Business Analysis Conference
Europe 2017

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Collaborating across the community to represent and grow
the Business Analysis Profession.

Challenging the BA Status Quo. For Practitioners, By Practitioners

The Business Analysis Conference Europe 2017 provides an unparallelled
networking opportunity for Business Analysts from across Europe and
beyond. Whether you are just starting your BA journey, you are an
experienced BA or you would like to understand the role of BAs further, this
conference is for you.

Benefits of Attending

- Learn from your peers. The conference provides an interactive forum
  where practitioners of Business Analysis can meet, discuss and debate how
  best to rise to the challenges faced by their organisations today and in the
  future. In 2016, conference attendees had the opportunity to network with
  and learn from over 415 fellow Business Analysis Practitioners.

- Twelve Pre-Conference Workshops. Choose from a comprehensive range
  of workshops on specific topics to get you quickly up-to-speed or fine tune
  your performance. Choose from introductory to advanced levels.

- Five Conference Tracks with More Than 40 Sessions focusing on
  Company Case Studies. Learn from other BAs past successes and challenges
  through a wide range of case studies. Broaden your knowledge and gain
  insights from internationally renowned experts.

The tracks for this year are:
• How to do Business Analysis
• Pushing the Boundaries of Business Analysis
• The Evolving Business Analyst
• Stakeholder Engagement
• Fresh Perspectives

Keynotes

Maggie Philbin
Presenter and
2016 Digital
Leader of the
Year

Michael Noonan
Director of
Business Design,
Transformation, Capita

Graeme Simson
Best-Selling
Novelist (and Former
Business/IT Consultant)

Miles Hilton-Barber
Blind Adventurer and International
Motivational Speaker

Case Studies & Contributors Include:

- AssistKD
- Aviva Health
- Bank of England
- British Standards
- Capita
- Cardiff University
- Department for Work and Pensions (DWP)
- Dunelm
- Whitbread
- European Chemicals Agency
- Harrods
- John Lewis
- Leeds University
- Lloyd’s of London
- National Grid
- Nationwide
- NHS Digital
- Old Mutual Wealth
- Sheffield Hallam University
- Sky
- TSB
- Zurich Insurance

The prestigious Business Analyst of the Year 2017 will be awarded at the
conference on 26 September

2 full day workshops covering the BCS
Foundation Certificate in Business
Change and in Business Analysis - places
limited to 20 per workshop

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### Conference Sessions – 26-27 September 2017 • 5 Comprehensive Tracks to Choose From

| Track 1: How to do Business Analysis (Building Your Business Analysis Core Skillset) | This track is for business analysis practitioners who want to develop their core strengths to become even better BAs. The focus is on explaining the staple tools, techniques and models of successful business analysis. Case studies include: National Grid, European Chemicals Agency, Zurich Insurance, B&CE, Nationwide & Dunelm |
| Track 2: Pushing the Boundaries of Business Analysis (Building On Your BA Core Skillset) | As the Business Analysis profession continues on its development path, practitioners are refusing to be “pigeon holed” as requirements experts and modellers and are increasingly leveraging their core analysis techniques to deliver significant benefit across the entire organisational change spectrum. Case studies include: Old Mutual Wealth, Bank of England, John Lewis, Sheffield Hallam University & John’s of London |
| Track 3: The Evolving Business Analyst (Expanding Your BA Toolkit) | This track aims to explore new and improved skills and techniques that will help business analyst professionals become even more T-shaped and versatile thus adding increased value to the organisations they work within. Case Studies Include: TSB and Sheffield Hallam University |
| Track 4: Stakeholder Engagement (Developing Your Behavioural Skills) | This track is concerned with one of the key aspects of successful business analysis – working effectively with stakeholders, from the board room to the front line. Case studies include: British Standards, DWP Harrods, Cardiff University & National Grid |
| Track 5: Fresh Perspectives (Expanding Your BA Mindset) | This track is dedicated to practitioners who have new ideas to share on any aspect of business analysis. Case studies include: easyJet, Sky, NHS Digital, Aviva Health & John Lewis |

### 25 September 2017 • Conference Workshops • Full Days and Half Days

| BCS Foundation Certificate in Business Analysis |
| Martin Maya, AssistKD |
| AssistKD and BCS present an intensive workshop covering the syllabus for the BCS Foundation Certificate in Business Analysis. Delegates will be able to sit the examination at the end of the workshop and get their results on the same day. The Foundation Certificate in Business Analysis covers the breadth of concepts, approaches and techniques relevant to Business Analysis. It provides a foundation for the range of modular certificates provided by BCS in the areas of Business Analysis, Consultancy and Business Change. In addition, it provides foundation-level Business Analysis knowledge for specialists in other disciplines. |

| BCS Foundation Certificate in Business Change |
| James Cadle, AssistKD |
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| Exploring New Techniques and Creativity as a Business Analyst |
| All Jurowski & Hayley Goldthorpe Department for Work and Pensions |
| This session will cover why it is important to be more visual and creative in the way you work and why it is important as Business Analysts to explore new techniques and adapt your approach in order to work with a wide range of stakeholders and achieve better outcomes. |

| Adapting Agile Analysis Techniques for Data-Driven Projects |
| Lia Petrosian, Business Analysis with Sense |
| The goal of this workshop is to share practical tools for documenting solution agnostic requirements for data-driven projects. These are suitable for use within an Agile development process and include user stories, example based acceptance criteria and decision models for business rules modelling. |

