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Programme of 2021 events

In 2021, *For Thought* focused on the ability of societies and systems to withstand shocks – or build resilience.

The three main areas of focus made way for six closed roundtables and three chapter events, culminating in a summit event launching the **Build better** report, all of which took place online:

- 1. Building resilience** into human-made systems and infrastructures
 - How can leaders in business, science and government rebuild societal trust to create resilient societies? (roundtable)
 - What can governments, scientists and industry do to better prepare for and respond to future shocks? (roundtable)
 - Building resilience (chapter event)
- 2. Innovating for the future** and forward planning for solutions to future problems
 - How do we stimulate growth in technologies that don't yet exist? (roundtable)
 - Innovation in a crisis: what can we learn from the COVID-19 pandemic? (roundtable)
 - Innovating for the future (chapter event)
- 3. Creating environmental prosperity** in the face of the climate crisis
 - Getting to zero (roundtable)
 - Changing consumer behaviour in a changing climate (roundtable)
 - Creating environmental prosperity (chapter event)
- 4. Build better** (summit event)

[Watch the highlights on the YouTube](#)

Recommendations from **Build better** were mentioned in the following titles:

- [The Independent \(online\)](#)
- [Big Issue](#)
- [Edie.net](#)





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Each event featured a range of speakers, sharing their thoughts and experiences of the relevant topics either in an interview format or in a panel discussion, all moderated by Samira Ahmed (Broadcaster and journalist).

Event speakers in 2021

Building resilience

Kate Bamford (Partner, Advisory Services at EY)

Ann Cairns (Executive Vice Chair, Mastercard)

Samah Khalil (Youth Mayor, Oldham)

Gillian Tett (Chair, Editorial Board and Editor-at-large (US) – The Financial Times)

Professor Tolullah Oni (Public health doctor, urban epidemiologist at University of Cambridge)

Innovating for the future

Ben Osborn (Managing Director, UK at Pfizer)

Lopa Patel MBE (Digital Entrepreneur and Non-Executive Chair)

Amanda Solloway MP (Science Minister and Parliamentary Under Secretary of State)

Professor Muhammad Yunus (Founder, Grameen Bank and Nobel Peace Prize winner)

Dr Ksenia Zheltoukhova (Acting Chief Scientist, Nesta)

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Creating environmental prosperity

Aliza Ayaz (founder UCL Climate Action Society and UN Youth Ambassador for the Sustainable Development Goals)

Duncan Burt (COP26 Director, National Grid)

Sir David King (Former UK Special Envoy on Climate Change and Founder of Centre for Climate Repair at Cambridge)

Dr Afsheen Kabir Rashid (Co-Founder and Co-CEO, Repowering London)

Dr Emily Shuckburgh OBE (Director, Cambridge Zero)

Nero Ughwujabo (Former Special Adviser to Theresa May on Social Justice, Young People & Opportunities)

Build better (image below, L-R)

Arunma Oteh (Former Treasurer and Vice President, World Bank)

Lord David Willetts (Chair of For Thought)

Kumsal Bayazit (Chief Executive Officer, Elsevier)

Steve Varley (Global Vice Chair for Sustainability, EY)

Sheila Rowan (former Chief Scientific Adviser for Scotland)



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