The Future of IT Leadership - Meet the speakers

Chair of the Event: Johanna Hamilton MA AMBCS, Commissioning Editor for ITNOW.

Johanna has been a copywriter, journalist, scriptwriter and editor, joining BCS as Commissioning Editor three years ago. Working on the BCS member magazine, ITNOW, Johanna fosters relationships across the IT industry, to create content that is cutting-edge, forward-thinking and thought-provoking for the magazine, bcs.org and social media channel LinkedIn.

Speaker for A bit of blue sky – Quantum in the real world:

Richard Hopkins, IBM Engineer

For more than 25 years, Richard has designed IT systems that have improved the lives of millions of people.

He is co-author of the book Eating the IT Elephant - which explains how it is possible to modernise complex brownfield IT landscapes using semantic technologies. In 2019 he became the nineteenth President of IBM's Academy of Technology, and then in 2020, he was appointed a Fellow of the Royal Academy of Engineering. Beyond his core role as an IBM Distinguished Engineer in IBM's Cloud Platform business, he is also a Senior Quantum Ambassador and builds robots in his spare time.

Speaker for Should we press reset on our IT management methods:

Dr David Miller PhD FBCS CITP FIET FCIM Ceng DipM.

Author of Managing Agile Business Technology (2022), books on business focused IT (2008, 2005), and current Chair of the BCS IT Leaders Forum (2022-2024). David has worked in many business sectors in the UK and internationally as a manager or management consultant. His career has embraced most aspects of IT from development and operations to strategy and architecture and has held CTO, CIO, CMO, and CEO roles. David was the Managing Director of ITDYNAMICS for 20 years.

Speakers for Future Legislation:

Brian Runciman MBCS, Head of Content and Insights at BCS.

Brian has been an IT journalist for nearly twenty years. During his time with BCS, he has edited the member magazine ITNOW, the second oldest computing title in the world, and taken a particular interest in the societal impact of computing. He tweets @BrianRunciman.

Kuan Hon

Kuan is Of Counsel in the Privacy and Cybersecurity Group of leading international law firm Dentons. An English solicitor and New York attorney with degrees in computing science and law, Kuan advises not only on data protection and security-related laws but also on broader tech law issues, particularly regarding cloud and AI. She is a member of the UK government's International Data Transfer Expert Council, an Editor of the Encyclopedia of Data Protection and Privacy, and a guest lecturer for the Department of Computing at Imperial College London. Kuan previously volunteered for the UK Information Commissioner's Office, the UK National Cyber Security Centre, and the UN Privacy Preserving Techniques Legal Task Team. She is the author of "Data localisation laws and policy - the EU data protection international transfers restriction through a cloud computing lens" (Edward Elgar, 2017) as well as numerous other articles.

Chiara Rustici

Chiara Rustici is a legal analyst and IT law expert focusing on the new Brussels-Washington IT regulation drive. She is an independent legal scholar affiliated with the Department of Information Engineering, Electronics and Telecommunications (DIET) of La Sapienza University in Rome. She is widely quoted and published on both sides of the Atlantic. She has taken remote working to its extreme and runs her consultancy and research activities out of a hamlet in the Italian Alps at 1145 meters above sea level.

Sam De Silva FBCS

Sam De Silva is Partner at CMS and is the legal advisor on data, technology and outsourcing projects.

As both a Council and Trustee Board Member, as well as one of a handful of technology lawyers volunteering at BCS, Sam makes it his mission to dispel myths and educate other IT professionals to ensure everyone is on the same page.

As a specialist in IT law, Sam says he 'helps to ensure BCS is going in the right direction, complies with all the laws and manages risk appropriately.' For him, being part of a group

that is 'actually trying to help society be a better place by the use of technology' is what's most rewarding.

John Enser

John provides commercial, regulatory and copyright law advice to clients across the Technology, Media and Communications sector, in particular, those offering music and audio-visual content via digital platforms. He has been at the forefront of digital media developments for nearly 30 years, assisting clients to launch new and innovative services across a range of technologies; from the dawn of satellite television, through the birth of the worldwide web to today's multi-channel synchronised offerings across broadcast TV, tablets, smartphones and all other forms of connected device.

John has a particular expertise in the licensing of music rights (both individually and collectively) and has represented parties in leading UK Copyright Tribunal cases involving the licensing of music for use in CDs, DVDs, in online and mobile music, in broadcast and in on-demand television. He has also been involved in establishing licensing models for other types of music use, including in various aspects of the leisure sector.

Speakers for the Future of Work: Knowledge Volatility:

Keith Rosser

Keith is a Group Director of the world's largest family-owned recruitment business, REED, and is Director of Reed Screening, a large pre-employment vetting business within the group. Keith is also responsible for REED Group's risk and corporate governance agenda, sitting on the Audit & Risk Committee at the Board level.

