

BCS Member Group Chair's Report

Member Group Name:	BCS Nottingham & Derby
Year:	2021/2022
Report Completed By:	Paul Stevens

Group Chair:	Paul Stevens
Group Treasurer:	Edward Magnuszewski
Group Secretary:	Chris Lynch
Group Inclusion Officer:	Beverley Cook (Vice-Chair)
Early Careers Advocate	Rebena Sanghera
Other Committee Members:	Tracy King, Gary Lefman, David Miller, Subbu Krishna Sarma, Peter Eldridge, Matt Mason, Tariq Abdullah, Mufti Mahmud

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 remained in contact and invited to future branch meetings.	Guest lectures to Nottingham Trent University and University of Nottingham. Good contact established with University of Lincoln.
2. Joint Events. Two events were jointly hosted by the branch, BCS Leicester and CII Sec (East Midlands).	CII Sec wish to continue to develop joint events in 2022/2023.
3. Industrial Liaison support to Boots.	Our Vice-Chair supported an event at Boots main site and further events are planned.

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. Develop relationships with our neighbouring branches, Leicester and South Yorkshire to arrange joint events.	BCS Leicester's viability is a concern due to the Chair deciding to stand down and the branch has a small committee.

3. Get the right balance between physical events and webinars.	The hybrid format needs to be developed.
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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 still causes concern and may impact Winter 2022 and Spring 2023 events.	Reduced numbers at physical events, or at a worst case, events being cancelled.
2. Recruitment of new committee members to replace "retirees".	Key impacts are the recruitment of new members to the committee, and the encouragement of event attendees to join the BCS
3.	

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.

START DATE:	TITLE:	VENUE:	SPEAKER/S:	BCS	Non-BCS	Speaker(s)	Organiser(s)	Total Reg.	BCS2	Non-BCS2	Speaker(s)	Organiser(s)	Signed in	Attendar
18 January 2021	Information Security in the UK Energy Sector	Webinar	John Wright	101	49	1	1	152	46	37	1	0	84	55%
15 February 2021	Controlling Robots Remotely with Azure	Webinar	Liam Gulliver and Paul Gallagha	95	41	1	0	137	38	34	1	0	73	53%
15 March 2021	An Introduction to IT Strategy with Wardley Mapping	Webinar	Mike Harber	49	53	1	0	103	21	39	1	0	61	59%
19 April 2021	Sunburst - A new dawn	Webinar	Sarah Knowles, Darren James, George Glass	156	64	2	2	224	56	47	2	1	106	47%
17 May 2021	System Innovation.; Past, Present and Future	Webinar	Farhad Fassih	34	25	0	1	60	16	19	0	1	36	60%
21 June 2021	Authoring natural language requirements with EARS	Webinar	Alastair Mavin	37	50	1	0	88	15	31	1	0	47	53%
20 September 2021	'Non-Azure' machines with Azure	Webinar	Richard Harrison	45	14	0	0	59	15	6	0	0	21	36%
18 October 2021	Protection or Privacy?	Webinar	Peter Wood and Ashley Winton	59	43	2	1	105	20	19	2	1	42	40%
15 November 2021	What has Enterprise Architecture Brought Us?	Webinar	Paul Teeuwen	61	51	1	0	113	22	21	1	0	44	39%
17 January 2022	Using Generative Techniques to Produce Artworks	Webinar	Simon Schofield	30	27	2	1	60	16	13	0	0	29	48%
21 February 2022	Built-in innovation: why neurodiversity is good for everyone	Webinar	Matthew Bellringer	69	39	0	2	110	24	38	0	1	63	57%
21 March 2022	#BreakTheBias – A Celebration of International Women's Day	Webinar	Various	27	52	4	1	84	13	25	2	1	41	49%
16 May 2022	Perspectives on assuring continuous integration and delivery	Nottingham	Phil Harding	64	23	0	1	88	-	-	-	-	0	-
20 June 2022	Clearing out the loft	Webinar	Stuart Estell	32	8	1	1	42	22	4	1	1	28	67%

Further Comments

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

- The BCS Community and Basecamp have proven to be very useful communication and collaboration tools.
- Please provide access to anonymised branch data.
- Greater communication with the branch regarding activities what HQ are undertaking in the branch's geographic area.
- The branch is concerned (again) about the viability of BCS Leicester due to the current chair deciding to stand down. The branch has a small committee.

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.