

London set to become global AI epicentre with launch of new AI hub

Tech Nation, Merantix, and Onfido Founder Husayn Kassai team up to unveil a cutting-edge AI hub in partnership with Techspace. In a bold move to crown London as a global AI powerhouse, this initiative aims to galvanise the UK's thriving AI ecosystem through collaboration, community, and innovation.

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With over 1,300 AI companies already established in London, the new hub promises a best-in-class co-working space alongside a robust calendar of events designed to foster partnerships and accelerate growth.

The UK's AI scene is getting a major boost as Tech Nation (part of Founders Forum Group), leading European AI platform Merantix, and Husayn Kassai, the entrepreneur behind Onfido and Quench.ai, join forces to launch the London AI Hub.

Set to open its doors in early 2025, the Hub will be based in Farringdon, offering a dynamic workspace for startups and industry players, while establishing a nerve centre for AI innovation and investment in the UK.

Drawing inspiration from global tech spaces like Station F (Paris), Shack15 (San Francisco), and the Merantix AI Campus (Berlin), the London AI Hub aims to cement the city's position as a global leader in artificial intelligence.

“With the UK’s AI workforce exceeding 360,000 and London already home to a burgeoning ecosystem of AI startups, the Hub will provide a vital platform for cross-disciplinary collaboration,” says Husayn Kassai, Founder of Onfido and Quench.ai. “A decade ago, Level39 helped define London as the world’s FinTech capital. Now, we have the opportunity to do the same for AI.”

An inclusive space for AI collaboration

The Hub will occupy the second floor of an 80,000-square-foot newly *revamped Techspace building on Goswell Road*. Designed to foster an inclusive and diverse AI community, it will feature co-working spaces, networking opportunities, and events dedicated to advancing responsible AI innovation.

Merantix Management Board Member, Janette Wiget, highlighted the power of physical hubs in driving long-term AI success: “Our experience with the Merantix AI Campus in Berlin has shown us that ecosystems thrive when communities engage openly across sectors. The London AI Hub will do exactly that, with a focus on impactful innovation.”

A vision backed by leaders

The launch event will bring together AI pioneers, investors, academics, and policymakers under one roof. Seed-funded by Husayn Kassai, the Hub will be operated independently, relying on sponsorships and donations to sustain its ambitious vision.

Jonathan Bevan, CEO of Techspace, said: “Partnering with Tech Nation on the AI Hub aligns perfectly with our mission to support tech communities. This is a pivotal moment in ensuring the UK continues to lead the AI revolution.”

Carolyn Dawson, CEO of Founders Forum Group, echoed this sentiment: “This landmark initiative represents a significant leap forward for London and the UK in shaping the future of AI. It’s more than just a space—it’s a movement to mobilise the UK’s AI talent and drive global impact.”

Peter Kyle, Science, Innovation, and Technology Secretary, added: “The launch of the London AI Hub underlines the UK’s leadership in AI on the global stage. It exemplifies the environment we’re fostering—one where AI businesses can scale, innovate, and define the future of technology.”

London’s AI future starts now

With companies moving in and events kicking off from February, the London AI Hub is poised to become a cornerstone for AI-driven growth, ensuring that London remains at the forefront of the global tech landscape.

AI companies interested in becoming members of the London AI Hub can now register their interest by contacting Rupert Elston rupert@londonaihub.co.uk. Please note space is not guaranteed and is subject to qualifying.



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