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Scotland's national innovation summit names winning SMEs

Three of Scotland's most innovative small businesses secure a global audience at the virtual event

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The three winners of the [CAN DO Innovation Summit](#)'s #SME stage competition, open to all small and medium-sized Scottish businesses, have been unveiled.

Edinburgh-based Scene Connect, Aberdeen-based Recycl8 and Edinburgh-based Space Intelligence were chosen from a range of entrants all asked to submit a short video demonstrating how they are building innovation into their daily practices.

Getting a spot on the Summit's SME stage gives the businesses exposure to a global online audience of more than 800 investors, academics, entrepreneurs and innovators.

The winners will also get two days of support from an innovation specialist at Scottish Enterprise.

This year's CAN DO Innovation Summit, a headline event of the VentureFest Scotland festival of innovation, will feature a speaker line-up of more than 40 multi-sector SMEs and a range of innovation support agencies, across 12 industry-led panel sessions.

This includes keynote presentations from Lolita Jackson, special advisor for climate policy and programs in New York City's Mayor's Office; Ivan McKee, the Scottish Minister for Trade, Investment and Innovation; Craig Foster, art director at Pixar Animation Studios; Chloe Demrovsky, the first female chief executive to oversee and expand the Disaster Recovery Institute's international network; and John Reid, chief executive of the National Manufacturing Institute Scotland.

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right support for innovation-led recovery and growth.

"I'd also like to thank our panel of judges for selecting three excellent winners to take their well-earned place in the spotlight at the Summit on the #SMEstage."

The competition winners were selected by an independent panel of judges made up of senior representatives from Scottish EDGE, Innovate UK and Scottish Enterprise.

The winners will have their moment in the spotlight at the Summit at 3.45pm on 3 February.

This is the second summit, following an inaugural event in Glasgow, and the first time it has been held virtually.

The lead delivery agency is Glasgow City of Science and Innovation. Core funders for the event are the Scottish Government, Scottish Enterprise, Scottish Funding Council, Glasgow City Council, Innovate UK and KTN.



