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On 13th June at the National Museum of Scotland, [the Turing Trust](#) will be holding its first conference, Turing Talks.

It aims to bring together those passionate about using technology to disrupt the way people work in development. The conference will feature speakers from Microsoft, UNICEF, Barclays, IBM, Sage, and the European Space Agency.

[The Turing Trust](#), an Edinburgh based charity, was founded in 2009 by mathematician Alan Turing's closest family and has been sending re-used IT to sub-Saharan Africa. More recently, the Turing Trust has been developing its innovative IT Lab – the [SolarBerry](#) – which will bring IT to off-grid communities.

This work has connected the Turing Trust with companies and organisations across multiple industries – all keen to make a difference in the developing world.

Founder James Turing said: “Over the last few years we’ve worked with many, many organisations who are all working in the TechDev space and realised there’s so much work going on that overlaps. We believe this could create powerful synergies if the all links were joined up. This is why we’ve created Turing Talks – a space where Alan’s legacy can push forward into helping us to define how the world’s 3.6 billion people without internet access can also benefit from the information age.”

The Turing Trust reached out to individuals from across the industry to see whether they would be interested in coming together to create a conference which would showcase the fantastic technological developments happening now. Smaller organisations using tech to challenge convention will be speaking – [Mwabu](#), [Werkin](#), Techfugees, [Onebillion](#), [BBOX](#) – as well as big players like [Microsoft](#), UNICEF, [Barclays](#), [IBM](#), Sage, and [the European Space Agency](#).

The Turing Talks will be chaired by [Bernie Hollywood OBE](#) and [Sir Dermot Turing](#), and will also feature adventurer [Mark Beaumont](#), and the Scottish Minister for International development and Europe, [Dr Alasdair Allan](#).

The one-day conference on 13th June will showcase the best of Technology in the Development sector whilst providing attendees opportunities to network throughout the day with speakers and sponsors.

For more information about the event, see the Turing Talks [website](#) or go directly to their [Eventbrite](#) page. For sponsorship, see their dedicated page [here](#).

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