Keith has several exciting roles within the industry, including the Chair of the Better Hiring Institute, a Council Member of the PBSA, Chair of the Criminal Records Trade Body (CRTB), Advisory Board Member of Cifas and Chair of Release Scotland. He is also a labour market expert, Chair of JobsAware, an appointed member of the Ministerial Advisory Panel on the Taylor Review (Good Work Plan).

Speaker for Leading on Sustainability:

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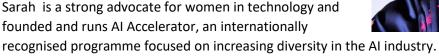
Adam Turner - Head of Sustainable Digital and ICT for the UK Government and Public Sector at the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA)

Adam is also the author of the Greening Government: ICT and Digital Services Strategy 2020-2025 and chair of the Sustainable Technology Advice and Reporting (STAR) team that authors and delivers strategy, policy and reporting for all government digital operations.

Sarah Burnett FBCS – Chief Technology Evangelist at KYP.ai

Sarah Burnett is an internationally recognised industry analyst and author in the field of AI and intelligent automation. Her thought-provoking book, The Autonomous Enterprise, which discusses the journey to automation, was published by BCS in February 2022. Sarah holds a number of roles including Chief Technology Evangelist at KYP.ai, and founding partner and board advisor at Emergence Partners.

Sarah is a strong advocate for women in technology and founded and runs AI Accelerator, an internationally recognised programme focused on increasing diversity in the AI industry.

Kaiyee Burnett -

Kaiyee has over 20 years' experience of creating and delivering ICT propositions across many sectors.

In the last 6 years, she has focussed on providing systemically important services to the capital markets centring on post trade and the ever changing needs of the industry.

She is responsible for establishing and maintaining relationships with key and new providers of post trade services across asset classes globally. Her goal is to continue to evolve the richness and relevance of the services available on Radianz, capturing new technologies, helping meet regulatory changes and exposing the new and existing wealth of services to the expanding financial markets global community.

Speakers for the Questions the board need to ask on cybersecurity:

Dr John McCarthy PhD BCs (Hons) MBCS

John McCarthy is a renowned authority on cybersecurity strategy, development and implementation. He holds a PhD in Cybersecurity and eBusiness Development and is an internationally recognised author of a number of papers discussing all aspects of cybersecurity in the modern world. John is frequently invited to sit on expert panels and appear as a speaker at well-known cybersecurity events. John is also a leading expert on social engineering awareness training and best practice.

Dr Emma Philpott MBE

Emma is CEO of the IASME Consortium Ltd, which focuses on information assurance for small companies and the supply chain. IASME worked with the UK government to develop the Cyber Essentials scheme and was awarded the contract to be the sole NCSC Cyber Essentials Partner from April 2020.

IASME also deliver the IASME Governance certification scheme, an affordable alternative to ISO27001, a security certification scheme for Internet of Things devices and Counter Fraud controls. IASME and their network of more than 270 Certification Bodies certify almost 2,000 companies per month. Emma is also the Founder and Manager of the UK Cyber Security Forum, a not-for-profit organisation leading an initiative to train unemployed neuro-diverse adults in cyber security and supporting them to find employment.

Shiv Raichura

Shiv works in East Midlands Special Operations Cyber Crime Unit. Her previous experiences involve developing the Digital PCSO role, operating as a Counter Terrorism Prevent Officer, and Cyber Protect Officer. As part of the Protect Network, Shiv coordinates operational activities delivering Cyber threat mitigation advice to organisations across East Midlands, within public and private sector to uplift Cyber preparedness and resiliency. Shiv delivers board level strategic advice within local resilience forums, risk management advice responding to incidents, advice on; supply chain security, defence in depth, business continuity, and provides awareness training through all levels of an organisation embedding security within an organisations culture. Shiv is certified in CISMP and Security +.

Chris Wilson

Chris has worked in the East Midlands Special Operations Cyber Crime Unit since 2021. His previous experience includes being an IT manager in a small-medium business, and he has previously worked in IT departments within schools. Chris's previous accomplishments include designing and building IT networks from the ground up and planning and executing projects such as designing and installing network infrastructure and AV systems. As part of the Protect Network, Chris delivers threat mitigation advice to schools and businesses and delivers risk management advice when responding to incidents. He is also responsible for our Cyber Secure website and assisting local cyber protect officers. You'll also find Chris delivering advice on our monthly free to attend webinars as well as at other events throughout the year.

Detective Karl Barlow

Karl Barlow is a Detective at Nottinghamshire Police and was involved in creating the dedicated Police Response to Cyber Crime attacks within Nottinghamshire. He is an associate member of the Institute of Information Security Professionals (IISP) and is qualified as a Certified Forensic Investigation Practitioner (CFIP), a Certified Network Defender (EC-Council) as well as a qualified Specialist Fraud Investigator. On a day-to-day basis, he actively investigates Cybercrime in relation to individuals and small/medium sized businesses. He is a Nottinghamshire Police tactical advisor for digital investigation, cryptocurrency investigation and communications data.