

TEDx University of Leeds

TEDx University of Leeds 2026 - Theme: Convergence

Date: 16 June 2026

Time: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Venue: Riley Smith Theatre

Event Itinerary

- 09:00 - 10:30**
Registration, Coffee & Refreshments / Networking
Arrive and settle into the TEDx atmosphere.
- 10:30 - 10:35**
Host Welcome
Opening welcome remarks by our event hosts.
- 10:35 - 10:45**
Address by Niall, Deputy Dean of University of Leeds
Official opening address.
- 10:45 - 10:50**
TEDx Introductory Video
Visual introduction to the spirit of TEDx.
- 10:50 - 11:10**
Speaker - Balbir Singh
MBE-honoured choreographer bridging classical Kathak and contemporary dance.
- 11:15 - 11:35**
Speaker - Nick Holmes
Making work feel good again through the science of culture and storytelling.
- 11:40 - 12:00**
Speaker - Dr. Vania
Building human-centred AI that helps people decide, learn and grow.
- 12:05 - 12:25**
Speaker - Gareth Timmins
Former Royal Marines Commando on leadership and decision-making under pressure.
- 12:30 - 13:30**
Lunch Break & Networking (Terrace)
A relaxed lunch period on the Terrace.
- 13:30 - 13:40**
Dance Performance
A live, expressive choreography.
- 13:45 - 14:05**
Speaker - Sue Wickison
Botanical illustrator charting the world's plants from the Solomons to Nepal.
- 14:10 - 14:30**
Speaker - Aditya Varman
Researching global health diplomacy as a path to peace in conflict zones.
- 14:30 - 14:40**
Rap Performance
Live lyrical performance.
- 14:45 - 15:05**
Speaker - Lee McAteer
The entrepreneur who turned '£4,000 into a '£34m global brand portfolio.
- 15:10 - 15:30**
Speaker - Catherine Warr
Historian and creator bringing British history to a digital generation.
- 15:30 - 16:00**
Felicitations & Closing Remarks
Celebrating the team and closing thoughts.