

## BCS Berkshire Branch Newsletter



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### Welcome

Welcome to the BCS Berkshire branch newsletter for April 2025. We hope to bring you more exciting events in the coming months. Keep an eye on [our website](#) for details and other news.

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### Reading Geek Night – Tuesday 8th April 2025; 7 pm – till late



Come along and grab a beer/food at the downstairs bar and come share your geekery and enjoy a relaxed evening of talks + networking + beers at Zero Degrees (9 Bridge St, Reading RG1 2LR).

It is a great opportunity for networking and discussions about technology, business, and advice. The next event will be a talk titled “Users – what can you do?” by Peter Fagan. Everyone is welcome. For details visit their [website](#) and [Social Tech meetup](#).

### UK IT Industry Awards 2025 – Make 2025 your time to shine

There's no better way to celebrate your talent and achievement than by entering the UK IT Industry Awards. Share your story with us and you could be a winner in 2025.

Early bird rate will close on 23 May 2025. Take advantage of our early bird entry rate of £210 + VAT by submitting your entry on or before Friday 23 May. (Full price rate: £319 + VAT). Make a start by choosing your category... [here](#).

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### **Can you help unlock the potential of Year 12 STEM students with a Summer Research Project?**

SATRO's Research Work Placements (RWP) return for summer 2025 and we would love your organisation to be involved. We had a very successful programme last summer with support from Microsoft, University of Surrey, Legal & General & Air Products to name a few and we were able to offer around 75 placements. Is there a small research topic you feel they could support you investigate? Our feedback shows that working with the future workforce challenges perceptions of future recruitment focus – so why not get involved? For more information and how to join, visit : <https://www.satro.org.uk/satro-research-work-placements-b> or contact Jessica Richardson (*Mentoring and Careers Coordinator*) - Tel: 01483 688 070, Mob: 07736 067673, Email: [jessica.richardson@satro.org.uk](mailto:jessica.richardson@satro.org.uk).

### **Request for Volunteers – BCS Berkshire Members**

The BCS Berkshire Branch Committee would like to request volunteers from our members to support our school outreach programmes on the following dates and venues:

- 25 Apr 2025 - TeenTech, Roehampton University
- 9 July 2025 - Garth Hill School, Bracknell.

If you would like to help at any of these events, please get in touch with Chris Todd-Davies, BCS Berkshire STEM coordinator - [chris@todd-davies.co.uk](mailto:chris@todd-davies.co.uk).

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## Links to our partners' events

The following are links to our partner technology groups within the Berkshire area, feel free to check their events page for other interesting events happening in the region:

- Thames Valley AI Hub: <https://www.tvaihub.co.uk/>
- ISC2: <https://isc2tvch.co.uk/events.html>.
- Google Developers' Group: <https://gdgreading.dev/go/meet>



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