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BCS Berkshire Branch Newsletter	**April 2019**

Welcome

Welcome to the BCS Berkshire branch newsletter for April 2019. In this issue, we have secured an exclusive discount for members to attend a Data Protection conference plus an update on exciting changes in the Thames Valley Tech hub. The following are events happening in the coming weeks. See our website for details and booking links.

Forthcoming events

Reading Geek Night, Tuesday 9th April 2019, 19:00 - late
The Walkabout, Wiston Terrace (off Friar Street), Reading, RG1 1DG.

READING GEEK NIGHT

Tech Talks on 2nd Tuesday of every month. Free of charge, no booking required. Talks commence at 8.00pm and last 20-25 mins with breaks of 15 mins for networking and beer.

Check out the Reading Geek Night website for details of the program for the day - https://rdggeeknight.wordpress.com/ or tweet: @RDGGeekNight

Inclusion & Diversity, Thursday 9th May 2019, 18:00 – 21:30
Reading University, Whiteknights Campus, Reading, RG6 6AH.

Diversity & Inclusion

This event will be an interactive opportunity for all attendees to develop their knowledge about what diversity and equality mean in the 21st century. BCS Berkshire covers many areas of diversity within its membership and recognises the benefits this brings.

For booking, visit: https://www.bcs.org/content/ConWebDoc/60572

Reading Geek Night, Tuesday 14th May 2019, 19:00 - late
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The State of JavaScript & future of App development? Tuesday 21st May 2019, 18:30 - 21:00
Central Working Reading, Aldwych House, 2 Blagrave Street, Reading, RG1 1AZ

This talk will explore the past and current state of JavaScript, what can it be used for and some useful tools to help you get your applications up and running faster.

For booking, visit: https://www.bcs.org/content/ConWebDoc/60574

Data Protection Conference - Discount for BCS Members

BCS Berkshire & @BCS London has secured an exclusive discount for you to attend the Data Protection Conference on 14th May. To find out more and to register for this exclusive offer please click on this link https://www.bcs.org/content/conWebDoc/60600.

Bid for Thames Valley Tech Hub Successful!

Great news for the Thames Valley tech community - the bid for a grant to create the Thames Valley Tech Hub described in the February 2019 issue was successful. The implementation phase has kicked-off and BCS Berkshire will continue to support this initiative. Your help is still needed to support the successful development and launch of the hub aiming to open as 'The Curious Lounge' in September 2019.

Louize Clark said "We will curate a monthly programme for digital, tech and creatives to collide together at great events with awesome speakers. We will also be offering accredited, non-accredited training and grass roots Meetup events. There will be four high spec training rooms, a members' only coffee shop/workspace, lounge area and a collaboration library. We will have an event space for about 100 seated with great AV. If you go to Instagram - https://www.instagram.com/curiouslounge/ there is a high-level concept design of the space. We are looking to talk to companies hiring digital & tech talent, those passionate about next generation skills, anyone interested in a fantastic event space and training rooms and Corporates looking for opportunities to meet start-ups. Curious? Get in touch to learn more louize@connecttvt.co.uk

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Schools Work

BCS Berkshire has been working with schools in and around Berkshire. We have been sponsoring Teen Tech (http://www.teentech.com) and the Bucks Skills Show. We were at TeenTech Surrey at Surrey Sports Park in Guildford on 22nd January and will be at Teen Tech Hampshire in Basingstoke on 13th June.

Volunteering

Promoting a Volunteering Culture

BCS Berkshire would like to encourage members to help make IT good for society by taking up volunteering opportunities available in the region. Have a look at the following opportunities:

Experienced print and web designer needed
IT / Programming volunteer needed for Shift Youth and Community (SYC) in RG2
We are looking for an Ad Creator.
For this role you will create attractive flyers and social media banners for each of our planned events. They will be versatile, reusable, and the designs will be in line with our branding requirements.
We are looking for someone who has experience designing for print and web, and knows how to create something inviting and attractive to readers and viewers
http://rva.org.uk/volop/experienced-print-and-web-designer-needed/

Interactive app developer needed
IT / Programming volunteer needed for Shift Youth and Community (SYC)
Could you create an interactive app?
Are you creative?
Do you have experience of making apps?
We are looking for an app creator who will create an interactive app that will serve our charities members and networks. This volunteering position lasts as long as it takes the person to develop the app and can be flexible around the person's time commitments.
http://rva.org.uk/volop/could-you-create-an-interactive-app/

If you decide to sign unto any of these volunteering opportunities, please direct your responses to RVA, referencing notification from BCS Berks, with separate email to *volunteering.berkshire@bcs.org.uk* to keep us informed. Visit: https://www.bcs.org/category/14685

Other IT Events around Berkshire

ConnectTVT - Connecting Thames Valley Tech is a Reading-based platform bringing together the Thames Valley's fast-growing entrepreneurial ecosystem, tech and digital economy, in Reading. Check out some interesting upcoming events on their website - https://www.connecttvt.co.uk/events For science, engineering and technology events see the Institution for Engineers & Technology events diary at https://communities.theiet.org/communities/events/258.

Later in 2019

See our website for more events in June and July, picture gallery and much else besides.

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