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BCS, The Chartered Institute for IT

South Wales Branch Annual General Meeting

Thursday 28 September 2023

Zoom ONLINE event

<http://southwales.bcs.org>



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Welcome & Notices

Apologies & Minutes of 2022-23 Annual General Meeting

- Apologies for this meeting
- Minutes of the last AGM and Chair's report available via branch web site

2023 Annual General Meeting: Agenda



- 1 – APOLOGIES
- 2 – MINUTES OF LAST YEAR'S MEETING
- 3 – CHAIR'S REPORT
- 4 – VICE CHAIR'S REPORT – STEM PROJECT
- 5 – HERITAGE COMPUTING COORDINATOR'S REPORT
- 6 – SOCIAL MEDIA OFFICER'S REPORT
- 7 – EARLY CAREER ADVOCATE'S REPORT
- 8 – EDUCATION LIASION'S REPORT
- 9 – SECRETARY'S REPORT
- 10 – TREASURER'S BUDGET REPORT
- 11 – UPCOMING EVENTS
- 12 – ELECTION OF COMMITTEE FOR 2023-24
- 13 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Chair's Report: Branch Committee



- Committee meetings
 - First Wednesday of every month
 - Traditional business meetings and themed meetings (run online since March 2020)

- 11 committee meetings held since the last AGM

Chair's Report: Committee Members 2022-2023

Who	Roles	Who	Roles
Andy Bellamy*	Branch Chair	Paul Bulmer	Vice Chair + STEM coordinator
Jonathan Fish*	Branch Treasurer	Fred Long	Mid Wales Branch Representative
Michael Warman*	Branch Secretary and Membership secretary	John Tucker	Computer Heritage Coordinator
Jonathan Ayodele	Early Careers Advocate & Social Media Officer	Rob Ludman	Co-opted Member
Elaine Haigh	Inclusion & Diversity Officer Education Liaison Officer		

Chair's Report: Branch Activities & Events

Quantum Computing - is this the future of IT?

GDPR four years on

Clearing Out the Loft: The Joys and Perils of Transforming Legacy File Services

Joint Event with IET: Engineering the Human Factor

Getting the Nation Coding with Code Club and CoderDojo

Joint Event with IET: Harnessing the Industrial Internet of Things at Tata Steel

How computing power is aiding fusion power

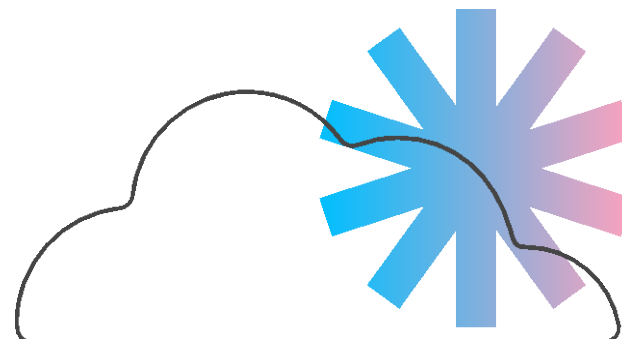
Skills-based volunteering in IT - Joint with Bristol and Bath Branch

Chair's Report: Special Projects

* My Digital Future

BCS, through a newly created charity (BCS Foundation), is developing locally responsive programmes to transform individual life chances, creating a movement of inspirational role models, extending opportunities to young people facing challenging circumstances to create a more diverse profession

These programmes, drawing on the skills and experience of BCS members, are collectively known as My Digital Future



Chair's Report: Special Projects

BCS in Wales – Regional Hubs

Regional hubs join the dots between BCS stakeholders in a region to create an **ethical and competent profession** working towards advancing **a society that is resilient and thriving in a digital world.**

Practically, hubs provide BCS as a community of employers, educators and members with an opportunity to learn about stakeholder needs, helping them to solve challenges and curate activity through building local partnerships which help to address:

- Development of early career professionals
- Supporting graduates into careers
- Facilitating exchange of knowledge between educational providers and employers
- Curation of content to support members at every stage of their career
- Influence regional policy makers
- Address social economic needs of a region

Vice Chair's Report:
Branch Special Projects



BCS South Wales Branch

STEM in Wales

Computer Heritage Coordinator: Branch Special Projects

Pioneering People and Places

Swansea University's *History of Computing Collection* is an archive, museum and study centre at the University's Singleton Campus. It collects equipment, software, manuals, books, ephemera and, especially, personal archives and testimonies.

