



41ST ANNUAL LECTURE

THE FUTURE OF WATER SECURITY

WEDNESDAY 24 JUNE 2026



With Matthew Griffin — a multi-award-winning Futurist and expert in Disruption and Innovation

Without water, there is no civilisation. But just how secure are our global water supplies? How worried should we be — and what does the future hold? Will clean, reliable water remain available across the world and in our own communities?

This year's Plumbers' Lecture will reveal why water security is one of the most pressing global challenges of our time. Our engaging headline speaker will unpack the urgent issues emerging at national and local levels and explore the powerful forces reshaping our water landscape — from shifting water dynamics and rising conflict risks to workforce shortages, cyber-threats, and breakthrough technologies.

The lecture will offer an astute assessment of what these trends mean for society, industry, and the environment. Most importantly, he will shine a spotlight on the

solutions. Attendees will gain insight into a wide array of practical, innovative measures that could be deployed around the world — and discover the essential role plumbing professionals must play in protecting precious water resources for generations to come.

This is a must-attend event. For the first time, the Plumbers' Annual Lecture will be the headline feature of Day Two at the World Plumbing Conference — a three-day UK-event that draws an influential global audience committed to shaping the future of plumbing.

VENUE

World Plumbing Conference
NEC, Birmingham, UK



PROGRAMME

The event will start at 3:30 pm followed by a gala dinner in the NEC Concourse Suite at 7:30 pm, where you can join global plumbing leaders, industry experts and visionaries'.

The evening will end at approximately 10:30 pm. The dress code for the lecture is casual and the Gala Dinner is business casual.

Tickets are limited and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Secure your place now.

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Matthew Griffin is a multi-award-winning futurist and leading authority on disruption, innovation, geopolitics, and technology — described by NASA as a “walking encyclopaedia of the future.” A 15-time bestselling author of the Codex of the Future series, he is the Founder and Futurist-in-Chief of the 311 Institute, advising royal households, global leaders, governments, NGOs, and major multinationals on shaping the next 50 years.

With over a million followers, Matthew is also an award-winning YouTube creator and a sought-after keynote speaker who works with the United Nations, the World Economic Forum, and other global institutions on initiatives including AI for Humanity and UN COP.

Previously a senior executive at Atos, Dell-EMC, and IBM, he has built multi-billion-dollar business units and transformed underperforming divisions into market leaders. His insights into emerging technologies are trusted by many of the world’s most respected organisations, from Google and Microsoft to Coca-Cola, Siemens, UBS, and Walmart.

Featured regularly by global media including the BBC, Bloomberg, Forbes, WIRED, and TIME, Matthew’s mission is to help organisations create a fair and sustainable future whose benefits are shared by everyone irrespective of their ability, background, or circumstances.



WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- Liverymen and guests
- Corporate Members and guests
- Apprentices, trainees and students (special concessions apply)
- Anyone interested in protecting scarce water supplies

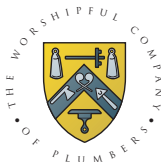
HOW TO BOOK

Members of the Plumbers’ Company and non-members please book through the world plumbing conference website by using the QR code below. If you have guests, you will need to register each one separately.



TICKETS

Lecture only	Free
Lecture and gala dinner at the NEC Concourse Suite	£120 (per head)



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