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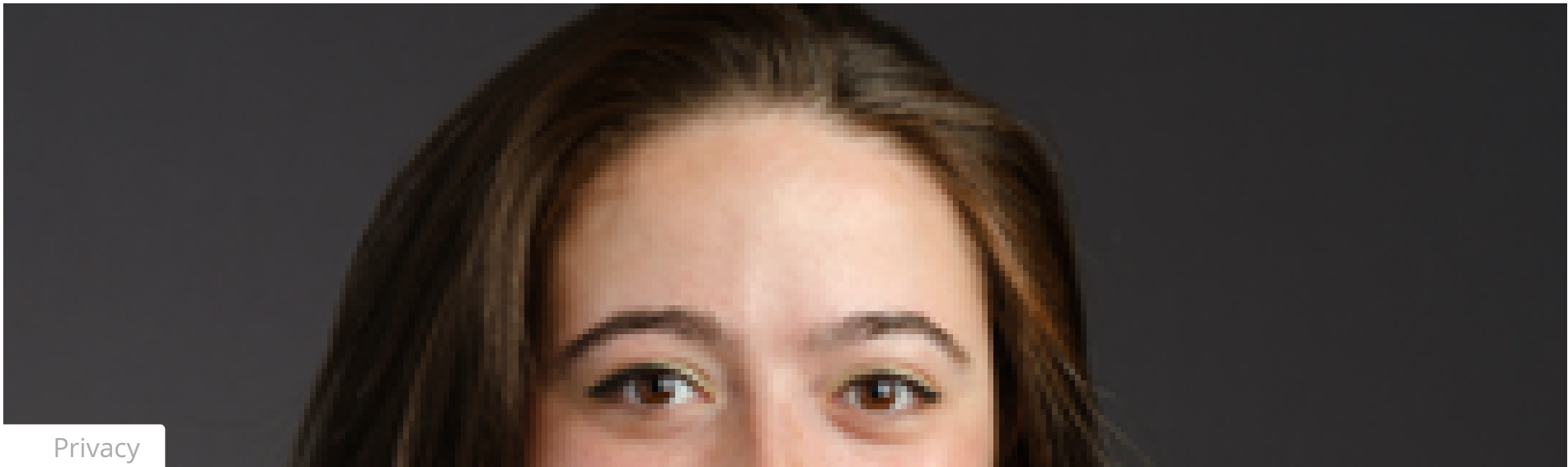
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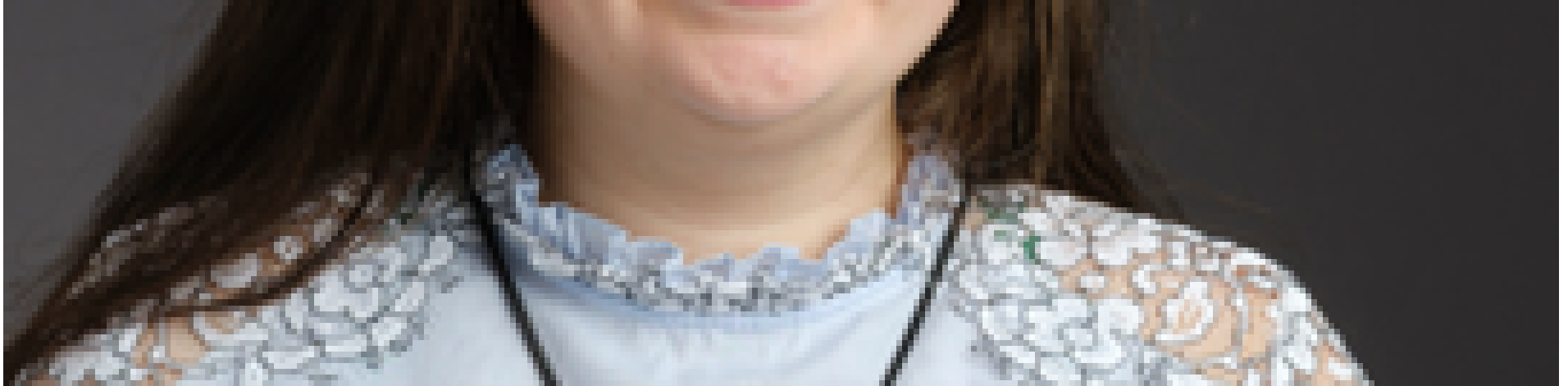
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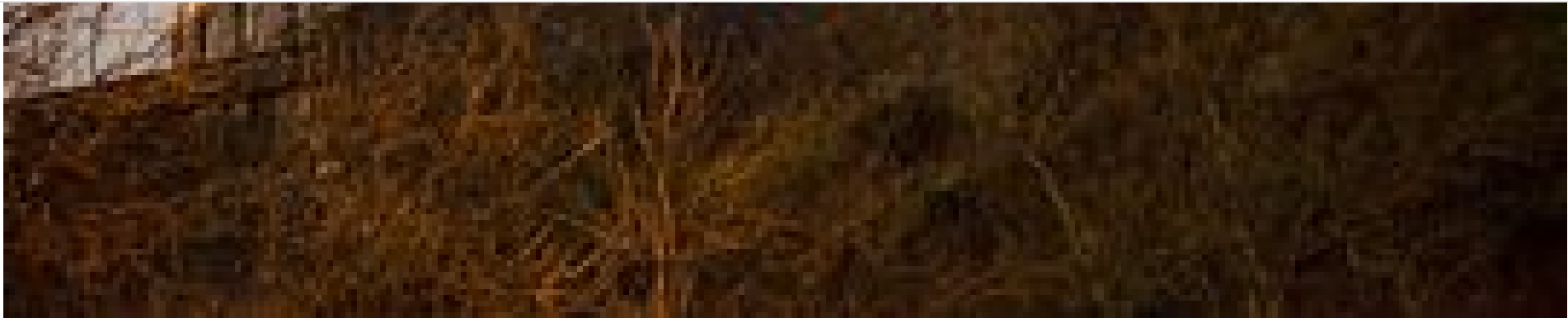


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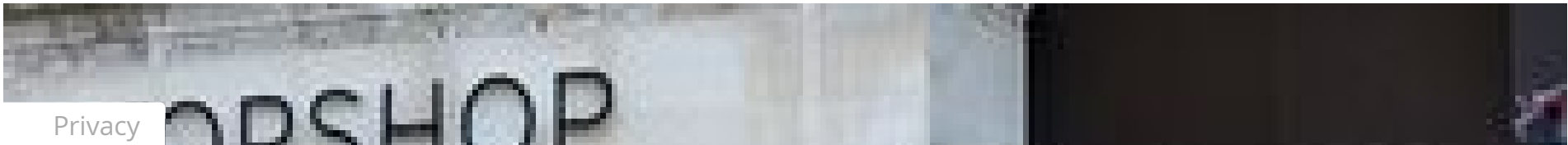
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