



Welcome

Welcome to the BCS Berkshire branch newsletter for April 2022. Please note that, due to the coronavirus pandemic, all our face-to-face events have been postponed until further notice. We hope to share news of our face-to-face events with you in the next editions of the newsletter. The following are events being organised by some of our partner organisations.

Events

Reading Geek Night – Tuesday 12th April 2022; 7- 9 pm.



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

Chris Todd-Davies will be speaking on the theme “Economics of Domestic Solar Heating”.

It's a great opportunity for food, drinks, networking and discussions about IT, technology, business, and advice. Everyone is welcome. For details visit their [website](#) and Social Tech [meetup](#) pages.

- ISC2 will host a hybrid event on 22nd April. Angus McIlwraith will speak on “Communication, Change and Risk Perception” at CGI's Reading office. For details and booking see: <https://isc2tvch.co.uk> .

Appeal to all BCS Berkshire members

BCS Berks are supporting four STEM events aimed at inspiring young people to take up IT/Computer Science careers.

Can you spare one day to attend an event with me and engage with students aged 11 to 19? Please respond to Chris Todd-Davies (contact details below) if you can make it on any of the dates below. Details of the events can be found in the links for each event. BCS Berks will reimburse all travel expenses and lunch is provided.

The event details are:

- Get Inspired Basingstoke which takes place on Wed 4th May. This is a STEM event for 11 to 16 year-olds. For more information, visit: <https://www.ebpsouth.co.uk/Event/exhibitgib22>
- TeenTech Hampshire Festival in Basingstoke, Hampshire. This takes place Wed 29th June. This is a STEM event for students aged 12-14. For more information, visit: <https://www.ebpsouth.co.uk/Event/schoolsteentechhampshire22>

For those working for a company, these events provide an opportunity to showcase your employer and give back to the community. We hope some of you can find the time to help out.

Contact: Chris Todd-Davies, STEM coordinator, BCS Berkshire, chris@todd-davies.co.uk, +44 7973 806 281, +44 118 327 2597.

Staying Connected with BCS Berkshire

You are welcome to join our committee and/or attend [our committee meetings](#). We love to see fresh faces and get your ideas!. You can contact us in advance of the meeting.

Please remember to like the [BCS Berkshire Facebook page](#), follow us on Twitter [@bcsberkshire](#) and join the [BCS Berkshire LinkedIn](#) group. You can find our events on our [YouTube channel](#) and [Past Events page](#). For the up to date list of BCS events please check the [BCS Event listing](#).

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 our [website](#) for current volunteering opportunities or email us at volunteering.berkshire@bcs.org.uk if you represent, or know of an organisation that needs help, or have any other suggestions.

Running own events

BCS Berkshire would like to invite members who want to showcase their projects or run their own events to contact events.berkshire@bcs.org.uk.

Appeal for information on Neurodiversity

The Diversity and Inclusion Officer for the BCS Berkshire, Pete Self has been approached by Reading Geek Night about supporting a week on diversity in their workplace. If anyone has anything relating to Neurodiversity that they are happy to share, please contact us at: chair.berkshire@bcs.org.uk.

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>; Call for speakers: <https://gdgreading.dev/go/speak>; Call for volunteers: <https://gdgreading.dev/go/volunteer>
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Upcoming event

30th June, 2022 - Galatia Evangelidou, Network Operations Manager for Historic Environment Scotland, will provide an online 'Introduction to Network Subnetting – Subnets, IP addresses and Subnet Masks'. Members encouraged to save the date, tell your friends and watch for the booking link on our web site.



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