

OpenUK Holds India-AI Action Summit Preview Event To Discuss AI, Openness and Sovereignty with Abhishek Singh

- *Pre-Summit dinner brings together leading figures from business, academia and software development around AI Openness*
- *Role for open source communities and collaboration across UK and India*

London UK – 13th November 2025 – OpenUK, the non-profit organisation representing the UK's Open Technology sector, announced that it hosted the first Pre-Summit event for the [India-AI Action Summit](#), due to be held in New Delhi in February 2026. The event was attended by Abhishek Singh, Director General of the National Informatics Centre in India and lead on the AI Action Summit, as well as representatives from the UK Government, technology businesses and academia.

At The Road to the AI Impact Summit London Dinner and Roundtable, titled "AI Openness: Impact, Access and Innovation", those involved discussed the future for AI, open technology and sovereignty and how the technology communities in the UK and India can collaborate ahead of the Summit in 2026. By sharing lessons around policy, advocacy and community development, the open source community across both countries can help to shape the future direction of this technology in general.

"The future for AI is up for grabs. We have a choice - should it be dictated by technology providers, or be controlled by those that want to use and benefit from this technology instead? I have had the same kinds of conversations with technologists, politicians and academics working around AI in the UK and India - they want to see this technology succeed, because it has so much potential, but they also want to feel a degree of control over how it is put together, applied and used in practice. The Indian AI Action Summit will set the tone for over the next decade around AI, openness and sovereignty, so the open source community has to ensure that its voice is heard," said Amanda Brock, CEO, OpenUK.

"We welcomed Abhishek Singh and his guidance around the role that he sees for the Summit, and how the team behind the Summit will support a multitude of voices around AI. By bringing politicians, developers and business leaders together, this Pre-Summit event built bridges between communities and countries that have a strong interest in seeing AI succeed in the right way," continued Brock.

Attendees at the event included:

- Government and policy leaders, including Dame Chi Onwurah MP (Chair, House of Commons Science, Innovation and Technology Committee) and Lord Chris Holmes of Richmond, alongside Abhishek Singh, Shahid Alam (Counsellor at the High Commission of India) and Joshua Bamford (Head of Tech and Innovation, UK High Commission in Delhi)
- Leading academics and experts such as Prof. Anil Madhavapeddy (Professor of Planetary Computing, University of Cambridge), Prof. Dimitra Simeondiou OBE (Director, Smart Internet Lab at University of Bristol) and Don Syme (Visiting Professor, Kings College and Principal Researcher at GitHub)
- Leaders of companies in the UK technology sector including Dan Scarbrough (Chief of Staff, Stelia), Josh Mesout (Chief Innovation Officer, Civo), Alex Housley (Founder at Seldon), and Luke Marsden (Founder, HelixML)
- Representatives of global AI companies including Dr Rafa El-Khatib (AI Developer Relations at NVIDIA), Naresh Vyas (Founder, [Twocents.ai](#)) and Hiren Parekh (Chief Revenue Officer, NeevCloud)



About OpenUK

OpenUK is the organisation for the business of Open Technology, being Open Source Software, Open Source Hardware, Open Data, Open Standards and AI Openness across the UK. Its purpose is UK leadership and global collaboration in Open Technology. OpenUK works on three pillars: Community, Legal and Policy and Learning.

In 2025 OpenUK will focus on AI, Skills, Public sector use of open technology and Sustainability. Its annual conference State of Open Con will take place on 4 and 5 February in London.

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