

BCS Member Group Chair's Report

Member Group Name:	BCS Nottingham & Derby
Year:	2019/2020
Report Completed By:	Paul Stevens

Group Chair:	Paul Stevens
Group Treasurer:	Edward Magnuszewski
Group Secretary:	Chris Lynch
Group Inclusion Officer:	Beverley Cook
Other Committee Members:	Tracy King, Kedisha Taitt, Kathryn Baguley, Peter Eldridge, Gary Lefman, David Miller, Ste Nadin, Subbu Krishna Sarma

The Chair's Report is a vital communication tool for the BCS Community Team to understand and support your activity as a group. The Programme, Practice, and Policy (PPP) Committee will review your submitted report, and suitable action points fed into the Community Board for strategic planning. As one of the critical communication points with our members, your completion of this report supports not only your group but ongoing support and development of other member groups and the BCS itself

Successes

Please list the top three successes the group has achieved in the past year.

Success	Additional Comments
1. Education Liaison. All universities in the branch geographic area have been contacted and invited to future meetings.	Requires active management by the Education Liaison Officer 2020/2021.
2. Joint Events. Two events were jointly hosted by the branch and CIISec (East Midlands).	CIISec wish to continue to develop joint events in 2021.
3. Events Programme. The branch maintained a full programme despite the effects of the pandemic.	More committee members need to be enlisted and trained to manage the webinar format.

Plans

Please list the top three activities the group is planning for next year.

Planned Activity	Additional Comments
1. Program of Events. Produce a monthly event except July, August and December.	Plan for the Universities in the area to each develop one event.
2. Return to some physical events but maintain a virtual channel.	The hybrid format needs to be developed.
3. Filling the gaps in the committee.	Special attention to YPG, Industry Liaison and Social Media.

Impediments

Please list and describe the top three impediments stopping you from succeeding in your group's ambition and support the BCS vision of "Making IT Good for Society."

Impediment	Description
1. The Covid-19 pandemic which has restricted physical meetings, has reduced the opportunities to network.	Key impacts are the recruitment of new members to the committee, and the encouragement of event attendees to join the BCS
2. There are significant gaps in the committee, which impact the growth and influence of BCS Nottingham & Derby in the community.	Key roles: YPG representatives, Industry Liaison Officer, and Social Media Officer.
3. Webinar tooling supplied by BCS is not a technology that most committee members and presenters are familiar.	GoToWebinar is not the most intuitive of toolsets and requires many test sessions to gain familiarisation.

Additional Facts and Figures

Please provide any facts and figures you think would be useful to the Community Team for further analysis and future activity planning.

Our event attendance has gone up since the branch moved to virtual events:

Date	Meetup		Eventbrite/GoToWebinar Bookings						Attendees					
	Booking	% of Eventbrite Bookings	Eventbrite	GoTo Webinar	BCS Member	BCS Member %	Non-BCS Member	Non-BCS Member %	Attendees	BCS Member	BCS Member %	Non-BCS Member	Non-BCS Member %	YouTube Views
16-Sep	6	N/A	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
21-Oct	4	N/A	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
19-Nov	9	31%	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	29	16	55%	13	45%	N/A
20-Jan	9	45%	20	0	13	65%	7	35%	18	10	56%	8	44%	N/A
17-Feb	3	9%	33	0	19	58%	14	42%	29	24	83%	5	17%	N/A
16-Mar	4	11%	35	0	17	49%	18	51%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
20-Apr	0	0%	162	162	103	64%	59	36%	108	50	46%	6	6%	50
18-May	0	0%	74	47	61	82%	13	18%	42	25	60%	3	7%	41
15-Jun	0	0%	74	42	56	76%	18	24%	36	14	39%	2	6%	91
20-Jul	10	11%	93	47	68	73%	25	27%	32	10	31%	5	16%	61
Total	45	9%	491	298	337	69%	154	31%	294	149	51%	42	14%	243

Further Comments

If you have any further comments you wish to provide the Community Team; please give them below.

- Basecamp has proven to be a very useful communication and collaboration tool.
- Please provide access to anonymised branch data.
- Greater communication with the branch regarding activities what HQ are undertaking in the branch's geographic area.

Nominations for Awards and Recognition

It is important that the BCS recognise deserving voluntary service. If you are aware of someone who warrants one of these awards, then please nominate them. It is easy to nominate someone, but, if you are unsure about completing the form, the Community team and your liaison in the Programme, Practice and Policy Committee can help. Please email groups@bcs.uk.

There are three levels of Recognition of Appreciation award:

- Certificate of Appreciation – going beyond the normal expectations of a single voluntary role by directly contributing to significant involvements, achievements or benefits to BCS.
- Meritorious Certificate – going beyond the normal expectations of two or more voluntary roles in different areas of BCS by directly contributing to tangible involvements, achievements or benefits to BCS.
- John Ivinson Award – significantly furthering the BCS's strategic aims and mission on a wide scope of BCS's areas of endeavour by directly contributing significant achievements and benefits to BCS. Typically, the BCS will present this prestigious award to 1-3 volunteers per year.

There are long-service awards for 5, 10, 25, and 30 years of contribution to the BCS.

Volunteer Recognition

Please complete the table below and indicate if you wish to nominate a member of your team for an award of recognition. A member of the Community Team will get in touch to help you complete the process.

Group/Branch Member	Years of BCS Volunteering	Nomination

Honorary Fellowship

Nominees will have made an outstanding contribution to the charitable objectives of the BCS over an extended period.

The BCS award Honorary Fellowship under Byelaw 8 of the BCS's Royal Charter and Trustee Board Regulation 1.3 specifies that the BCS award may also make the award to non-members who may not be eligible for any other class of membership.

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Community Board and Trustee Board will consider a candidate for Honorary Fellowship against the following criteria:

- At any time, both the contribution to BCS's work and the stature of the individual nominated should be commensurate with the standards set by previous recipients. There is no overall limit to the number of Honorary Fellows although it is unlikely that there will be more than two Honorary Fellows elected in any one year.
- To be elected, the nomination must be on the Trustee Board Agenda, and at least 3/4 of those present must resolve in favour.

If you are aware of a nominee for Honorary Fellowship; please add their details below and a member of the Community Team will raise this at the next appropriate meeting of the Community Board.