| Unlocking the Value of Modelling Within Business Analysis |
| Fraser Morris, Sophia Works Ltd |
| Terri Lydiard, Teal Business Solutions Ltd |
| Are you interested inUnlocking the value of modelling for the delivery of information system requirements? Then this highly interactive workshop is for you. Modelling, often overlooked and undervalued as an analysis skill is a means of reducing ambiguity, promoting correctness, completeness and consistency in business requirements. |

| The Smart BAs Guide to Requirements’ Approval |
| Vicky Di Ciocca, Be Positive |
| Ever had any problems getting requirements approved? Yes – then come and join us at this workshop where we will explore what can be one of the most difficult parts of the requirements process. |

| Using Assertiveness and the Power of Saying No to Improve Stakeholder Relationships |
| Almarie Meyer, AlmeyInsights |
| Assertiveness is a key leadership skill that anyone can learn to use. These days everything seems to be about putting the customer first, but is it always the right thing to do? You will learn that assertiveness is a skill that can be learned and does improve with practice. You will also hear tips for saying no in a way that improves relationships. |

| From the Battlefield to the Boardroom: What BAs can utilise from the ’Dark Art’ of Interrogation |
| Dominic Powell & Phillip Lawrence Heimdall Group Ltd |
| Business Analysts and Military interrogators have more in common than initially meets the eye. Both must achieve successful outcomes through extracting critical information from stakeholders in highly pressurised, time sensitive environments. Asking questions that cannot, or will not, be answered is useless. We will cover methodology developed through extensive experience and empirical study in the most critical of environments, such as Iraq and Afghanistan, specifically adapted for the business world. |

**Top Trumps - Top Techniques!**

**Christina Lovelock, Leeds University, Debra Paul, AssistKD, Sandra Leek, Lloyds Banking Group, Lawrence Darvill, BA Manager Forum**

In this workshop, the speakers will use the famous Top Trumps format (30 cards, 5 categories) to develop a pocket-sized reference guide to the most valuable BA techniques. This will provide an engaging training tool for new BAs or a great icebreaker game for groups of stakeholders!

**Facilitating Innovation: Think-Shape-Try your Idea with the Innovation Canvas**

**Filip Hendrickx, altershape**

Innovation is hard. Ideas are cheap and plentiful, but execution often falls short and few ideas lead to valuable results within reasonable time and budget. In this workshop, we will use the innovation canvas and corresponding validation driven approach (think — shape — try) to guide idea development.

**Improving Your Presentation Skills**

**David Beckham, Aviva**

During this workshop David will discuss several key aspects of this key skill for BAs and share his learnings derived from presenting at previous Conferences, coaching children and adults at fencing, and MC’ing several Corporate events. The topics will range from the basics of presentation to more advanced matters such as developing your own style and telling a story with authenticity.
Monday 25 September 2017: Conference Workshops

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- Unlocking the Value of Modelling Within Business Analysis Projects
- The Smart BAs Guide to Requirements’ Approval
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Tuesday 26 September 2017: Conference Day 1 & Exhibits

08:00 - 09:00 Registration
08:15 - 08:45 Breakfast Briefing on the BA Apprenticeship Scheme, Lawrence Darvill, BA Manager Forum and AssistKD
09:00 - 09:15 Welcome on Behalf of the Conference Advisory Panel: Debra Paul, AssistKD
09:15 - 09:55 Keynote: Leaders and Entrepreneurs of the Future, Maggie Philbin, Presenter and 2016 Digital Leader of the Year
09:55 - 10:10 BA of the Year 2017 Award
10:10 - 10:40 Networking Break & Exhibits

10:40 - 11:30 Business Analysis: Keeping an Overview and Connecting the Dots
Stefan Bossuwé, Stef BOSS Coaching & Consulting
- Business Analysis – A Change Opportunity?
- Agile and Business Analysis – a Perfect Combination
- Who are Business Analysts “Really” Engaging With? A Peek into “Being Human”
- Are You Thinking What You Think You’re Thinking?

11:40 - 12:30 Requirements Come in Many Shapes
Terese McDonald, Nationwide
- Continuous Improvement Service – a Journey from Inception to Reality in 18 Months
- Making the Chaos Visible (and then Solving It)
- Using BDD as a Communication Tool Between the Business and IT
- How to do Business Analysis (Building Your Business Analysis Core Skills)

12:10 - 12:30: The Agile BA: A Journey of Conflict
Amanda Siha, Sky
- How to Analyse and Manage Stakeholders
Sarah McGinness, Dunedin
- The Evolving Business Analyst (Expanding Your Behavioural Skills)
Lynda Girvan, AssistKD
- Who are Business Analysts Really Engaging With? A Peek into “Being Human”
Linda Mckinley, British Standards
- Are BAs Relevant in an Agile World
Dr J Harrison, Georgia Barker, Emem Amana
- How to Leave Your Stakeholders with an Unforgettable Experience
Kaja Kurowska, Harrods

Ben Devereux, Bank of England
- How to do Business Analysis (Building Your Business Analysis Core Skills)
Alex Cottrell, the Practice
- The Evolving Business Analyst (Expanding Your Behavioural Skills)
Lynda Girvan, AssistKD
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Kaja Kurowska, Harrods

17:05 - 18:30 IIBA UK Drinks Reception Sponsored by AssistKD

Wednesday 27 September 2017: Conference Day 2 & Exhibits

09:00 - 09:10 Welcome: IIBA UK
09:10 - 09:55 Keynote: Beyond the Boundaries, Michael Noonan, Director of Business Design, Transformation, Capital
09:55 - 10:20 Networking Break & Exhibits

