

President's Message

Welcome to the May edition of the ISACA Northern England Chapter newsletter!

As we close the 2025/26 season, we're excited to bring you the latest insights, updates, and opportunities within our professional community. In this issue, you'll find a host of valuable resources, thank you for being part of our vibrant community.

Event Details

Save the dates

Please note that these may be subject to change. We will inform you when bookings are open for the following events. This is typically 4 weeks before

- 20th May – Leeds Village Hotel North (Bookings closed)
- 17th June - AGM and Full day event Leeds (Bookings open)
- 16th September - Hindley
- 21st October - Leeds

Typically, our events are fully booked and then we hold a waitlist (the majority of members on waitlist have been able to attend). This has been working well but the sooner you can let us know that you cannot attend by contacting the Vice President (vicepresident@isaca.org.uk), the sooner we can let people on the waitlist can attend and catering arrangements can be finalised.

We have been listening and will be trialling a few meetings with a larger capacity to gauge the uptake and monitor attendance.

Regular monthly event will typically accrue 3 CPE credits, and the Full Day Event will typically provide 7 CPE.

ISACA's AGM and Board Nominations

Our AGM will be held at our full day conference on 17th June, if you have any questions regarding this please do not hesitate to contact the Board. As part of the AGM we will be voting in our Board as well as announcing some Board member departures. With this in mind, are you interested in making a difference in your field? We are currently holding interviews for positions on the ISACA Northern England Board and would love to have passionate members join us. If you're interested, please reach out to learn more!

ISACA's Mission Statement

Our Chapter is one of over 220 Chapters that forms part of the ISACA Global Community which has the following Mission Statement: "Empower our members throughout their careers by providing comprehensive knowledge, skills, credentials and access to a global community—ensuring they are well-prepared to meet today's challenges and drive tomorrow's innovations."





ISACA's Strategy

Building career journeys that nurture the continuous development and professional progress of our members.

There are three streams to the Strategy:

- Academic
- Credentialing, Learning
- Membership, Chapters, Local Networking & Mentorship

Membership

Important - Members Chapter Survey

It's that time of year when the board are getting ready for their strategy day. It really helps to hear your views as chapter members so we can consider how we can make your membership even more worthwhile. If you haven't already completed the annual Members Chapter Survey, please help us to help you by filling it in by Saturday 23rd May 2026. Whether you are a regular user of resources, attend many events or a just dip into using your membership features then please fill in your opinion. Follow this link [here](#).

Member Exclusive Articles

The *ISACA Journal* Online Exclusives for members-only includes knowledge and expertise including:

- [Leveraging COBIT for Stakeholder Engagement in AI-Powered Audits](#)
- [When AI Writes the Vulnerability: Securing the Cognitive Layer of Modern Development](#)
- [Designing Quantum-Safe Apostille Systems in a Multiregime Privacy World](#)
- [The Value of the Cyberrisk Agent in M&A](#)

<https://www.isaca.org/resources/isaca-journal/issues/2026/>

Advanced Notice: eReader Change

ISACA will be transitioning RedShelf to the VitalSource platform which is renowned for its intuitive and user-friendly interface, offering a range of features designed to enhance the study experience for our members and certification holders.

What's next:

- **The transition** is scheduled for Tuesday, 4 August 2026.
- Users will continue to access their eBooks through "MyISACA", and there will be no change to their ISACA login credentials or purchased content.
- Current eBook users are expected to be notified in early June, with details and instructions provided through emails, updates on product pages, and a banner on the "MyISACA" Resources page.
- **An FAQ** with more information will be provided to current eBook users.

One important action some users may need to take:

- Existing notes, highlights, bookmarks and reading progress created in RedShelf will **not** migrate to VitalSource. Users who rely on those features should review any important information before the transition date.

As always, your support and leadership are greatly appreciated. If members have questions or need assistance, please direct them to [ISACA Support](#).





Member Advantage

Discover the value of ISACA membership—expanded access, exclusive savings and expert knowledge. As part of a global professional community, you gain skills, resources and networking opportunities that can boost your earning potential and help advance your career.



