

Tech Mahindra to drive Co-Innovation in UK under the ‘TechMNxt’ Charter

Sets up R&D arm ‘Makers Lab’ at Adastral Park campus co-located with BT Opens office in Salford To roll-out apprentice program in 2018

London, New Delhi – April 19, 2018: Tech Mahindra, a leading provider of digital transformation, consulting and business re-engineering services and solutions, today announced **strategic investments in the UK**. A research and development center ‘**Makers Lab**’ has been established to work in collaboration with the long-term client and partner, British Telecom (BT) at the Adastral Park research campus, home of the world-renowned BT Labs.

Makers Lab is also a part of Innovation Martlesham, teaming up with BT to promote and add value to this growing business incubation cluster. Additionally, Tech Mahindra is setting up a brand new office in Salford to strengthen its presence across the UK while rolling out its apprentice program in 2018. The announcement comes on the sidelines of Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi and Prime Minister of UK Theresa May’s meeting in London.

Makers Lab will focus on major technologies such as Artificial Intelligence (AI), Machine Learning (ML) and quantum computing to make citizen services and experiences simpler and easier especially in the communications space. With 5G roll out in striking distance, co-innovating with industry partners and academia is the need of the hour. Makers Lab is also connecting with University of Suffolk to onboard students as interns in the lab for various positions.

Tech Mahindra as a part of its larger engagement is working with universities in UK to onboard students as interns, offer apprenticeship and hire graduates for various positions. This would aid in ensuring the region’s participation in co-innovating for the future, along with employment opportunities.

Innovation is key to the **UK’s economic and social plan**, leading as a global center for innovation and creating a global talent pool along with job opportunities. Tech Mahindra through Makers’ lab, its new office in Salford and its apprentice program will engage with more than 100 local talent as 2018 unfolds.

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