10:25 - 11:15 Becoming an Agile BA: Bridging the Gap Between the Theory and the Practice
Alex Costello, Zurich Insurance
- Experiencing the ‘Business Analyst’, Spock – Just Not As We Know It
- Business Leaders Know Us and Trust Us: the Old Mutual Case Study of ‘Thinking Like a Police Officer’
- Business Analysis in an Agile World – Delivering Value, not Just Slack
- Improving Stakeholder Engagement for Conduits: A Warrant for Social Engagement
- Disrupt & Thrive: Design Thinking & You

11:25 - 12:15 The Value of Conceptual Data Modelling
Tom Lottia, European Chemicals Agency
- The Challenges and Benefits of Aligning Architecture and Business Analysis within the Bank of England
- How to Split User Stories Among Multiple Teams
- Cardinal University: A New Student Digital Experience Created for Students, Designed with Students
- Why Should I Care About Pretty Pictures?
- The Dojo of Collaboration

12:15 - 13:40 Lunch, Exhibits, Open Space & Perspective Sessions – 1. IIBA UK - Collaborating to represent the BA Community
- 2. BCS, The Chartered Institute for IT - The Evolution of the Business Analyst

13:45 - 14:30 Keynote: Fulfilling Your Business Potential in 2017 and Beyond, Miles Hilton-Barber, Blind Adventurer and International Motivational Speaker
14:30 - 15:00 Networking Break & Exhibits

15:00 - 15:50 Its ‘Business Analysis’, Spock – Just Not As We Know It
Manoj Phatak, Twenty Eighty Strategy Execution
- Business Leaders Know Us and Trust Us: the Old Mutual Case
- Business Analysis in an Agile World – Delivering Value, not Just Slack
- Improving Stakeholder Engagement for Conduits: A Warrant for Social Engagement
- Disrupt & Thrive: Design Thinking & You

16:00 - 16:50 Bringing Order from Chaos (and How to Not Cause a National Electricity Blackout)
Graham Newton, National Grid
- Audience Analysis – a Technique to Help with Business Change Implementation
Ravi Kumar, Nitoysoft Ltd
- Seeing is Believing: Prototyping with Visio
Leonard Nebra & Kathryn Roughton, Sheffield Hallam University
- Business Analysts in a Dispersed Team
Derys Gobov & Julia Faberova, DataArt

17:00 - 17:10 Conference Close: David McClelland, Journalist & Broadcaster
BCS Foundation Certificate in Business Analysis
Martin Maya, Director, AssistKBD

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Pre-workshop personal study is strongly recommended. Pre-registration is required for this workshop and examination.

The Foundation Certificate in Business Analysis covers the breadth of concepts, approaches and techniques relevant to Business Analysis. It provides a foundation for the range of modular certificates provided by BCS in the areas of Business Analysis, Consultancy and Business Change. In addition, it provides foundation-level Business Analysis knowledge for specialists in other disciplines. Topics covered include:

- The role and competencies of a Business Analyst
- Strategy analysis
- Business system and business process modelling
- Stakeholder analysis
- Investigation and modelling techniques
- Requirements engineering
- Business case development
- Implementation of business change

BCS will be providing and running the examination. The exam takes 1 hour and will take place at 17:00 on the workshop day.

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Unlocking the Value of Modelling Within Business Analysis
Fraser Morris, Principal Consultant, Sophie Works Ltd & Terri Lydiard, Consultant Business Analyst, Teal Business Solutions Ltd

Are you interested in unlocking the value of modelling for the delivery of information system requirements? Then this highly interactive workshop is for you.

Modelling, often overlooked and undervalued as an analysis skill is a means of reducing ambiguity, promoting correctness, completeness and consistency in business requirements. During the workshop the facilitators will use an interactive case study to demonstrate how models can be used. Delegates will have the opportunity to practice constructing key UML models such as use case models; class models; activity models; state machine and sequence diagrams.
generate an eBook which we will distribute after the session.

The key takeaways are:

- Exposure to new and improved BA techniques in the areas of problem definition, root cause analysis and solution generation
- When and how to use the techniques
- New and improved ways of managing requirements approval captured in an eBook

Using Assertiveness and the Power of Saying No to Improve Stakeholder Relationships

Almarie Meyer, Consultant, AlmeyInsights

Assertiveness is a key leadership skill that anyone can learn to use. These days everything seems to be about putting the customer first, but is it always the right thing to do?

Learn the difference between assertive, aggressive and non-assertive behaviour.

Learn why it is important to be assertive. For instance, assertive people have been found to be less stressed, find common ground easier and are better problem-solvers.

Learn specific techniques for being more assertive including how to say no, using the right words and body language, keeping emotions in check and active listening.

The workshop includes examples, stories and anecdotes from 35 years of working experience, what has worked, what didn’t.

Key message: Assertiveness is a skill that can be learned and does improve with practice

Key take-away: Tips for saying no in a way that improves relationships

From the Battlefield to the Boardroom: What BAs can utilise from the ‘Dark Art’ of Interrogation

Dominic Powell, Managing Director & Mark Vause, Business Development Director, Heimdall Group Ltd

Business Analysts and Military interrogators have more in common than initially meets the eye. Both must achieve successful outcomes through extracting critical information from stakeholders in highly pressurised, time sensitive environments. Asking questions that cannot, or will not, be answered is useless.

Dominic and Phillip will present a proven methodology developed through extensive experience and empirical study in the most critical of environments, such as Iraq and Afghanistan, specifically adapted for the business world.

This workshop will involve hands on practice where attendees broaden their mindset and learn:

- Effective Intelligence: – the importance of researching and understanding your stakeholders as groundwork for elicitation
- Rapport & Empathy Building: – how to open up your stakeholders within time critical situations to enable effective elicitation
- Enhanced Critical Questioning Techniques: – how to question difficult stakeholders, recognise deception, and overcome conflict to obtain the right answers.