This year BCS South Wales announced a joint project with the Collection
The Computer Revolution and Us: Pioneering People and Places
having the aim:

To explore the history of computing and its impact in south Wales based on the memories and experiences of the members of the BCS, present and past.

So far, a small number of members have volunteered and we have made progress in looking at the early development of computing in the schools of south Wales. There is so much more to uncover and preserve!

<https://www.bcs.org/membership-and-registrations/member-communities/south-wales-branch/history-of-computing/>

John V Tucker, Computer Heritage Coordinator

Social Media Officer Report: Branch Social Media & Web Site



- Contains details of events for branch and links to related groups:
 - Mid-Wales branch
 - Chester and North Wales

- We are also active on social media, and you can follow our Twitter and LinkedIn for event updates.

https://twitter.com/bcs_south_wales

<https://www.linkedin.com/groups/8843006/>

Social Media Officer Report: Branch Social Media & Web Site

Social Media Purpose

Brand Awareness: To increase the visibility of the South Wales BCS branch within the local and national tech community.

Member Engagement: To foster a sense of community and encourage active participation among BCS members.

Knowledge Sharing: To provide a platform for sharing industry insights, best practices, and the latest trends in technology.

Networking: To facilitate connections and networking opportunities among IT professionals, including early career members.

Promotion of Events: To promote and generate interest in BCS South Wales branch events, workshops, and conferences.

Social Media Officer Report: Branch Social Media & Web Site

Making IT good for society

BCS South Wales Branch

Listed group

Earn an Active Group badge

Start a post in this group

Media Poll

All Recommended

196 members
Including Andy Bellamy and 2 other connections

Invite connections

Show all →

Analytics
Last 15 days activity

3	Active members	▲ 200%
1	New members	● 0%

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BCS South Wales
660 posts

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This is the official account for the @BCS South Wales Branch..."Making IT Good for Society" in Wales.

