

APPG for ATech

Summary of Activities 2025 and look ahead

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Event Summary

Report Launch: Employment Support (18th February)

- Report: *Connect to Success: Technology and Employment Support for Disabled People* (Policy Connect)
- Speakers: Lord Shinkwin, the Rt Hon. Sir Stephen Timms MP (Minister for Social Security and Disability), Robert McLaren (Policy Connect), Dawn Green (Karten Network), Harry Georgiou (6% and Rising), Laura Davis (British Association for Supported Employment).

Reception: Education (8th of May)

- Speakers: Josh Fenton-Glynn MP, Prof. Annalu Waler OBE (University of Salford), Laura Brown (Spinning World of Autism), Robert McLaren (Policy Connect).

Panel: Research and Innovation (2nd September)

- Speakers: Sadik Al-Hassan MP, Prof. Gosia Kwiatkowska (Director, RIX Inclusive Research), Connor Ward (Neurodiversity Consultant and Trainer), Rebecca Garrod-Waters (Ufi VocTech Trust), Larry Sullivan (Leo Lion Ltd)

Report Launch: Royal Society report on ATech (5th of November)

- Report: *Disability Technology* (Royal Society)
- Speakers: Steve Darling MP, the Rt Hon Sir Stephen Timms MP (Minister of State for Social Security and Disability), Prof. Annalu Waler OBE (University of Salford), Sir Bernard Silverman FRS (Royal Society).

Report Launch: ATech Policy Lab report on Social Care (11th December)

- Report: *ATech Skills for Adult Social Care: Building the Care Workforce to Put People in Control of Their Lives*
- Hosted by Tris Osborne MP, with speakers Clive Gilbert (Policy Connect),
- Cllr Teresa Murray (Medway Council), Cllr Diane Morton (Kent County Council), Freya Wood and Lacey Hymers (Learners, East Kent Colleges Group), Lindsey Biggs (East Kent Colleges Group), Dudley Sawyerr (Care Vision)

Policy Impact Work

- Policy Connect, as secretariat, has:
 - Meet with the Chair of the Work and Pensions Select Committee and submitted written evidence to the Committee’s inquiry on employment support (drawing on the *Connect to Success* report)
 - Taken part in relevant roundtables and working groups convened the Department for Education, Department for Health and Social Care, and Department for Work and Pensions.

Look ahead

Proposed meetings in 2026

- **Reception: Employment (May)**
- **Panel: Education (June/July)**
- **Panel: Research and Innovation (September/October)**
- **Roundtable: Social Care (November / December)**

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