Top Trumps - Top Techniques!

Debra Paul, Managing Director, AssistK&D & Christina Lovelock, BA Manager, University of Leeds & Lawrence Darvill, Director, UK BA

Manager Forum & Sandra Leek, Senior Lead Business Analyst, Lloyds Banking Group

The BA tool kit is wide and keeps expanding. But which techniques are crucial for good business analysis, which do our stakeholders really value and which are overrated or underutilised?

In this session Christina and Debbie will use the famous Top Trumps format (30 cards, 5 categories) to develop a pocket-sized reference guide to the most valuable BA techniques. This will provide an engaging training tool for new BAs or a great icebreaker game for groups of stakeholders!

They will use the BCS book “Business Analysis Techniques: 99 Essential Tools for Success” as an input, plus other sources and most importantly your knowledge, opinions and experience.

Why join this workshop?

- Engage in lively debate with enthusiastic BAs to discuss and agree the most valuable techniques
- Learn about the 5 components of usability, and how injecting fun and play into business analysis leads to positive results
- Contribute to the production of a unique BA resource

Change, Influence, and Cultural Awareness – Critical Skills and Techniques for Today’s Business Analyst

Alec Sharp, Sr. Consultant, Clariteq Systems Consulting Ltd

Today’s most successful and valued BAs are seen less as “elicitors of requirements” and more as “agents of change,” helping their organisation envision, design, and implement a compelling future state. That’s why the “Business Analyst” job title is often replaced with “Business Change Designer,” and even “Business Syntehsit.”

Our traditional BA tools are still invaluable, but we need more to navigate the minefield of organisational change. This workshop will introduce practical frameworks, methods, tips, and techniques that have been fundamental over many years of introducing organisational change – new systems, new processes, new structures, and even new business models.

All will be backed up with real-life examples, wherever they are on the journey to Business Change Agent, BAs will learn proven tools they can immediately incorporate into their practice. Highlights include:

- People want to be heard – the value of “venting” in discovery sessions
- Understanding “how things get done” – frameworks for organisational and national culture
- Avoiding unanticipated consequences – a structured approach to assessing specific changes

Facilitating Innovation: Think-Shape-Try your Idea with the Innovation Canvas

Filip Hendricks, Business architect meets innovator, altershape

Innovation is hard. Ideas are cheap and plentiful, but execution often falls short and few ideas lead to valuable results within reasonable time and budget.

In this workshop, we will use the innovation canvas and corresponding validation driven approach (think – shape – try) to guide idea development. Some of the challenges this approach tackles:

Shift from product thinking to customer thinking

Turn a “we believe” mindset into a “what are our assumptions & how can we validate them” mindset

Connect with the established organisation’s way of working, engaging more conservative stakeholders without hindering creativity

The approach helps BAs facilitate their organisation’s innovation process, from ideation to value creation. It enables BAs to take a validation driven approach, building customer feedback and agility into the process right from the start.

The approach’s practical application and results in Euroconsumers’ five consumer organisations in five countries will be shared.

Improving Your Presentation Skills

David Beckham, Senior Business Analyst, Aviva

The art of presenting information in an engaging and memorable way is one that all good BAs should master. A Business Analyst is presenting information on a regular basis either in small workshops or important stakeholder meetings and a foundation in good presentation skills is integral to other talents such as facilitation and negotiation. If you can’t present with clarity, professionalism and confidence you will not make an effective and memorable impact on your customers. Drawing on his experience as a Business Analyst and Sports Coach, and using historical examples, David will discuss several key aspects of this key skill and share his learnings derived from presenting at previous European Business Analysis Conferences, coaching children and adults at fencing, and MC’ing several Corporate events. The topics will range from the basics of presentation to more advanced matters such as developing your own style and telling a story with authenticity. During this workshop, you will learn:

The basic structure of presenting

- How to prepare for a successful presentation
- How to deal with the fear of presenting
- How to use other media in your presentation
- How to make sure your content doesn’t overwhelm your message

You will also have the opportunity to examine several case studies from history which will reveal some more of the secrets of great speakers which you can add to your toolkit

Group Booking Discounts:

- 2-3 Delegates 10%
- 4-5 Delegates 20%
- 6+ Delegates 25%

Early Bird Discount book by 30 June and save £100

IIBA and BCS member Discounts Available
Finally, these trends breakdown barriers to a new complex, new, networked model. By understanding the complex nature of the Connected Disruptive Model and how networks work, you will be able to provide opportunities that your organisations have not dreamed about. Re-imagine and rethink your offerings. What is the art of the possible?

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Leaders and Entrepreneurs of the Future
Maggie Philbin, Presenter and 2016 Digital Leader of the Year

What does it mean to be a really effective leader in a digital and fast changing world? How do you identify, nurture and retain the talent you need to develop and build your organisation? Maggie will share her experiences of innovative leadership including the way you can both learn from young people and make a very real difference to their future. In theory, it’s now so much easier to take good ideas forward and commercialise them but in reality, there are tripwires which hold many potentially brilliant thinkers back.

• How to remove the tripwires which inhibit innovation
• How to improve communication and engagement within your company
• How to identify the key qualities needed in a dynamic and diverse workforce.

Beyond the Boundaries
Michael Noonan, Director of Business Design, Transformation, Capita

I want to introduce you to our networked individual. I hear you say “a what?” As we know disruption is all around us where industries that we thought were stable, products we thought would last forever litter the stories of history. The largest taxi firm in the world – Uber does not own any taxis, largest accommodation provider – Airbnb has no accommodation. Our world of ownership is changing it is becoming more about how we network or connect the dots across organisational boundaries. Our networked individual is changing the way we do business! Our organisations need to respond and understand how to seek opportunities in the connected yet disruptive market places. This session explores the ideas that our profession has to transcend the ‘traditional’ boundary to a new complex, new, networked model.

