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Conference Edge Hill 2026

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2026 SUMMER CONFERENCE SPEAKERS

Your conference host:
Paul Sinha



Best known as 'The Sinnerman' on The Chase - a former GP turned award-winning comedian whose razor-sharp wit and quiz-master mind have made him a UK favourite.

Expect intellect, mischief and immaculate timing from a man who proves that knowing everything can, in fact, be very funny.



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MONDAY 27th JULY

12:00 Registration & Check-in

Pre-conference Tour & Activity Schedule
When you receive your joining pack, you may select a tour to join - all are included in your conference booking and full details of the options will be shared with your joining pack. Tours will run from 2pm onwards.

19:00 SOCIAL DINNER - ROCKING THE EDGE

TUESDAY 28th JULY

08:00 Registration and exhibition open

08:45 Conference opening with host *Paul Sinha*

08:50 Welcome to Edge Hill
Lynn Hill, Chief Operating Officer - Edge Hill University

09:00 Chair's Welcome
Amanda Pettingill, TUCO Chair

09:10 TUCO Update
Mike Haslin, CEO, TUCO

09:30 From kitchen floor to centre stage
Monica Galetti

10:30 Coffee & Exhibition viewing

11:30 Outstanding Customer Service: The Commercial Advantage
Alex Polizzi

12:15 Lunch and exhibition viewing

14:15 Managing and thriving in a fracturing and uncertain world
Robert Peston

15:15 Coffee and exhibition viewing

16:15 Driven to Inspire!
Nic Hamilton

17:00 Conference closes

19:00 SOCIAL DINNER - ALL YOU NEED IS LOVE TUCO!

WEDNESDAY 29th JULY

09:00 Conscious Catering: Turning Sustainability into Engagement, Experience and Commercial Success
Celia Gaze

10:00 Coffee and exhibition viewing

10:45 Engineering the Profitable Plant-Rich Menu: Using Behavioural Science and AI to Drive Diner Choice
Shabnam Islam, Richie Mandahar-Richardson & Amy Roach

11:45 Lunch and exhibition viewing

13:30 Exhibition Close

13:30 The Planet on a Plate: How intersecting global trends drive food futures
Tom Cheesewright

14:30 Coffee and exhibition viewing

15:00 Removing 'Can't'
The Tempest Two

16:15 Conference Close

19:00 GALA AWARDS DINNER

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