Cardiff, Wales southwales.bcs.org Joined May 2011

230 Following 337 Followers



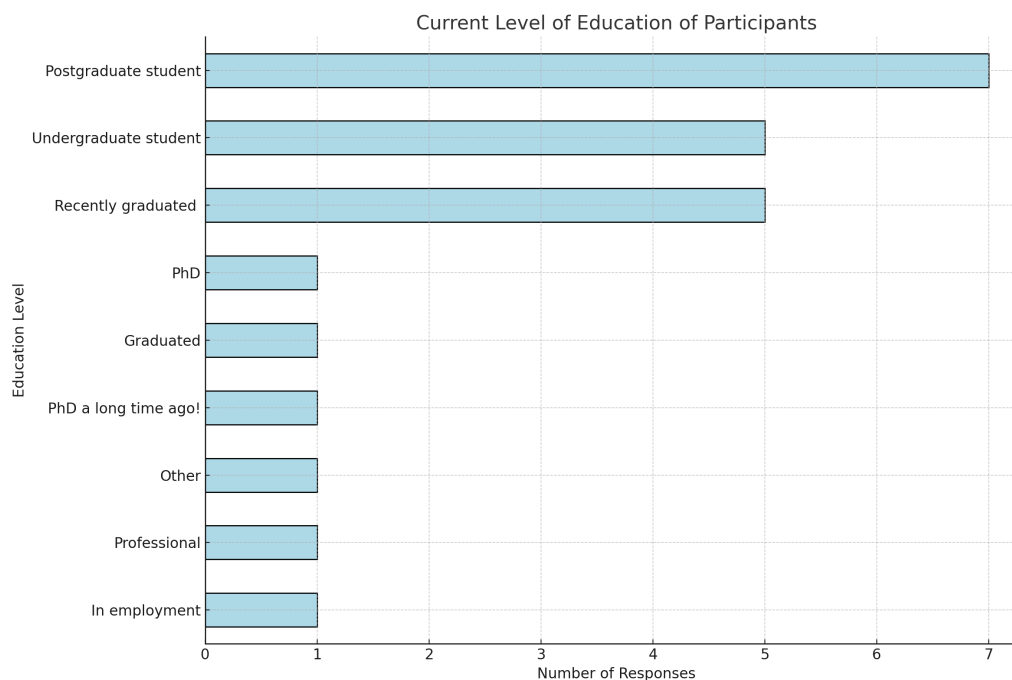
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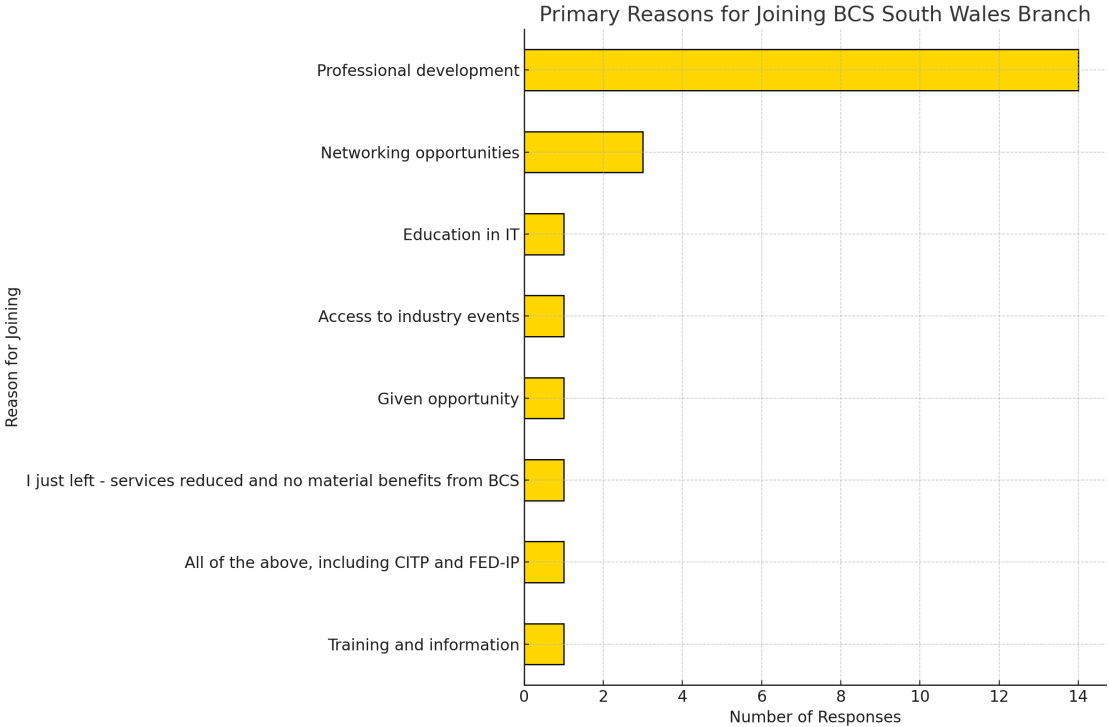
 **Follow on Twitter**

Early Careers Advocate: Branch Initiatives for 2023

We sent out a survey to understand the specific challenges, aspirations, and expectations of the early careers community. Responses were low but here are key findings from the survey.

