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ISACA Northern England Chapter Newsletter

Hello everyone, I hope you and your loved ones are safe and well. Is it too late to say Happy New Year! Hopefully there is some light at the end of the tunnel.

This is our first Newsletter of 2021; I will try and keep it light.

Events

We hope you enjoyed this month's event, it kicked us off for our 2021 schedule of events.

IMPORTANT NOTE: the February event is now on the 24th, we have had to change the date due to unforeseen circumstances.

Can I remind you when either booking events or claiming CPEs to use the email address and your name (e.g., Robert and not Bob, if you have Robert registered) you have registered with ISACA otherwise your CPE may not be processed successfully.

We appreciate that everyone is experiencing some levels of Zoom/Team fatigue whilst we plan to have an event in April but will take a rest in May. This will enable us to plan the June half day Conference / AGM.

Member Survey

We are working on a member survey to be sent to all members in the coming weeks, this is to help us to understand your needs and to further improve our offerings. I will send it to each of you soon.

To reward what we hope will be a fantastic response we will pick a random member who has completed the survey and send them a £50 gift card.

Thank you in advance.



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Northern England Board News

As a chapter we are growing fast and as part of this we are looking to develop the composition of our Board. We are keen to embrace diversity and inclusion and ensure the Board composition is a better representation of our membership to ensure all voices are heard. This is a really exciting opportunity to give back to the profession and develop your confidence in being a board member. There are many benefits to be had while recognising that board membership is voluntary. Our Vice President, Sarah Orton has been able to speak at national and international events about the SheLeadsTech initiative allowing her to grow both her knowledge and her network internationally. Of course, being a board member demonstrates your commitment to the profession and is highly regarded by employers.

Key parts of the role include attendance at chapter events and monthly chapter board meetings. Of course, much of this is online currently. All new board members will be given a buddy board member to assist in their induction into the board. We are looking to run board recruitment processes during March/April 2021 for the 2021/22 season. If this is something that interests you please do get in touch to express your interests. I and/or Sarah (vicepresident@isaca.org.uk) would be happy to discuss what is involved in being a board member with any interested candidates.

Update on Renewal of ISACA Membership

Due to the Pandemic ISACA Global have further extended the renewal period to the end of March. For the 77% of members who have already renewed thank you for your continued support.

A reminder for those yet to renew if you have a certification and are at the end of your 3-year cycle of recording CPEs, you have to update your CPEs before you renew. We have loaded the CPEs for all 2020 events now, so you should be able to select the events you attended.

Don't forget we have reduced the chapter membership fee for 2021 to help you financially in these testing times.

We now have 1030 members this is fantastic we had 750 in June 2017.





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Video on demand

We have seen a decline in the number of members viewing the past event videos. Whilst we would like to continue to provide on-line events on our chapter's website, if the demand is not there the considerable effort in making them available can be utilised elsewhere. We will make a decision based on demand in the near future. As they say use it or lose it.

CPEs

Just a little reminder you only need to collect / report CPEs if you have ISACA certifications.

Other online training

Our friends in Central UK Chapter will continue to offer exam training courses in 2021. If you are looking for cost effective and successful training please see their site for info:

<https://engage.isaca.org/centralukchapter/home>

UK Cyber Security Council

The Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport (DCMS) have recently made an announcement.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-uk-cyber-security-council-to-be-official-governing-body-on-training-and-standards>

ISACA are one of the founding members of the Alliance who have been working on the creation of the UK Cyber Security Council. Many of our fellow members are actively contributing to this project.

We will keep you updated as soon as more information is available for sharing.



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SASIG Events

Our friends at SASIG continue to provide free access to our Chapter members to their usually daily webinars. See the link on our Chapter site.

Also, SASIG do record your attendance. However, we do not update your CPEs for these webinars. It is your responsibility to update your SASIG CPEs via MyISACA.

ISACA Insights

As an ISACA member, you have access to new tools that can give you those additional insights and data points you might be seeking. Here are some highlights:

CYBERSECURITY

- [Case Study: Transforming Princeton's Security Culture Through Awareness.](#)
According to the ISACA® 2018 Cybersecurity Culture Report, 95 percent of global survey respondents identify a gap between their current and desired organizational culture of cybersecurity. This gap is reflected in the reality that most security breaches have user errors (or worse) as part of their causal chain. User awareness programs can reduce information risk and, in some cases, enhance user experience or productivity by improving security-related behaviours and the overall security culture at an organization.
- Learn how to [Report Cybersecurity Risk to the Board of Directors by adopting the necessary mindset of a Board member to communicate effectively.](#)
[Produce congruency between cybersecurity initiatives and strategic direction that result in support for budget, standing and reputation for the cybersecurity organization.](#)

PODCASTS

Two thought-provoking podcasts are available:

- [Assessing the Ethical Implications of Information Technology](#)
- [What Makes a Threat an APT?](#)

BLOG POSTS

Blog posts include:

- [Five Security and Emerging Tech Insights for 2021](#)
- [Building on the Lessons from 2020](#) from CEO David Samuelson



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CPE OPPORTUNITY

[Earn 1 Free CPE Credit—Take a Journal Quiz—](#) Your membership comes with the opportunity to earn FREE CPEs. As you may know, an easy way to do that is to complete a free *ISACA® Journal* quiz. Test your knowledge and discover what you have learned with these free quizzes.

Finally

Thank you for your continued support, take care and stay safe.

Let's look forward to a wonderful 2021.

Regards

John Jones



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