sasig Skills Festival

SASIG's Virtual Cybersecurity Skills Festival

In partnership with

UK CYBER SECURITY COUNCIL

Tuesday 22 February 2022 9am – 5pm

The Invitation

SASIG's Cybersecurity Skills Festival is a biannual series where we discuss skills in cyber and connect those looking for work directly with those looking to hire. The conference agenda is packed with helpful content and the jobs fair is on a scale never seen in our industry, with backing from public and private sector alike. We look forward to welcoming both existing and future cybersecurity professionals through our virtual doors.

Best of all, it's all free, for everyone…

The agenda

Alongside the jobs fair, we will be running a cyber skills conference throughout the day. Our expert speakers and carefully curated agenda will provide career advice for all, whether you are looking to advance your cyber career or are entering the industry for the first time.

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9am   **Festival platform opens**
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10am   **Introduction and welcome**
               Martin Smith MBE Chairman and Founder, The SASIG
               Simon Hepburn CEO, UK Cyber Security Council

10.15am   **The making of a cybersecurity leader**
               Ed Rogers Cyber security Engagement Specialist and Chairman, SASIG Gateway
               Hannah Thomas Security Consultant, Capgemini Invent
               Oscar O'Connor Founder and Chief Storyteller, Oscar O'Connor & Co
               Helen Rabe Global CISO, Abcam

               In this insightful opening session, we interview four cybersecurity professionals, each with their own story to tell. Get an exclusive look into the lives of cybersecurity professionals (both those new to the industry and veterans), how they found their way into the industry, and how they reached the top echelons of our industry.

11.45am   **Managing the hidden risks to the cybersecurity profession**
               Dr Claudia Natanson Chair of the Board of Trustees, UK Cyber Council

               The number and type of security breaches are increasing, and the fallout still dominates the media spotlight. We look at the cybersecurity profession and why the UK Cyber Security Council must provide stewardship for the highest possible standards of expertise, excellence, professional conduct and practice in the profession. This presentation shares how the Council delivers its mission as the profession's voice.

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12.30pm   Lunch
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1.30pm   Neurodiversity in Cybersecurity
Cheryl Winter Director of Operations, Creased Puddle

Neurodivergent thinkers can struggle to gain employment because of the barriers placed upon them by organisations that do not have the culture to embrace and empower individuals who think and process the world differently. When it comes to autism alone, the Office for National Statistics (ONS) shows that just 22% of autistic adults are employed. Why? Because they struggle to get through the door.

The ideal solution is for organisations to engage in inclusive practices for all – giving a level platform for individuals to show off their strengths and minimise their sensory overwhelm. But how do individuals who are neurodivergent succeed at recruitment when organisations are behind the curve with their own neurodivergent practices?

2pm   An introduction to the UK Cyber 9/12 Strategy Challenge
Ben Wainwright Organising Team Member, UK Cyber 9/12 Strategy Challenge
Sofia Liemann Escobar 2021 Champion, UK Cyber 9/12 Strategy Challenge

The UK Cyber 9/12 Strategy Challenge is an annual competition for university students, designed to foster the next generation of cyber policy and strategy leaders. With help from an academic coach, teams of four compete to tackle a fictional escalating cyber crisis. In this session, previous competitors will introduce the competition, reflect on their experience, and explain how you can get involved. Everyone can get involved in the challenge in some way – students can participate, industry professionals can volunteer their time, and organisations can partner with the competition. So join us to learn more about the competition and how it is inspiring the next generation of cybersec leaders.

2.30pm   An interview with a success story
Joanna Goddard Partner, Business Resilience International Management (BRIM)
Hania Mohiuddin Aerospace Systems Engineer, Leonardo

Those who break through glass ceilings don't always make noise. At a time when diversity can sometimes be misconstrued as having to force your way through glass ceilings, this is an absolutely unique opportunity to hear from one of the youngest and most exciting technology leads in the UK today. Join us to hear and understand what it is like to design highly technical aircraft, and to lead thinking and exploratory operations within one of the largest and most prominent companies operating today.

Hania is an outstanding role model for any young people wishing to understand where the field of technology can take them. She will explain what ambition has meant for her in her career, what has helped her as a young person within such a technically expert field, and what she would like other young people and women to consider when thinking about their own career progression.

3pm **Dream big: The stars are achievable**
Dave Evans CEO, OKO

In this session you'll hear from Dave Evans, CEO of OKO on why and how you should be thinking big and achieving your dreams. Dave will outline how every young person should have the support of someone that thinks and feels like them, and how OKO is well placed to support your growth trajectory.

You'll also hear from Eli Markham who is a computer science graduate who prior to going through the OKO program had applied for over 90 jobs, with no success. Eli was OKO's first employee and has turbocharged our engineering team and he will talk through the benefits of finding your perfect mentor.

3.30pm **Visualisation: Train your brain, transform your life**
Ben Wainwright Co-Founder, VIVE
Maya Raichoora Co-Founder, VIVE

VIVE teaches visualisation; an active mental practice that helps people train and rewire their brain to transform their life. In this session, Ben and Maya will explain the science and teach you a unique combination of breathwork, meditation and visualisation to help you reach your full potential. This includes a live guided visualisation! There is often a gap between where people are in their lives and where they want to be. So whether you want to take control of your physical, mental and emotional health, improve performance and confidence, or manage relationships better, VIVE is there to close that gap. Or if you are feeling great and want to stay that way, VIVE can help there, too.

4pm **Thank you and conference close**
Martin Smith MBE, Chairman and Founder, The SASIG
Joseph Wise, Community Maker, The SASIG, and Founder, SASIG Gateway

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4.15pm **Networking on jobs fair**
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5pm **End of Festival**
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About

The Security Awareness Special Interest Group (SASIG)

SASIG is a subscription-free networking forum with membership now representing hundreds of organisations of all sizes from across the world and all sectors, public and private. Its 5,800+ membership is drawn from CIOs, CISOs and their staff with responsibility for cybersecurity within their organisations. Professionals from other disciplines (risk, HR, legal, supply, etc.) and representatives from government, law enforcement and academia are also being increasingly welcomed at events. The Chatham House Rule is strictly enforced and universally respected at all meetings, and vendors and the Press are routinely excluded. Thus, the level of debate is extraordinarily revealing and rewarding.

Please register at www.thesasig.com (with a work or university/college email address) for free SASIG membership.

UK Cyber Security Council

The UK Cyber Security Council is the self-regulatory body, and voice, for UK cyber security education, training and skills. It drives progress towards meeting the key challenges the profession faces and develops, promotes and stewards nationally recognised standards for cyber security qualifications and learning. The Council, working closely with the Department of Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) and the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC), the UK's national technical authority for cyber security, supports the UK Government's National Cyber Security Strategy to make the UK the safest place to live and work online.

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