Key Takeaways:
• Ask the question “Are you still relevant and will you still be relevant when increasingly we are seeing a move towards disruption and networked individuals”?
• By understanding the complex nature of the Connected Disruptive Model and how networks work, you will be able to provide opportunities that your organisations have not dreamed about. Re-imagine and rethink your offerings. What is the art of the possible?
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You Can Take It With You
Graeme Simsion, International Best-Selling Novelist (and Former Business / IT Consultant)

Graeme Simsion’s career has taken him from computer operator, to programmer, DBA, data modeller, data manager, business process designer, IT and business strategist, consultancy manager, facilitator, researcher and educator and, more recently, Hollywood screenwriter and best-selling novelist. Graeme will talk about the generic skills in design, management and consulting that have helped him make the transitions and continue to be at the core of his work. You will learn:

• How to extend your analysis and design skills into other domains
• The key strategies for winning support and engaging stakeholders
• The most valuable skills to invest in – no matter what you plan to do next

Fulfilling Your Business Potential in 2017 and Beyond
Miles Hilton-Barber, Blind Adventurer and International Motivational Speaker

Blind Adventurer and international motivational speaker Miles Hilton-Barber keynote will outline a radical yet simple set of life principles that will enable companies, individuals and organisations to become more successful today, despite facing unprecedented global change, wrapped up in a fast-moving, colorful and humorous presentation with photos and video clips from his many expeditions and adventures.

He will challenge you to look again at who you are, and how you can achieve so much more than you think you can in both your personal and business life, because “The only limits in your life are those you accept yourself”...

Some key life principles Miles will be seeking to convey during his presentation will include:

• Our quality of life and potential for fulfilment, happiness and success in both our business and personal lives is not dependant on external circumstances (such as the economy, Brexit etc), but on our internal mental response to them.
• Many things in our life and business not impossible - we just haven't done them yet!
• Focus on your goals and not your challenges or barriers.
• Embrace positive change.
• Persevere in challenging times - it’s just part of life.
• Have fun- enjoy your work.
• Teamwork and good personal relationships essential for growth.
• The only limits in your life are those you accept yourself.

Keynotes

It’s a shame we can’t attend all sessions! They have all been very thought-provoking and insightful. Every BA must experience this.

Chetan Patel, Business Analyst, Lloyds Banking Group

The conference is the highlight of my professional year

Christina Lovelock, Programme Manager, Business Requirements, HSCIC

“Probably the most relevant and effective conference I’ve ever been to.”

Stephen Haarer, Business Analyst, Lloyds Banking Group

The BA conference is the “go to” event for BAs in the UK. I love the diversity of topics, exploring common issues and the collaborative spirit amongst the BAs that attend.

Craig Rollason, UK Business Analysis Manager, National Grid

Overall, hugely impressed. Very much exceeded expectations

Alan McPherson, Business Analyst Manager, Thomson Reuters

I am not alone. That is good to know! I really welcome the opportunity to share experiences with other BAs

Iona McMillan, Business Analyst, Lloyds Banking Group

Well organised, with a very good range of topics and speakers. First conference I have attended but am already looking forward to the next one!

Tuesday 26 Sept 2017: Conference Day 1 & Exhibits

08:15-08:45
Breakfast Briefing on the BA Apprenticeship Scheme
Lawrence Darvill, BA Manager Forum and AssistKD
This half hour briefing will provide outline details of the new business analysis apprenticeship scheme. The talk will include information on:
- Programme development
- Learning objectives
- The challenges associated with operating a successful scheme
Time will be made available for Q&A.

09:00 - 09:10
Welcome on Behalf of the Conference Advisory Panel:
Debra Paul, Managing Director, AssistKD

09:10 - 09:55
Concurrent Sessions:
10:40 - 11:30

Business Analysis: Keeping an Overview and Connecting the Dots
Stefan Bossuvié, Senior Business Analyst, Stef BOSS Coaching & Consulting
Business Analysis covers a wide range of domains, tasks, activities, skills, etc ... which makes it often difficult for people not (yet) so familiar with BA to understand the profession. But even experienced BAs, being absorbed by their day-to-day business, might have lost the overview of what their profession is all about. And what about organisations wanting to adopt BA and/or increase the maturity?
Stefan will help you to take a step back and get a clear overview of what Business Analysis is all about. He will show you the different levels on which a BA can be active, the different types of requirements, the different types of scope, the different types of stakeholders, etc ... but he will also show how they are all connected. The presentation will:
- Take you a step back and give you a clear overview of what the BA profession is all about
- Show you the different levels on which a BA can be active
- Show you different important concepts that are part of the BAs world and their connections

Agile and Business Analysis - a Perfect Combination
Lynda Girvan, BA Consultant and Trainer, AssistKD
More and more organisations are adopting Agile techniques and approaches. Agile adoption brings about changes to processes, approaches and roles, and some BAs can be left wondering where they fit into this new world. Lynda will discuss what it means to be an Agile BA and how an Agile BA you can bring value to your organisation through having the right mindset and a comprehensive toolkit that includes visual models. In the talk Lynda will discuss:
- What is an Agile BA?
- Lean, system and service thinking
- Shortening the loop from requirement to delivery
- How to use agile models to visualise and understand ‘just enough’
- How Agile business analysts add value and contribute to development teams

