

## 2026 Grad Girls Sydney - Partner-hosted Event Themes

*Partner-Hosted Events are a flagship opportunity for Lead Partners to connect their organisation, people, and purpose with the next generation of tech talent. These bespoke sessions showcase organisations in action, from real roles and career pathways to culture, impact, and lived employee experiences.*

*Each Lead Partner may deliver 1 or 2 in-person events, with hybrid delivery preferred where possible to maximise reach and accessibility. Formats may include workshops, hackathons, site visits, fireside chats, panel discussions, etc. All events are practical, interactive, authentic, and student-centred, informed by direct student feedback. Consistently a program highlight with participants, Partner-Hosted Events build genuine connection and position partners as champions of gender diversity in tech.*

[ \* Ideally to be hybrid format where possible. Otherwise in-person ]  
 [ Event themes highlighted in **blue** are events already locked in ]

Suggested Event Name	Suggested Event Type *	Suggested Event Overview
Designing Secure, Scalable Technology Solutions (From Study to Practice)	Small-group hackathon or workshop	Participants work in small teams to design practical technology solutions that balance security, scalability, and real-world constraints, bridging academic learning with industry practice
From Study to Solution: Solving Real-World Tech Problems	Small-group hackathon or workshop	A hands-on, problem-solving session where participants collaborate to tackle realistic technology challenges using structured thinking and teamwork
Industry Case Studies - such as "Cyber Security & AI in Healthcare"	Small-group workshops	Participants are divided into small groups to analyse real industry case studies, apply critical thinking, and propose solutions based on practical scenarios
AI in Practice: Decisions, Data, and Responsibility	Interactive workshop	An applied look at how AI is used within organisations, focusing on decision-making, accountability, ethical considerations, and real operational responsibility
How Any Graduate Can Use Data to Tell Clear Stories	Practical workshop	A practical session demonstrating how graduates from any tech discipline can use data to communicate ideas clearly, influence decisions, and present evidence-based insights
Getting Hired in Australia: A Practical Guide for International Students	Hybrid presentation with Q&A	A practical overview of navigating the Australian job market, covering hiring processes, visa considerations, and ways to build relevant experience prior to employment
Inside Interviews: What Tech Recruiters Look For	Interactive presentation & breakout activities	Insight into how recruiters assess candidates, including interview structure, use of AI in recruitment, evaluating experience, and structured approaches to answering interview questions
<b>How Tech Teams Really Work</b>	<b>Panel or interactive discussion</b>	<b>An honest exploration of how tech teams operate day-to-day, including collaboration, communication, decision-making, project work, and navigating common challenges in industry environments</b>
How Tech Professionals Think (Across Roles)	Workshop or presentation	An introduction to problem-solving approaches used across technology roles, including how professionals analyse challenges, evaluate trade-offs, and work effectively in cross-functional teams
Speaking with Presence: Public Speaking for Emerging Professionals	Facilitated communication practice session	A confidence-building session focused on clear, effective comms in everyday professional and study settings, using practical, low-pressure techniques rather than formal public speaking
Mini Industry Workshops & Pitches	Rotating mini-sessions	Participants attend short team presentations and engage through targeted Q&A, including exposure to large-scale project thinking and delivery