 14:00**

##### **Babcock Technology Centre Bristol Business Park, Stoke Gifford, Bristol**

To support the UK MOD and UK industry in improving Supportability Engineering (ILS) standards, processes (technical and management) and training to improve the effectiveness and the efficiency of Supportability Engineering (ILS) programmes and hence ultimately to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the Total System (comprising the System of Interest, the Support System, and the Concept of Employment). That is, we strive to improve the Whole Life Cost Effectiveness of the “System of Interest”.

Register [here](#).

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## **Activity Updates**

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#### **Team Defence support for MOD DE&S Future Capability Group (FCG):**

TD-Info continues to actively support and assist the FCG in kick-starting key initiatives identified jointly by DE&S and MOD Front Line Commands (FLCs), this is called the Open Innovation Laboratory (OIL). For the latest from FCG, please follow this [link](#).

#### **ASD-STE100 Simplified Technical English® (STE) Training and other STE activities**

Ciaran Dodd, our experienced and ASD-approved STE trainer, delivers our STE training. STE is primarily for technical publications, but all engineers can benefit from the principles of STE to produce effective technical documents.

We have scheduled two open online courses in June and October this year.

12-15 June 2023 09:00-12:30 (every day) live online. (Sold out)

9-12 October 2023 09:00-12:30 (every day) live online (8 places still available)

For further information and to book onto a course, please contact [Ciaran Dodd](#).

#### **UK STE WG aligns with the STEMG working patterns**



The purpose of the UK STE WG is to provide a national forum to discuss the STE specification, in particular, any change requests that are under discussion at the STEMG level. Ideally we need a mix of people who already use STE and those who are interested in STE to generate effective discussion on the specification. To align with the other working groups, I propose to meet twice a year, online, to discuss the open issues on the STE specification. These meetings will happen before the STEMG meetings so that I represent the UK STE WG opinions at the STEMG meeting.

**Proposed dates for UK STEWG (online) are:**

**23/05/2023 13:30 - 15:30**

**21/9/2023 13:30-15:30**

If you would like to join UK STE WG, please contact [Ciaran Dodd](#).

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## External Events and News

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### Defence IQ events

**Additive Manufacturing for Defence Aerospace & Space - 13-14 June, 2023 - Marriott Orlando Downtown, Orlando, Florida**



**AM Additive Manufacturing**  
for Defense, Aerospace & Space 2023

**Advancing Technological Dominance and Supply Chain Resilience Through Additive Manufacturing**

**Key topics include:**

- Standardization, Scalability, and Production
- Cooperation, Licensing, and Interoperability
- Space, Hypersonics and Cybersecurity

**JUNE 13-14, 2023**

**MARRIOTT ORLANDO DOWNTOWN, ORLANDO, FL**

**IDGA**  
Institute for Defense Analysis

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[To learn more please find the agenda here.](#)

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**Full Spectrum Air Defence - 27-28 June, 2023 - Hilton London Syon Park, London**



The annual Full Spectrum Air Defence conference has returned, taking place in Hilton London Syon Park, UK, 27 - 28 June 2023. This conference will bring together senior Air Defence Commanders from Europe, the US and NATO to discuss the future of Air Defence capability.

Under discussion will be the evolving threats faced by UAS, ballistic missiles and hypersonic glide vehicles. Speakers will also discuss updated systems, as well as new system capabilities, to respond effectively to this full spectrum of threats.

This international gathering of Air Defence experts will come together to; determine strategy, establish capability requirements and identify future partners to deliver the full spectrum air defence.

To learn more please find the agenda [here](#).

To book your ticket, click [here](#).

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### Connected & Autonomous Systems in Defence

This is an online survey of organisations across various sectors in the UK to inform the current value and future potential of the UK's Connected and Automated Mobility (CAM) sector.

The UK Society for Motor Manufacturers and Traders with the support of His Majesty's Government has requested that KPMG and Potloc execute this survey in order to gather anonymous insights that will help industry and government prioritise investment into CAM applications in specific sectors of the economy in order to unlock economic, social, and environmental benefits.

In-depth technical expertise is not required in the CAM or UK markets to participate in this survey; however, respondents should have a reasonable understanding of their sector's interest or involvement in CAM, and perspectives on where connected and automated mobility may benefit the sector.

Thank you for participating in this survey. It should take approximately 10 minutes to complete. Please answer all questions as completely and honestly as possible. Your input is anonymous and confidential. All your answers will be aggregated with others'.

Please find the survey [here](#).

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DSF Newsletter - March 2023

The Defence Equipment Plan - 2022 to 2032