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A Call for Impact - Silifat Usman (BCS OSSG, CHAIR)

I. Opening Reflection: The Moment Before Us

- The open source ecosystem thrives not on code alone, but on people who choose to contribute.
- Impact is no longer optional; it is the currency of relevance.

II. Why BCS OSSG Matters

- A community committed to advancing open source practices within the professionals

III. The Meaning of 'Impact' in Our Context

- Impact is not grand gestures, but consistent, meaningful involvement.

IV. The Call to Serve

- We are inviting members to step forward into volunteer committee roles.

V. Why You Should Step Forward

- To develop leadership and strategic skills within a respected professional body.
- To collaborate with like-minded professionals passionate about open source.



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Programming Language,
Coding, using AI to build

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Why Collaboration is the New Order -

Ayodele Olubuse, Comms Advisor

There was a time when projects were castles. High walls, guarded gates, and a small circle of insiders building in isolation. Today, those castles have melted into bustling marketplaces. Code flows, ideas collide, and the best solutions rarely come from a single mind. Collaboration is no longer a “nice-to-have” in tech. It is the operating system.

It is imperative to state that Collaboration is not replacing individual brilliance. It is amplifying it.

In the new order of tech, the most impactful projects are not those built by the smartest individuals in isolation, but those shaped by connected minds working in rhythm.

The future belongs to teams communities that know how to build in the open, iterate together, and share ownership of both success and failure. In that world, collaboration is not a strategy. It is the default setting.

The Plans Ahead

What We Plan to Do in the Coming Year

Build More, Deliver More

- Launch and grow hands-on open source projects

Expand Events & Learning

- Continue high-quality webinars and in-person events

Strengthen Community Partnerships

Build relationships with other BCS groups, with a focus on neurodiversity and early careers

Enhance Outreach & Engagement

- Deliver quarterly newsletters featuring cross-SG highlights
- Grow global membership and audience across channels

Champion Diversity & Inclusion

- Continue inclusive initiatives and collaborations
- Ensure Open Source remains welcoming and accessible to all

Support Partners & Ecosystem

- Co-organise and promote events
- Provide meeting spaces, promotion, and resource