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## Cybersecurity Awareness SASIG Human Risk Management Forum

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Cybersecurity awareness and human risk management are complementary practices that focus on reducing the risks from human error in cybersecurity.

Human Risk Management (HRM) is an advanced approach that goes beyond basic awareness training by identifying, measuring, and quantifying the human element of risk through behaviour analytics, targeted interventions, and continuous monitoring. It uses data from various security tools to create a tailored strategy that addresses the specific human vulnerabilities within an organisation.

At this meeting, we will discuss the various approaches and methods that enhance traditional approaches to addressing the vulnerabilities to data security that arise from human error and poor housekeeping.

All SASIG events operate under the Chatham House Rule, and there is no charge to attend.

**Tuesday 10 February 2026**

**9.30am to 4pm**

**London**

# Chair

**Martin Smith MBE** Chairman and Founder, The SASIG  
**Liz Murray** Chief of Staff, The SASIG

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**9.30am**      **Registration, coffee and networking**

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**10am**            **Welcome and introductions**  
**Martin Smith MBE** Chairman and Founder, The SASIG  
**Oz Alashe MBE** CEO, CybSafe

**10.15am**        **Keynote presentation: Rethinking people in cybersecurity - Evidence, automation and the next wave of change**  
**Oz Alashe MBE** CEO, CybSafe

The industry is entering a decisive moment in how it understands and manages human cyber risk. For a decade, the focus has been on awareness training and phishing simulations. Today, leading teams are moving beyond these surface level activities and looking at behaviour, measurable outcomes and the broader set of risks humans face and create.

Oz examines the forces driving that shift. It covers the rise of AI and rich behavioural datasets, the growing importance of scientific evidence, and the pressure to automate and scale human risk reduction. It also challenges a common belief: Many security leaders see themselves as progressive, yet remain anchored in outdated methods that no longer match the threats or the evidence. This session sets out a clear view of where the human aspect of cybersecurity is going and what leaders must do to get ahead of it

**10.45am**        **Panel session: The Psychology of security - How to drive sustainable cyber behaviour change**  
Facilitated by **Liz Murray**, Chief of Staff, The SASIG  
**Chitra Balakrishna** Professor of Cyber Security, Open University  
**Melanie Garson** Associate Professor, UCL  
**Bec McKeown** Founder, Mind Science  
**Lucy Finlay** Director, Secure Behaviour and Analytics, Redflags

Our panel explores how we combine psychology and cybersecurity in this compelling session. We'll learn how behavioural science can unlock lasting security habits, overcoming the fleeting engagement that so often plagues cybersecurity awareness programmes. Our experts will also provide insight into how human behaviour can become the resilient safeguards we're seeking against evolving threats, bridging the gaps between awareness, action and impactful security outcomes with inspiring new approaches.

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**11.30am**        **Tea, coffee and networking break**

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**12noon**      **Transparent AI & automation: Taking control of phishing defence**  
**James Hickey** Principal Sales Engineer, Cofense

Email remains a key attack vector in today's rapidly evolving threat landscape, and while AI tools appear promising, their risks and limitations can leave organisations vulnerable.

James explores how combining automation with human expertise can create a resilient phishing defence. He'll share insights on leveraging live threat data for enhanced email protection, utilising crowdsourced intelligence securely, and optimising the role of AI and automation in detecting and responding to threats. We'll consider how, by balancing technology and human expertise, organisations can adopt effective strategies to safeguard communications against emerging cyber challenges.

**12.30pm**      **Strength Under Pressure: Culture, Mindset and Sustainable Success**  
**Petra Velzeboer** Author, Psychotherapist, TEDX Speaker and CEO, Mental Health Consultancy PVL

Raised in an extremist cult, Petra learned early on how people absorb risk through culture, silence and unspoken rules. After hitting rock bottom, she rebuilt her life by developing the very skills organisations now struggle to embed: Self-awareness, boundaries, trust and psychological safety.

Petra connects personal survival to professional reality, exploring how identity, pressure and constant digital threat shape human behaviour at work and at home. We look forward to an uplifting and practical talk, filled with tools to prevent burnout, boost wellbeing and ensure your home life doesn't erode under the pressure of work.

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**1.30pm**      **Networking lunch**

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**2.15pm**      **Case Study: Leading Security Culture Through Separation: National Gas' Journey**  
**Rebecca Kyriacou** Security Culture and Awareness Manager, National Gas

Rebecca explores National Gas' security culture in the 12 months following separation from National Grid. We examine the complexities of maintaining resilience as part of the UK's Critical National Infrastructure while rebuilding ownership of systems, processes, and behaviours. Through storytelling and lived experience, Rebecca highlights the challenges, cultural shifts and positive outcomes that shaped a stronger, more accountable security identity.

**2.45pm**      **Trust in the Age of AI**  
**Harry Clark** GRC, Subject Matter Expert, Vanta

Today, the greatest commodity that organisations have is trust. Trust can boost revenue, strengthen customer relationships, and become a competitive advantage in a crowded marketplace. Then AI happened. Cyber-attacks have grown more sophisticated, customer data is more at risk and third-party validation has become a mountain to climb.

But what if the challenge was also the solution? Organisations have two options: Let AI erode trust or harness it to reinforce trust. Harry unpacks how AI can become the champion of trust and how organisations can use it to turn security from a burden into a business advantage.

**3.15pm** **Panel session: Beyond compliance - Quantifying behaviour change as a leading indicator of operational resilience (cyber risk and cyber costs)**

Facilitated by **Dr Jason Nurse**, Director of Science and Research, CybSafe

**Oz Alashe** CEO, CybSafe

**Kate Browning** Director – Security Education and Culture, Barclays

**Katie Beecroft** Associate Director, Human Security Risk, Fidelity International

Measuring the value and impact of cybersecurity habits gives you a powerful way to predict your security posture. Because this data highlights strengths and weaknesses before an attack happens, it acts as an early warning system for your business's resilience. Ultimately, focusing on these human improvements helps you lower the risk of a breach and avoid the expensive costs that come with it.

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**4pm** **End of meeting**

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## About

### The Security Awareness Special Interest Group (SASIG)

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