



### Welcome

Welcome to the BCS Berkshire branch newsletter for September 2019. In this issue, we have news on our upcoming events including our AGM 2019. Come along to get more involved in the branch. The following are events happening in the next few months. See [our website](#) for details and booking links.

### Forthcoming events

#### **Inclusion and Diversity Talk and Branch AGM, Wednesday 25th September 2019, 18:30 – 21:00** **University of Reading Institute of Education, London Road Campus, Reading, RG1 5AG.**



Come and join us for an interactive talk and develop your knowledge about what diversity and equality mean in the 21st century. The talk will be preceded by our Branch AGM to elect new committee members.

For further details and booking, visit: <https://www.inclusion-and-diversity-and-branch-agm-bcs-berkshire>

#### **Reading Geek Night, Tuesday 10th September 2019, 19:00 - late** **The Walkabout, Wiston Terrace (off Friar Street), Reading, RG1 1DG.**



Tech Talks on 2nd Tuesday of every month. Free of charge, no booking required. Talks commence at 8.00pm and last 20-25 mins with breaks of 15 mins for networking and beer.

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

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#### **Break the People, Break the Organisation, Wednesday 16 October, 18:30 - 21:15** **Oracle Customer Visit Centre, 510 Oracle Parkway, TVP, Reading, RG6 1RA.**



The BCS Berkshire branch, BCS Elite and the Institute of Directors present the latest in their long-running series of joint biennial unconferences at Oracle's offices in Reading. Come and take part in an open exchange of current best practices in collaboration and teamwork.

For booking, visit: <https://www.break-the-people-break-the-org>.

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**Alan Turing: "The Founder of Computer Science" Wednesday 27 November, 18:30 - 21:00**  
**The Curious Lounge, The Pinnacle, 20 Tudor Road, Reading, RG1 1NH.**



This talk explores Alan Turing's life, achievements and legacy. Turing was instrumental in developing and influencing computing devices that have been said to have shortened the war by up to two years, by decoding encrypted enemy messages that were believed by others to be unbreakable. For booking, visit: <https://www.alan-turing-the-founder-of-computer-sci.com>

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### Curious Lounge opening 4th November in Reading

The Curious Lounge, Reading's new tech hub, will be opening on 4th November at the Pinnacle, 20 Tudor Road. There you will find a flexible space to cater for different types of events: training, presentations, hackathons, or just getting together in the lounge. The Lounge's web site can be found at <https://www.thecuriouslounge.co.uk/>, where you can sign-up for their newsletter to keep abreast of developments.

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### Volunteering

#### Promoting a Volunteering Culture

BCS Berkshire would like to encourage members to help make IT good for society by taking up volunteering opportunities available in the region. Have a look at our [our website](#) for current volunteering opportunities or email us at [volunteering.berkshire@bcs.org.uk](mailto:volunteering.berkshire@bcs.org.uk) if you represent, or know of an organisation that needs help, or have any other suggestions.

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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>.

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See our website for more events and details of our [Christmas](#) social networking; picture gallery and much else besides.



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