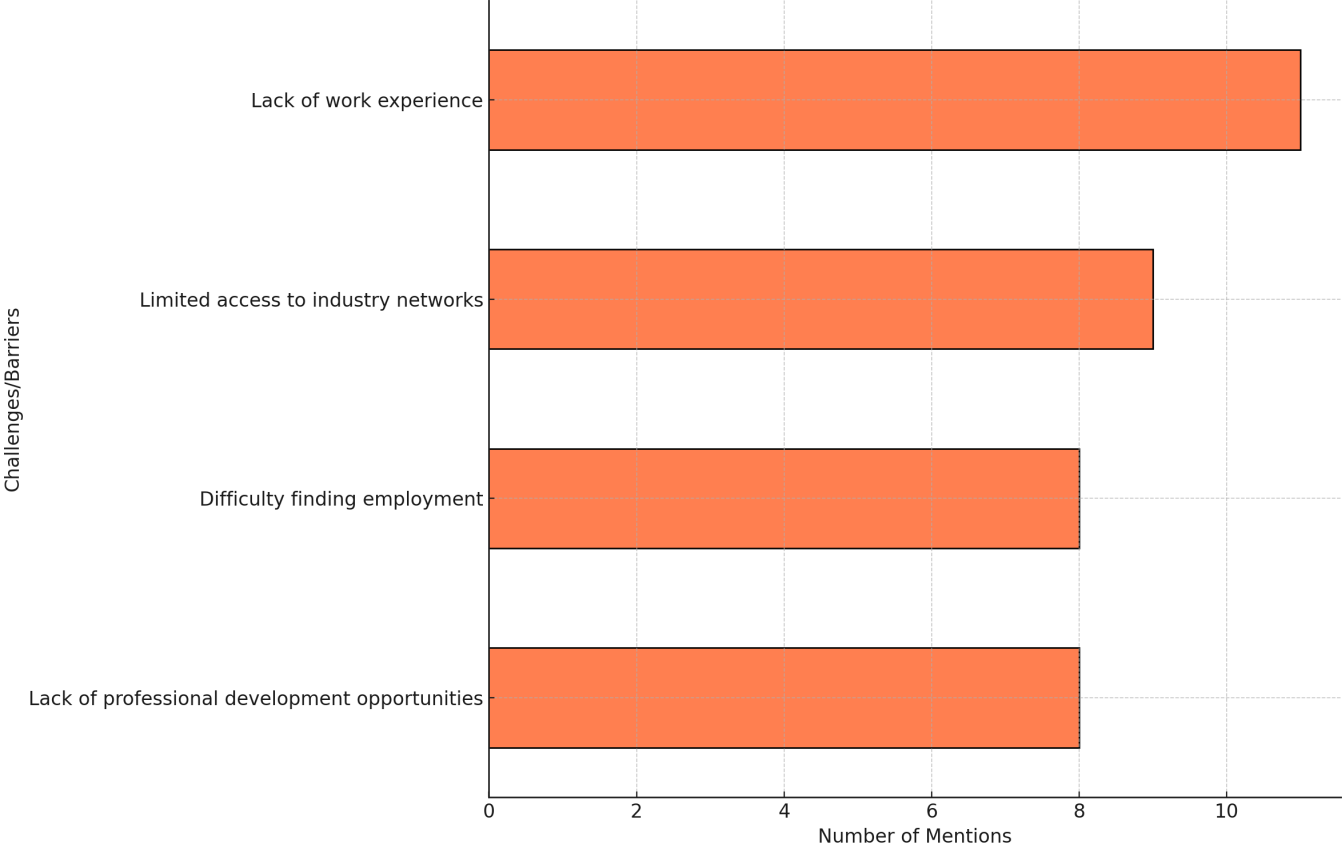


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Challenges Faced by Students or Early-Career Professionals in Computer Science



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Summary Points

- The majority of respondents are postgraduate students, recently graduated, or undergraduate students.
- Professional development is the primary reason for joining the branch.
- The most popular areas of interest are software development, AI, and machine learning and cybersecurity.
- Most respondents are not aware of the specialist groups in BCS.
- Lack of work experience is a top challenge faced by respondents.**
- Other significant challenges include Limited access to industry networks, Lack of professional development opportunities, and difficulty finding employment.
- Some respondents felt the survey was not relevant to them, suggesting possible issues in survey distribution

Education Liaison: Branch Engagement with HE and Student Chapters

Branch Engagement

Higher Educations engagement with the Branch has been less frequent over the past 3 years down to additional pressure on staff due to the pandemic, and in some cases, staff retirement

New links have been formed more recently with a number of HE institutions across the region and the committee now has representatives from Cardiff Met, Cardiff University, Swansea University and University of South Wales. The Branch plans to host an event at a HE institution at least once this academic year.

Student Chapters

Student signup again this year, with heavier promotion of BCS SIG activities and increased engagement with SW Branch. Networks include Cyber Societies and three new student focused / led Cyber clusters
Student Chapter discussions are ongoing.

