



TECHWORKS GALA DINNER & AWARDS

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A personal message from Alan Banks, CEO of TechWorks

Welcome to the TechWorks Annual Gala Dinner and Awards Ceremony 2021. I would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our guests this evening and say “Thank you” to all of our Sponsors. TechWorks continues to strive towards its mission – to create connected communities that enable Deep Tech Organisations to collaborate and be stronger together.

Tonight is a unique occasion to network, hear the latest industry insight and reward those individuals and organisations that are forging success in our industries. The last 18 months has seen the industry undergo a dramatic change as a result of Brexit and COVID-19, and tonight we want to celebrate all that has been accomplished over these last 18 months and look forward to engaging further with our communities in 2022 and beyond.

The TechWorks team, the members of our communities, the working groups and the individuals that volunteer their time to the collaborative mission have worked incredibly hard in 2021 and I would like to say “Thank you all”. I do hope you enjoy the evening.

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Programme

18:30 – Drinks Reception

19:15 – Gala Dinner

21:00 – Alan Banks, CEO, TechWorks
– Piers Linney, Guest Speaker

21:30 – Awards Ceremony

22:30 – After dinner party &
networking

01:00 – Event close

Menu

STARTERS

Mushroom & Butternut Squash Tart
with Balsamic Glaze & Curly Endive
Leaves

MAINS

Supreme of Chicken Stuffed with Apricot
served with Glazed Baby Vegetables,
Fondant Potato & Balsamic Jus

Spinach & Ricotta Tortellini served with
Sun Dried Tomato & Water Cress Volute

DESSERT

Crème Brûlée Tart with Pistachio Crisps

TEA/COFFEE & PETIT FOURS

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Prosecco – Da Luca Prosecco

Red Wine – Tekena (Merlot)

White Wine – Pinot Grigiodelle Venezia

Awards

Young Engineer of the Year Award
The UKESF Scholar of the Year Award
UKESF RF Competition Winner
TechWorks Emerging Deep Tech Award
Advancement of Automotive Security Award
TechWorks Disruptive Innovation Award
IoTSA Champion Award
NMI Manufacturing Site of the Year Award
NMI Manufacturing Supplier of the Year Award
NMI R&D Excellence Award
TechWorks Green Technology Award
TechWorks Company of the Year Award
TechWorks Contribution to Industry Award

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Speaker

Piers Linney



Piers Linney is one of the biggest names in British business. The visionary behind the #StartUp and #ScaleUp projects, the award-winning entrepreneur is transforming his influential career, as a serial founder and investor, into implementable advice for aspiring SMEs. A self-made success, Piers has dedicated his later career to enabling others to do the same, through no-nonsense teaching, and his involvement in several non-executive roles. Named in 2018's Top 100 BAME Leaders in Business, Piers' impact is felt across sectors, and his inspirational work makes him a pillar of the BAME community, the ideal speaker to cover topics from corporate success to defying the odds.

Backed by his professional experience in law, finance and acquisitions, as a former Senior Associate at Credit Suisse, Piers left the payroll of others to pursue his entrepreneurial spirit. Co-founding his first technology based business in 2000 was swiftly followed by the technological crash, leaving Piers two options; to give up or step up. Choosing the latter, he has since gone on to forge an epic career investing and co-founding ventures in the tech and communications sector. Developing a reputation as unapologetically determined and resilient businessman, Piers was named the Black British Awards 2014 Entrepreneur of the Year and in the 100 Most Influential BAME Leaders in Tech, proving the impact of his work goes beyond corporate success, to redefining social diversity constructs.

Recognised largely in the media for his roles as a former Dragon on BBC's Dragons' Den, not only did Piers grow his company portfolio, by investing in the number 1 fastest growing company in Tech Track 2017, but his public platform. Infiltrating the mainstream media, strengthened by his appearance on The Secret Millionaire, Piers utilised his expanded profile to champion others to success. Through his speaking engagements, Piers transforms the futures of both individuals and companies across the size scale. Offering no-nonsense advice, guided support and first-hand experience, Piers captivates audiences with his innovative approach to business; collaboration, diversity and futureproofing are the keys to success. Why not follow the lead of others like Virgin Start Up, Sage UK and NatWest, by booking a bespoke keynote speech from Piers?

Driven by his desire to pave the way for others, Piers has sat on the Cabinet Office SME Panel and acts as a non-executive director of the British Business Bank, that facilitates more than £12 billion in contributions to SME developments. Similarly, Piers is a dedicated Trustee of the UK's foremost innovation foundation, Nesta, with a £450 million endowment. Continuing to thrive in the world of business, whilst supporting the national and personal development of small businesses, Piers is an exemplary businessman, defining a generation of leaders.

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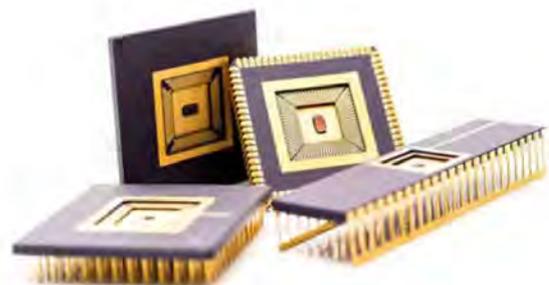
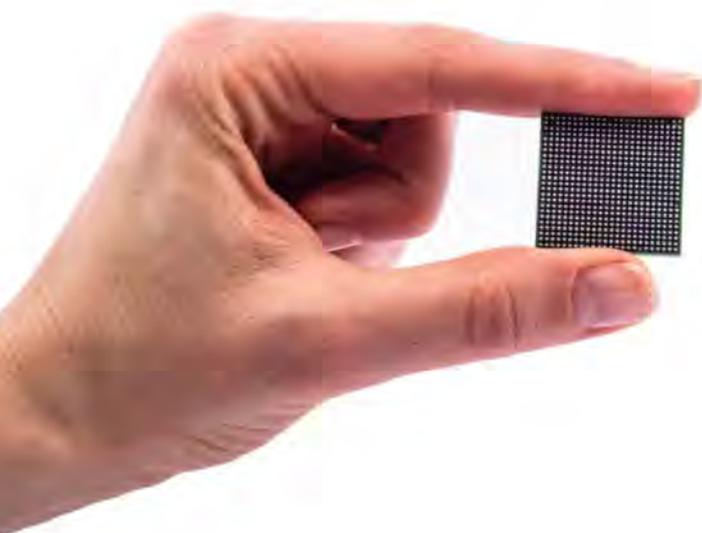
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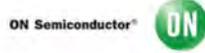
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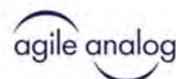
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