09:55 - 10:10
BA of the Year 2017 Award

10:10 - 10:40
Networking Break & Exhibits

Business Analysis - A Change Opportunity?
Stephen Ragg, Managing Consultant, CMC Partnership UK Ltd
Looking at Business Analysis through the lens of Change Management, this session explores ways the profession can help maximise success from change.
Successful organisational change occurs when every individual impacted makes a personal transition from how they work today to how they need to be working in the future state the change seeks to achieve, and Change Management facilitates these transitions through a range of coordinated engagement activities.
But...The success of Change Management depends on having the right information available to engage people at each stage, and evidence suggests that many organisational changes lack such information inputs with consequential negative impacts on change success.
This change management challenge represents a great opportunity for Business Analysts to support change in very specific and visible ways through applying their skills to the development of the specific information inputs on which change management depends.
The key takeaways from this session will be:
- The knowledge that successful Organisational Change depends on change at an individual level, and that Change Management is concerned with facilitating such individual transitions.
- Awareness of key research findings on intrinsic motivation and how these shape the type of analytical outputs that form the critical information inputs to change management 3.
- An understanding of the Prosci ADKAR change management model and the 5 specific Business Analysis outputs needed to support it.

Who are Business Analysts 'Really' Engaging With: A Peek into 'Being Human'
Bindu Channaveerappa, Senior Business Analyst, British Standards
Business Analysts are like catalysts or enablers for creating and delivering business value. Engaging with people from senior management, various business & project teams to end users, the BA constantly interact with people and navigate the initiative in line with the identified strategy. As BAs move into senior positions, the challenge is more to deal with difficult people and tricky situations. In a quest to understand what it takes to be a successful BA in every project, Bindu attended trainings, obtained certifications, learned the tools and techniques, only to find one common factor across, which is crucial for success or failure of any initiative and that is ‘people – human relationships and emotions’ and hence this became the fundamental reason for her research. Are we engaging with stakeholders with the understanding of what makes them human? In this interactive session, Bindu gives a peek into her study and extensive research on the underlying layers of human behaviour which completely changed her perspective on seeing stakeholders and people in general and how she harnessed the human potential by being aware of human emotions and behaviours whilst engaging with stakeholders and thereby building good rapport. You'll have an opportunity to:
- Dissect a real project situation to understand the human emotions
- Learn how to tap into human potential and bring creativity into BA activities
- Learn practical techniques to empower stakeholder engagement

Are You Thinking What You Think You're Thinking?
Liz Calder, Director, Blue Raccoon
So, you’re a Business Analyst. You know how to elicit requirements and analyse them. You are objective about your stakeholders’ needs, understand the project scope, can determine

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the cost benefit and still things don’t turn out as expected. It seems that our brains are working against us. It’s called Cognitive Bias.

Why aren’t people coming up with new ideas in your workshops? It’s the anchoring bias, compounded by bandwagon bias.

Are your problem-solving sessions reaching the right solutions? If not, maybe it’s the curse of knowledge or loss aversion bias – Why is estimating seen as a black art? Blame the planning fallacy and optimism bias.

This session will examine these questions and others by drawing on the fields of psychology, neuroscience and behavioural economics and applying them to Business Analysis. We’ll also look at ways to overcome biases and help counter the natural tendencies of our brains. You will take away from this session:

- What Cognitive Biases are
- How they affect both you, as a Business Analyst, and your stakeholders
- Approaches for overcoming biases, or even using them to your advantage

### 11:40 - 12:30

**Concurrent Sessions**

**Requirements Come in Many Shapes**

**Terese McDonald, Lead Business Analyst, Nationwide**

There has been a change in the way Business Analyst’s elicits requirements, business requirements can now be presented in a number of ways:

- Traditional requirement’s documents
- User Stories
- Customer Journeys.

Even though the world of documenting requirements is changing, using user stories and customer journeys etc, the elements of a business requirement still stands true, they should still be clear, understandable, unambiguous, traceable, and testable.

**Continuous Improvement Service — a Journey from Inception to Reality in 18 Months**

**Claire Ward, Business Improvement Manager & Lauren Wagstaff, Senior Business Analyst, Sheffield Hallam University**

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The CI-Team.”

Two years ago Sheffield Hallam University’s BA team recognised an increase in requests for support on local change initiatives and process improvements in addition to work on corporate projects. Their skills were in demand to provide objectivity and challenge, critical thinking, and techniques to enable and facilitate improvements and organisational change. Recognising and leveraging this opportunity is how their journey began. They now operate a fully functional Continuous Improvement (CI) service within their BA team. They have high demand across the business for their skills on varied improvement initiatives and for their bespoke training courses.

This session will take you through their journey with an honest portrayal of what worked and what didn’t, identifying how to create a successful CI service. Key Takeaways:

- An understanding of adapting industry BA, Lean and CI tools to provide simple and effective ways to enable and empower teams to improve ways of working and processes.
- An understanding of how to build CI capability and culture at all levels in a complex business
- Ideas on how to apply their journey to their organisation formulated through discussion about where CI would be valuable and how BA skill sets could be utilised in their business

**Making the Chaos Visible (and then Solving It)**

**Dr J Harrison, Business Analyst & Georgia Barker, Business Analyst & Enem Amana, Business Analyst, ThoughtWorks**

When as BAs we move into the Process Analysis/Service Design areas of our practice we are faced with uncovering chaos in processes, running into overlapping silos, our exceptions have exceptions, and the edge cases multiply.

Often when faced with this we do everything we can to simplify the view of the world - make it pretty. Then we try to get the buy-in from everyone to change this.

