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BCS Berkshire Branch Newsletter

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Welcome

Welcome to the BCS Berkshire branch newsletter for April 2020. Due to the coronavirus pandemic, all our face-to-face events have been postponed until further notice. There are, however, some online IT events which you may be interest to you. We would like to urge our members to "Stay at Home", "Protect the NHS" and "Save Lives". Keep an eye on our website for further updates.

If an event has been cancelled, because of the coronavirus, those who registered will be notified and where applicable refunded.

Forthcoming face-to-face events

All our forthcoming face-to-face events have been postponed due to the coronavirus pandemic. We will keep you posted about any changes in the subsequent editions of our newsletter and on our website.

Online IT Events

The following are some online events happening in the next few months. Feel free to join and keep safe:

- BCS #vITalworkers How is Covid-19 changing NHS IT? 21 April, 1:00pm
- Making Remote Working Work Project Management SG, 22 April, 6:30pm
- Anecdotes, lessons learned & the rocky thrill of a colourful career & volunteering in the IT business, 23 April, 5:30pm
- What it takes to be the CEO of Me Inc Why is it important to build a personal brand in your organisation? - Business Change and BCSWomen SGs, 23 April, 6:00pm
- Agile Project Management A Coronavirus Perspective, 28 April, 6:30pm
- Uncertain Times Smart Cities and Resilience, 29 April, 4:00pm, https://zoom.us/j/640672493
- The Sociotechnical Architecture Toolkit: Designing Loosely-coupled Systems and Teams -SPA and Sociotechnical specialist groups, 06 May, 6:30pm
- Waste not Want not Green IT SG and Hampshire Branch, 07 May, 5:30pm
- Microsoft Teams How it can make working remotely more productive, 13 May, 6:00pm

- Measures for Assuring Projects (MfAP) Project Management SG, 19 May, 6:00pm
- > The Ethics and Politics of Digital Human Remains, 21 May, 7:30pm
- The Challenge of Measuring and Understanding Air Quality Green IT, 18 June, 5:30pm
- Using supercomputers, private and public clouds to opportunistically run HTC and HPC applications, 18 June, 7:30pm

Sponsoring BCS Berkshire 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 <u>website</u> for current volunteering opportunities or email us at <u>volunteering.berkshire@bcs.org.uk</u> if you represent, or know of an organisation that needs help, or have any other suggestions.

Future Events

Tour of Amazon, UK – The BCS Berkshire branch is considering a visit to an Amazon UK fulfilment centre in July if there is sufficient interest. 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.

