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Objective:

Recognise effort and dedication in initiatives that support women in Informatics education and research.

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Award Committee:

- **Ana Belén Gil**, University of Salamanca, Spain (Chair)
- **Anca Dobrovat**, University of Bucharest, Romania
- **Malvina Latifaj**, Mälardalen University, Sweden
- **Lili Nemec**, University of Maribor, Slovenia
- **Eirini Ntoutsi**, Fakultätentag Informatik, Germany
- **Ileana Ober**, IRIT, Université de Toulouse, France
- **Ayushi Rastogi**, University of Groningen, the Netherlands
- **Sirja Sulakatko**, Tallinn University of Technology, Estonia
- **Claudio Zandron**, University of Milano-Bicocca, Italy

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Award Committee's background:

- Informatics Europe's Diversity and Inclusion Working Group
- COST Action EUGAIN members
- Previous Award winners
- From 9 different countries & institutions

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Evaluation process

- Each complete nomination was reviewed by every member of the Award Committee.
- Four weighted criteria: Impact & Reach (30%), Sustainability & Synergies (25%), Replicability & Best Practice (25%), Originality & Innovation (20%).
- The final ranking was based on the average score across all reviews, with the highest-ranked nomination identified as the Award recipient.

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Award Winner receives

- € 5,000 prize
- Sponsorship to attend ECSS 2026
- Award Plaque

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Winner

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Winner

The Ada Scotland Festival

School of Computing Science,
University of Glasgow

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Anna Doyle & Claire Johnston

Ada Scotland Festival Leads



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The Ada Scotland Festival: Context & Origins

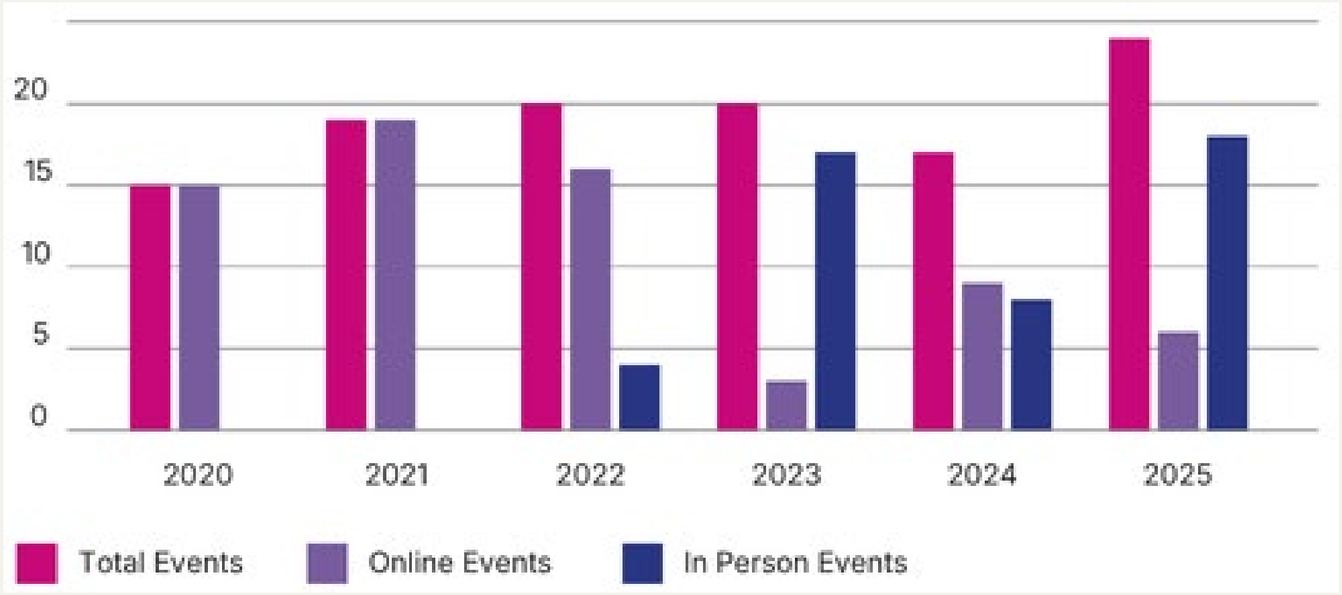
- Women and girls significantly under-represented in computing science education & tech sector in Scotland
- Established in 2020 as national, cross-sector initiative to unite partners to tackle gender imbalance
- Focus on whole career pipeline: schools, tertiary education, industry
- Team: Professor Matthew Barr (Festival Director), Anna & Claire (Festival Lead)



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The Ada Scotland Festival: Growth & Evolution





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The Ada Scotland Festival: 2025 Impact

- 24 events reaching 2,000+ participants
- 100+ volunteers and 30+ partner organisations
- 48% of participants from Scotland’s two most deprived quintiles
- 450+ pupils from 50+ Scottish schools in person and 1,300+ pupils online alongside
- Teachers report increases in girls choosing computing qualifications after attending



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The Ada Scotland Festival: What's Next?

- 2026 biggest year yet (mid-Festival)
- 2027 expansion: year-round activities, outreach to more rural + island communities
- Ada London Festival – can the model work for you?
- **Contact us - hello@ada.scot**





