



## Welcome

Welcome to the BCS Berkshire branch newsletter for October 2018. The following are events happening over the next few months. They are also on [our website](#).

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## Forthcoming events

### **Reading Geek Night, Tuesday 9th October 2018, 19:30 - 21:30** **The Walkabout: Wiston Terrace (off Friar Street), Reading, RG1 1DG.**



A friendly and welcoming community for enthusiasts. We meet 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month. Come and listen to talks and meet new people over beer. There is also an opportunity for any short announcements etc.

Check out the Reading Geek Night website for details of the program for the day - <https://rdggeeknight.wordpress.com/> or tweet: [@RDGGeekNight](#)

### **Best Practices in Collaboration, Thursday 11th October 2018, 18:30 - 21:00** **Oracle Customer Visit Centre, Building 510, Oracle Parkway, TVP, Reading, RG6 1RA.**



BCS ELITE and the Institute of Directors are holding the latest of their biennial unconferences at the Oracle Customer Visit Centre. Jacqui Hogan from the BCS and [Rod Willis](#) from Assentire Ltd will speak on Best Practices in Collaboration, and we shall learn from each other. Jacqui and Rod are experts in collaboration and teamwork and have published on the subject. The doors will open at 6.30pm for networking and refreshments.

The talk will begin at 7pm. For full details and booking, visit <https://www.bcs.org/category/14633>.

Oracle requests that delegates book before 1 October to assist with badges and catering. Bookings will close on 8 October. Cost: Members & students £10, non-members £20. Prices include VAT. A small booking fee is added.

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## Schools Work

BCS Berkshire has been working with schools in and around Berkshire. We have been sponsoring Teen Tech (<http://www.teentech.com>) and the Bucks Skills Show. We will be at the Bucks Skills Show at The Gateway, Aylesbury on 12th October 2018; the Little Heath Careers Fair at Little Heath School on 17th October, and TeenTech Surrey at Surrey Sports Park in Guildford on Tuesday 20th November 2018.

## Volunteering

### Volunteers Needed in West Berkshire– Ability Net

Our volunteers provide free technology support to older people and disabled people of all ages. We are looking for people in West Berkshire to join our nationwide team of volunteers who offer free technology help and support over the phone and in people's homes.

As one of our volunteers, you can...

- use your IT skills to help change the lives of older people and disabled people of all ages
- have the opportunity to become a Digital Champion and gain industry recognised training
- benefit from regular training and technology updates
- network with a nationwide team of other IT volunteers
- plan your volunteering time around your home life and other commitments.

Find out how you can get involved today: <https://www.abilitynet.org.uk/support-us/join-our-volunteers>

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### Other IT Events around Berkshire

ConnectTVT - Connecting Thames Valley Tech is a Reading-based platform bringing together the Thames Valley's fast-growing entrepreneurial ecosystem, tech and digital economy, in Reading. Check out some interesting upcoming events on their website - <https://www.connectvt.co.uk/events>

For science, engineering and technology events see the Institution for Engineers & Technology events diary at <https://communities.theiet.org/communities/events/258>.

### Coming Autumn Talks

Keep an eye on [our website](#) for CV Clinic and Cryptocurrency events in November and our Mindsets talk and Christmas Social in December'.

We are also planning some events such as cybernetics, IoT, professional development in the coming months, in conjunction with the BCS Learning and Development Specialist Group and other associations. Watch this space!



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