This talk suggests we should show the chaos, all the chaos, in a messy hand drawn way - and then work to unravel and resolve that piece by piece into the new world.

It is a way of working forward with the business - by making them revel in the mess of their world, to the point where the ridiculousness of current processes are perfectly clear to the point of giggles - then getting buy-in to the new ways of working is so much easier. This presentation covers:

- Why chaos is useful
- Laughing in the face of it all
- Getting the business to SEE the cost of the current process
- Walking out with buy-in to any changes

**Psychology and the Business Analyst**

**Ryan Hewitt, Lead Business Analyst, Department for Work and Pensions (DWP)**

Having the unique background of a Psychology degree & 10 years BA experience, Ryan will discuss the importance of “people over processes”.

He will talk about the impact of behaviour on product development & help people understand why certain patterns happen and what they can do about them. For example, he will talk about:

- Elements of group dynamics – how groups develop and the importance of their dynamics on assigning roles and identity to individuals
- Heuristics and examples of fallacies. How they lead to common – but avoidable – problems
- The impact of organisational culture on the individual. How organisational culture affects our behaviour and can be changed
- How motivation works & feeds into emergent thinking about holocracy

Attendees will come away with:

- An understanding of key Psychology concepts
- A recognition of why certain behaviour occurs in teams
- An understanding of how to change behaviour

**11:40-12:00: The Socratic Method: Death by Business Analysis?**

**Thamer Miles, Whitbread**

Socrates (469-399 BC) used two metaphors to describe how he engaged in philosophical debate: he is a gadfly, who provokes his interlocutors with persistent questioning; and a midwife, who helps others give birth to the ideas that lie within them.

Does that sound familiar? As business analysts, it often feels as though our stakeholders want us to reach inside their brains and draw out what they need in order to address a particular business problem. It can also sometimes – let’s face it - feel as though they wish we would stop pestering them with endless queries.

This presentation takes a light-hearted look at the parallels between business analysis and the method Socrates used to discuss topics such as ‘What is virtue?’ with his fellow Athenians. You’ll hear:

- It’s not what you know but the questions you ask
- Stakeholders do not always know what they think they know
- Sometimes you just need to back off (spoiler: Socrates died a nasty death)

**12:10-12:30: The Agile Business Analyst: A Journey of Conflict**

**Amandeep Sirha, Agile Business Analyst/Scrum Master, Sky plc**

So, you’ve adopted the agile mind-set. And you’re ready to take on a project…now what?

An agile mind-set is just the beginning for a Business Analyst. There are a number of conflicts that rear their head once the mind-set has been adopted – that’s in addition to the normal change fears. How do organisations foster an environment where just in time analysis is supposed to be the norm, but still require a business case for finance approval?

This session will help the audience explore a number of conflicts which surface once the Agile Business Analyst mind-set has formed. We will cover some key conflicts:

- Can a Business Analyst really be a proxy Product Owner?
- Up front discovery for finance sign off
- Is JIT analysis really a thing?

The three key points the audience will take away:

- What it means to be part of the cross functional team
- Conflicts within the role of an Agile Business Analyst
- Some solutions to help overcome these conflicts

**12:30 - 14:00**

**Lunch & Exhibits**
What delegates will learn:
• Organise it – to take them on a journey of
  • Select your knowledge – based on knowing
  counts. We’ll look at how to:
  • contain, and how we present it to people that
  • examples – good and bad – from some recent
  In this session Ian will look at the reasons why
  elaboration models. Graeme will talk about the generic skills in design, management and consulting that have helped him make the transitions and continue to be at the core of his work. You will learn:
  • How to extend your analysis and design
   skills into other domains
  • The key strategies for winning support and
   engaging stakeholders
  • The most valuable skills to invest in – no matter what you plan to do next

14:45 - 15:15
Networking Break & Exhibits

15:15 - 16:05
Concurrent Sessions

How to Analyse and Manage Stakeholders
Sarah McGuinness, Business Analysis Practice Lead, Dunelm
Stakeholder management is critical to the effectiveness of your business analysis delivery. It is also essential for your professional development. This session will highlight the key attributes to identify during stakeholder analysis. From stakeholder analysis, this session then covers mapping of stakeholders, required outcomes of stakeholder analysis and stakeholder mapping will then be worked through to develop a stakeholder communication plan. This session concludes with a quick fire register of different stakeholder traits and approaches that have proved successful in managing these types. Within this session, Sarah will present the following key discussion points:
• Stakeholder Identification and Analysis
• Stakeholder Mapping
• Stakeholder Communication and Management Techniques.

Using BDD as a Communication Tool Between the Business and Technology
Lettitia Fearon, BA Team Manager, Lloyd’s of London & Seb Rose, Director, Cucumber Limited
Have you ever seen that Project Cartoon, the Project Construction Cycle with the tree swing? There are many different variations of the swing in the tree depending on who was describing it and how it was understood. How many projects have you been on where this is the case? More than ever we need a way to explain the requirements that is understandable and clear for all parties on a project. This is where Behaviour Driven Development (BDD) can fit in, This talk will explore how BDD can be used as a communication tool between the business and the technology team. It will cover how the BA is instrumental in extracting the requirements of the business providing clear specifications for the delivery team real examples.
• Understand how BDD improves communication
• Discover why we need examples to illustrate specifications
• Learn the critical role of the BA in BDD

15:15 - 16:05: Blue Lights to Business Analyst
Philip Radford, Higher Business Analyst, NHS Digital

Tuesday 26 Sept 2017: Conference Day 1 & Exhibits

Philip's route to becoming a BA has been built on a foundation of clinical training. Two and a half years ago he embarked on a career change from Paramedic to Business Analyst. He will share with you the journey he took. He will explain why he decided to change career, how he did it and what attracted him to business analysis. He will discuss the experiences he has gained, both good and bad during this transition and what can be learned from them.

