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**Innovate+Educate, Institute for the Future, JobsFirstNYC, and U.S. News & World Report
Team Up to Announce
Close It 2018: Work+Learn Futures October 15-18, Brooklyn, NY**

CHICAGO, IL – Today at the Close It 2017 Summit, Innovate+Educate announced leading partnerships for **Close It: SHIFT Happens 2018**. Innovate+Educate and Institute for the Future will join forces to produce the leading future of employment and employment technology summit in the U.S. – **SHIFT Happens: Work+Learn Futures**. U.S. News & World Report will join the Summit as a media partner, and Whiteboard Advisors and JobsFirst NYC will join as leading strategy partners. Keynotes will include top CEOs from innovative Fortune 1000 companies, leading educational programs, and leading tech strategists. Attendance will continue to include industry, philanthropy, venture capital and national education and workforce leaders sharing their views of the shift in work and learn models with themes to include innovation, automation and technology.

The event will be the sixth Close It Summit. “We are so excited to bring Close It to Brooklyn in 2018,” said Jamai Blivin, CEO of Innovate+Educate. “We are already in discussions with our partners on how to coordinate hiring events across Brooklyn and surrounding areas beginning in early 2018 that will include strategies that come out of Close It 2017, including competency-based hiring, training and advancement.”

What: Close It Summit 2018: Work+Learn Futures

When: October 15-18, 2018

Where: Marriott Brooklyn Bridge, Brooklyn, NY

How to Get Involved: Via www.closeit.org or Twitter: [@Closeitsummit](https://twitter.com/Closeitsummit)



What They're Saying About The Close It SHIFT Happens Summit:

“Our mission at U.S. News & World Report is to help individuals navigate how to learn, work and thrive in our new, technology-driven era. We're delighted to team up with SHIFT Happens: Work+Learn Futures in Brooklyn to bring the speakers and topics of discussion to a wider audience through usnews.com.” – Eric Gertler, Co-Chairman of U.S. News & World Report and CEO of Ulysses Ventures.

“Our possible futures are many, and it's our opportunity to build a collective and equitable future together. Our nation is mostly focused on trying to understand the future, and we need to take action now, build prototypes and find solutions. We look forward to creating a collective future with you at Close It 2018 through a Journey into the Future.” – Dr. Parminder Jassal, Work+Learn Futures Group, Institute for the Future

“We are excited to host Innovate+Educate to bring together employers, technologists, philanthropy, and public sector thought leaders to raise consciousness about the barriers too many New Yorkers continue to face and to highlight evidenced-based solutions to expand sustainable economic opportunities across the five boroughs.” Marjorie Parker, President & CEO of JobsFirstNYC.

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About Innovate+Educate:

I+E is a national nonprofit implementing evidence-based, employer-led strategies to drive competency-based training and hiring for in-demand jobs. Their vision is to create multiple pathways to employment, and their focus is on industry-driven solutions to education and employment. www.Innovate-Educate.org.