



Welcome

Welcome to the BCS Berkshire branch newsletter for February 2020. The following are events happening in the next few months. See [our website](#) for details and booking links.

Forthcoming events

Reading Geek Night, Tuesday 11th February 2020, 19:00 – late

The Curious Lounge, The Pinnacle, 20 Tudor Road, Reading, RG1 1NH.



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](#)

How to build a robust progressive web app, Tuesday 18 February 2020, 19:00 - 21:00

Central Working Reading, Aldwych House, 2 Blagrove Street, Reading, RG1 1AZ



The BCS Berkshire branch invites you to a workshop by Jules Gribble. In this workshop we will go through how to extend your existing website to enable more features for your users for an “app like”, feel. If you’d like to follow along make sure you have node, npm, git and a Chromium based browser installed on your laptop. This event is free to attend, for booking, visit: <https://www.bcs.org/events/2020/progressive-web>.

The Great Debate, Wednesday 11th March 2020, 19:00 – 21:00

Henley Business School Lecture Theatre, Whiteknights Campus, Univ. of Reading, RG6 6UD.



BCS co-sponsors this event with the Institution of Engineering and Technology, University of Reading and other institutions. This is part of the annual British Science Week. The very topical subject for 2020 is " Smart Cities: Infrastructure for the Future"

Admission is free; early booking is advisable, please visit: <https://www.icheme.org/greatdebate2020-tvmg>.

Sponsoring BCS Evening Events



Can you or your company sponsor BCS Berkshire’s evening events so we can make full use of Reading’s new tech learning venue? £250 would allow us to run an evening event at the Curious Lounge and £2,500 would allow a full year of evening events. Please contact events.berkshire@bcs.org.uk if you can help. As a charity, we organise events for our members and to make IT good for society.

We have agreed for example to co-sponsor some talks around **AI** in Maidenhead between April and July and hope to confirm them in our next newsletter. Look out for them on our web site.

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 [website](#) for current volunteering opportunities or email us at volunteering.berkshire@bcs.org.uk if you represent, or know of an organisation that needs help, or have any other suggestions.

Schools

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 annually; and we will be at a career fair in Surrey in March 2020.

Other IT Events around Berkshire

The Curious Lounge, Reading's new tech hub, organises different types of events: training, presentations, hackathons, or just getting together in the lounge. Visit The Lounge's web site at <https://www.thecuriouslounge.co.uk/>, where you can sign-up for their newsletter to keep abreast of developments.

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 of Engineering & Technology events diary at <https://communities.theiet.org/communities/events/258>.

Future Events

Tour of Amazon, UK – The BCS Berkshire branch is planning a tour to Amazon Centre, UK in July. If you are interested, please email events.berkshire@bcs.org.uk.

See our website for more events and details of our upcoming workshops on Insider Threat and Mitigations, and cryptocurrency.



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