ACCESS	MEMBERS	Non-Members
A global community of ISACA members	195,000+	⊘
Mentorship Program (mentor or mentee)	✓	⊘
Engage Exam Prep Forums: Online Certification Study Groups	✓	⊘
Engage Online Communities: Domain and special interest	✓	✓
Volunteer opportunities	✓	Limited
Awards: Global achievements, chapters, certification exam top scores and Hall of Fame	13	9
Global chapters	230+	⊘

CAREER ADVANCEMENT	MEMBERS	Non-Members
Certification and certificate exams	Save up to 25%	Full price
Certification and certificate exam prep	Save up to 30%	Full price
Certification maintenance fees	Save up to 45%	Full price
Hours of free CPE per year	70+	⊘
Webinars: Total US\$3,000+ value	Free	US\$75/each
Career Journey Tool	✓	✓
ISACA Career Center job postings (hundreds of jobs)	500+	⊘
Student Summit	✓	⊘
Virtual Workshops	Save up to 10%	Full price
Member Experience Leadership Series webinars	Free	US\$125
LeadHERship Series webinars	Free	US\$75
Training Weeks	Save up to 10%	Full price
Conferences: North America, Europe, GRC and Virtual	Save up to 10%	Full price
Publication shipping: Ground/economy	Free	Full price

KNOWLEDGE	MEMBERS	Non-Members
ISACA Journal (digital)	✓	⊘
White papers: More than 75	✓	✓
Audit programs: More than 45	Free or discounted	Full price
COBIT publications	Free or discounted	Full price
Practical tools (checklists, policy templates)	Free or discounted	Full price
Frameworks, standards and models	Free or discounted	Full price
PLUS award-winning content, including blog posts, podcasts, case studies, global surveys and research	✓	✓

Prices subject to change. Please check www.isaca.org for the latest information.

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Certification

ISACA Certifications & Training – Early 2026 Update

Over the past three months, ISACA has introduced several important updates across its certification and training portfolio, with a strong focus on preparing members for the evolving demands of cybersecurity, risk, and AI governance.

AI-focused credentials continue to expand rapidly. The new Advanced in AI Risk (AAIR) certification is now available, aimed at professionals leading AI governance and oversight. Chapters are now extending this momentum: both the Ireland and Dutch chapters have launched new AI-focused training programmes, including preparation courses for AAIA and the emerging Advanced in AI Security Management (AAISM) certification. These chapters are offering a wide range of courses—not just AI—at subsidised rates. Members interested in upcoming dates can contact the Irish Chapter Training Lead, Everett Breakey (breakey@gmail.com).

Significant changes are also underway for ISACA’s flagship certifications. The CISM exam will undergo a major job-practice update effective 3 November 2026, strengthening its focus on enterprise and information security architecture. Updated study materials have been available since 1 September 2025, with older versions now retired. This marks one of the most substantial shifts in the CISM framework in recent years.

The CRISC certification has also been refreshed, with revised domain weightings that place greater emphasis on risk assessment, reporting, and risk-aligned decision-making. These updates reflect industry trends and the growing need for organisations to embed risk intelligence into strategic planning.

ISACA’s broader digital-skills also continues to grow, with increased visibility for its Digital Trust and Fundamentals certificates, including AI, Cloud, Blockchain, IoT, and Cybersecurity Audit. These updates highlight ISACA’s commitment to equipping members with future-ready skills and strengthening global standards across cybersecurity, risk, and digital trust.

If you have any further questions regarding any of the ISACA certifications, please feel free to contact Mark Ellis Certification@isaca.org.uk

Academia & Young Professionals

ISACA Partnership Update: Advancing Quantum Readiness Through Academia

As part of the chapter’s ongoing collaboration with different UK universities, Board Member for Academic Relations (Masudur Rahman) has been leading partnership initiatives focused on emerging technology risk, research, and knowledge exchange.

A key outcome of this work is the co-authored research paper, “Quantum Computing: A Threat to Current Cybersecurity, Quantum Readiness and Roadmaps to Solutions,” which has been submitted to the ISACA Journal and is currently under review.

The paper examines the potential impact of quantum computing on today’s cryptographic landscape, outlines expected timelines for “Q-day,” and provides practical insights into post-quantum cryptography (PQC) adoption, industry developments, and actionable readiness roadmaps for organisations.

This collaboration highlights ISACA’s continued commitment to strengthening the bridge between academia and industry while equipping members with forward-looking insights on emerging cyber risks.





SheLeadsTech

As we prepare for an inspiring quarter ahead, SheLeadsTech continues to champion inclusion, innovation, and leadership through initiatives that empower women in technology. Women In Tech Week 2026, taking place from 12–16 October under the theme “Now is the Time,” is a powerful reminder of the impact women are making across the global tech landscape. Through mentorship, networking, and collaborative discussions, the week encourages us all to support greater diversity and opportunity within STEM and digital leadership. We also invite members of our chapter to be featured in our monthly social media spotlight by submitting their profiles, stories, and achievements to oneintech@isaca.org. Together, we celebrate the voices, experiences, and aspirations that continue to shape the future of technology.