Secretary's Report : Activities from 2022-23

BCS Branch and MyBCS websites

The committee has review both these sites this year and have made many improvements including:

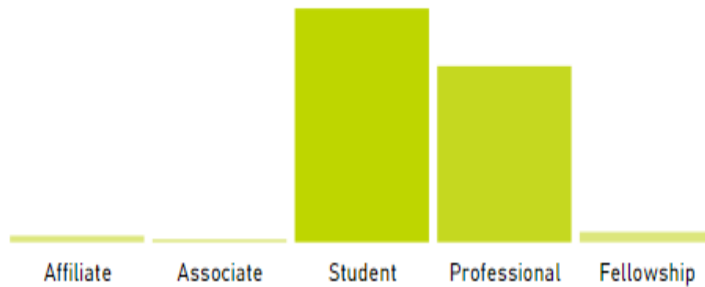
- A link to our YouTube channel to view our past events
- A new STEM in Wales page
- A new History of Computing page
- Improved navigation and content.
- LinkTree page created <https://linktr.ee/SouthWalesBCS>

Other activities

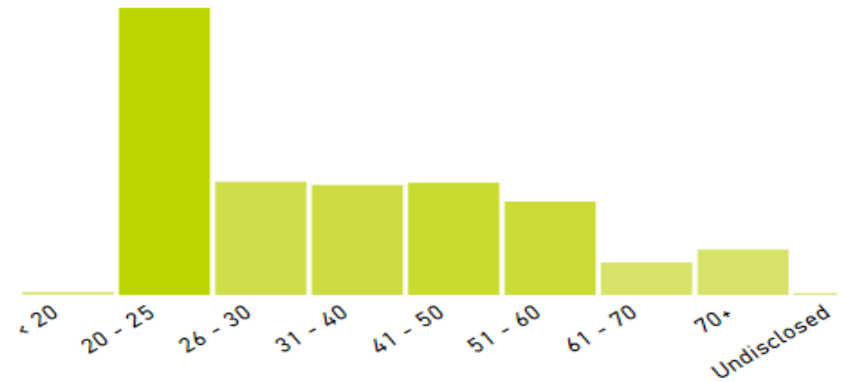
- I continue to volunteer for the IT Leaders Forum & Enterprise Architecture Specialist Group.
- I've also joined the BCS Community Support Committee.
- A mentor for the My Digital Future scheme.
- Supporting the launch of the new Wales Hub.

Secretary's Report : Membership Report 2023

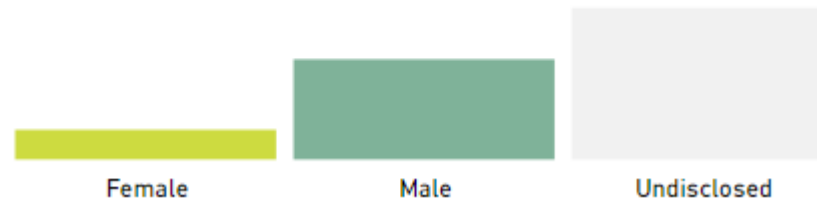
Grade Distribution



Age Range Distribution



Gender Distribution



Secretary's Report : Membership Report 2023

Grades and %

	2023		2022	
Affiliate	49	2%	53	2%
Associate	22	1%	53	2%
Student	1,773	54%	1,744	54%
Professional	1,336	41%	1,274	40%
Fellowship	78	2%	86	3%
Total	3,258		3,210	

Changes in the year

	2023
Affiliate	-4
Associate	-31
Student	29
Professional	62
Fellowship	-8
Total	48

- Following BCS lead review and changes to how they assign membership grades, there is a reduction in both Affiliate and Associate members.
- Which has been offset by an increase in both Student and Professional members.
- The reduction in Fellowships will be reviewed this year.

Treasurer's Report: Annual Budget Report and Forecast 2023-24

2022/23 Budget

- Budget allocation was £1,230 which comprises
 - £1,230 running costs for events (excluding sponsorship)
 - Separate request process for sponsorship, student prizes and membership from central funds
 - Zero branch income projected
- Spent less than 5% of the allocated event budget in 2022/23

2023/24 Budget

- Budget allocation is £2,000 which comprises
 - £2,000 running costs for events (excluding sponsorship)
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Upcoming events for 2023

Rockets and Tech

Cyber First Girls - Cyber event

Exploring BCS Member Benefits

Annual History Lecture - Lyons Computer

STEM A Showcase of IT Resources

Early Career Branch Research Project

Keep UpToDate on our Upcoming Events on the Branch site

<http://southwales.bcs.org>

Our events are always free and open to BCS members and non-members

How can you get involved with our events?

Election of Committee 2023-2024

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Vote using the 'raise your hand' option in Zoom

Any Other Business



- No notifications received

Close

The Committee would like to thank all the members for their support throughout the year

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