

Sophie Hackford

Futurist Researcher Speaker

Sophie Hackford is a futurist. She has given 160 provocative talks to boards and exec teams on novel science and tech. Clients come from every industry – Adobe, Bank of New York, DeepMind, EY, Vogue – although the best questions have so far come from audiences of schoolchildren.

Sophie looks at how technologies change how we live, work, transact, love, by weaving together complex developments in quantum computing, AI, data, asteroid mining or virtual reality. She learns by visiting weirdos and troublemakers in labs, makerspaces, and garages around the world.

Sophie co-founded 1715Labs: a spinout from Oxford University's Astrophysics Department, labelling data to train algorithms. She is on the board of two growth-stage startups: Not Just a Label, and Classlist.

Sophie previously worked at *WIRED* Magazine, at Singularity University on the NASA Research Park in Silicon Valley, and Oxford University where she raised \$120m for frontier-bending research.

Despite very real threats, Sophie is an optimist about the future.

She is not on social media.