Jobs

If you're currently recruiting and would like to advertise a role, we encourage you to share it with our chapter! Simply send the job details to webmaster@isaca.org.uk, including the job title, location, a brief description, or a link to the full job posting.

And don't forget to check out the [jobs page](#) on our Chapter website for the latest opportunities.

Training and ways to earn additional CPEs

We strive to provide you with information about both ISACA and Non-ISACA Professional Education Activities and Meetings that may be of interest to you. If you choose to attend a Non-ISACA Activity or Meeting, please check out the guidance on “How to Earn CPE” (www.isaca.org/credentialing/how-to-earn-cpe) This will also provide a link to the specific policy for your Certification and how to record such CPE.

ISACA Volunteer Opportunities [Free CPEs]

ISACA Global has several opportunities for members to volunteer including, amongst other topics, Advisory Groups, Mentoring, SheLeadsTech and Certification Task Forces / Working Groups. These are regularly updated, and details can be found here: <https://engage.isaca.org/volunteeroportunities>



Members may be interested in these:

European insights:

- **Brussels is beginning to address advanced AI as an AI governance and cyber issue.** In April, the [European Commission stated](#) that it:
 - Was in contact with Anthropic and [OpenAI](#)
 - Flagged both the AI Act and Cyber Resilience Act as relevant, and
 - Linked Anthropic's commitments under the general-purpose AI Code of Practice to risk assessment and mitigation.

In parallel, the ECB was reportedly examining whether Mythos could heighten cyber risk for banks and financial systems.

- **ENISA released NCAF 2.0 to benchmark national cyber maturity.** Published on 22 April, the updated National Capabilities Assessment framework (NCAF 2.0) gives Member States a more structured way to assess cybersecurity strategy and capability gaps and supports the voluntary peer review process under NIS2 Article 19.

Why it matters:

- The practical implication is that national cyber maturity assessments are becoming more standardised and more closely tied to NIS2 implementation. [Read more.](#)

Government & Regulatory Affairs Highlights:

- **ISACA expands its Advocacy team with two new government affairs experts.** ISACA continues to focus on advancing our interests globally with an expanded advocacy and public affairs team.

New to the team:

- [Tara Wisniewski](#), renowned for her entrepreneurial approach and strong interpersonal skills, returns to ISACA to lead the advocacy team as Senior Vice President of Advocacy. She will use her deep experience to design and execute a global Public Affairs program.
- [Ángel Moreno Rubio](#) joins ISACA as the Regional Advocacy Manager for Europe where he will work on AI, cybersecurity, and how digital skills can help Europe build the future-ready workforce it needs to strengthen its competitiveness and resilience.

Go deeper: [Learn more about ISACA's advocacy in Europe.](#)

- **UK Cyber Security & Resilience Bill progressing.** The Bill has moved into the Commons report stage and is expected to be enacted later in 2026, introducing enhanced requirements across cyber resilience and oversight.
- **UK Safety Tech Sector 2025 Analysis.** The sixth annual review of the UK's safety tech sector was published by DSIT showing how the sector has grown over the last year and is tackling online harms through technical innovation.
- **NCSC call to action on severe cyber threat and why leaders must act now** The NCSC issued guidance on preparing for severe cyber threat and why leaders must act now to collectively build UK resilience
- **Enterprise Connected Device Security Code of Practice response** The UK Government published its response to the Enterprise Connected Device Security Code of Practice call for views, included within were a number of the recommendations that ISACA made last year.



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Other UK & Ireland Chapters

If you are ever in other regions, you can attend their events, but as a courtesy drop them a line to let them know which chapter you are from. (we can only see membership details of our own Chapter members)

UK London Chapter	www.isaca-london.org
UK Winchester Chapter	https://engage.isaca.org/winchesterchapter/home
UK Central Chapter	https://engage.isaca.org/centralukchapter/home
UK ISACA Scotland Chapter	https://engage.isaca.org/scottishchapter/home
Ireland Chapter	http://www.isaca.ie

Northern England ISACA Chapter Board

Do you have a question or query for our board? Below are our specific roles and how to contact us.

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Thank you for your continued support.

Hope to see you all soon at our future events.

Kind Regards

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