Philip believes that business analysis can learn from other professions. By encouraging people to join from different backgrounds we are exposed to alternative outlooks and new approaches to the work we do. His session will encourage delegates to think more widely about what makes a good BA.

The key learning points for delegates will be:

- The core skills of a paramedic that translate to good business analysis
- The differences between the professions and the challenges presented
- What the BA profession can learn from my experience

15:45-16:05: T-Shaping – How the BA can get Closer to Their Team
Simon Lynch, Senior Business Analyst, Aviva Health

In the current shift towards Agile delivery of projects the traditional Business Analyst function of up-front requirements analysis and build is becoming extinct - fast-paced, Agile delivery requires immediate decision making, and to do this Business Analysts need a better understanding of the people they work with, the work these people do and how they do it. T-Shaping is the art of expanding your knowledge to increase your understanding, and this presentation will focus on how a BA can become more T-Shaped to serve their customers more effectively.

The key messages to be taken away are:
- What is T-Shaping and why is it important?
- The pros, cons and barriers to T-Shaping
- What a BA can do to be T-Shaped in an Agile environment.

16:15-17:05

Concurrent Sessions

Value for Money – The Importance of Benefits Realisation
Claudia Michalik, Lead Business Analyst, Not for Profit Pension Provider

Business change no longer happens in isolation but is set to compete over restricted budgets, skills and delivery schedules within large project portfolios. There is an increasing focus on getting ‘value for money’ when committing to change projects. However, detailed business benefits are not always captured. Business cases are often only describe high-level benefits without making any effort to base-line the initial status quo, defining acceptance criteria, measuring key performance indicators and performing reviews throughout the project lifecycle.

This session examines the importance of benefits realisation for project success at B&CE. It introduces a proven multi-step model on how to incorporate successful benefits realisation throughout the end-to-end project lifecycle. Attendees will learn:

- A ‘hands-on’ multi-step model for benefits realisation
- The importance of a ‘value for money’ approach to justify project expenditure
- How to ensure benefits realisation after project closure.

Panel: Everything You Wanted to Know About Business Architecture but were Afraid to Ask
Moderator: Sandra Leek, Senior Lead Business Analyst, Lloyds Banking Group
Panelists: Filip Hendrickx, Business Architect Meets Innovator, Altershape
Martin Mayo, Director, AssistKD
Martijn Moerbeek, Head of Group Business Architecture, Legal & General
Michael Noonan, Director of Business Design and Head of Profession, Capita Transformation

Have you ever wondered what Business Architecture really is and how it interacts with Business Analysis to effect transformational change? Are you hearing conflicting messages from this relatively new profession and want some clear answers? Well this is your chance to quiz a panel of Business Architecture thought leaders to gain an insight into their profession and how they perceive their profession’s contribution to Business Transformational Change.

Are BAs Relevant in an Agile Team?
Bhavesh Vaghela, Digital Product Owner, TSB

As most organisation move towards a DevOps and SCRAM delivery, BAs find it hard to stay relevant within a SCRAM team. Questions frequently arise am I needed anymore? What is my role within this team? The presentation will talk you through:
- Importance of a BA in an Agile team
- Skills that you need to develop
- Tools and techniques that make you invaluable to the team.

After this session, the audience will have a working knowledge of their purpose in an agile team and more importantly tangible next steps on actions they will take. I shall be running a mini objective/goals setting during the presentation that the audience can then take away with them and implement into their professional life.

10 Ways Your Business Customer Can Damage Your Project - and What to do About Them
Benedicta Makin, Senior Business Analyst, Digital Mammuth Ltd

How ironic is it that an IT project can be broken by a Business customer who is too motivated for success? Benedicta Makin looks at specific problems created by inexperienced or over-ambitious customers which she has spotted over the years, with practical recommendations on how to address them.

Sponsors often assume that an operational leader can dive straight in and shape the Project from the Business side because they’re an experienced manager, right? But a Business custom- er who doesn’t understand what is reasonable to expect from an IT project can threaten the project’s success. There are inexperienced ones, indecisive ones and greedy ones, and you handle them all in different ways. Takeaways:

- The different problems an inexperienced Business Customer can cause
- The likely consequences
- The likely impact on your project

Not a One-Way Street! Build Your Skills and Career, and Support the Growth of the BA Profession!
Janice McNamara, Leadership Coach

Business Analysis is a dynamic and complex profession. Where expertise needs to be continually strengthened and expanded. At early career stage or with many years’ experience, we all need fresh perspectives, to embrace new ideas and to be open to questioning our approaches.

Janice McNamara a mentoring specialist working in collaboration with Karl Shepherd, Professional Development Director IIBA UK, co-created a dynamic interaction between BAs, in a bespoke BA Peer-to-Peer Mentoring Scheme. Mentors and mentees embark on professional development that supports and challenges their business analysis. Not one-way street where the old hand is willing to share their ‘wisdom’, a two-way relationship where both parties bring insights, perspectives and challenges.

The whole programme links directly to BA competencies.

Attendees will learn:
- How the skills in mentoring can strengthen your skills as a BA
- How new BAs can strengthen their skills in a complex BA environment
- How mentoring can play a key role in strengthening the BA profession, internationally, UK Chapter and internally

17:05 - 18:30

IIBA UK Drinks Reception
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Wednesday 27 Sept 2017: Conference Day 2 & Exhibits

09:00 - 09:10

Welcome: Andrew Turner, President, IIBA UK Chapter

09:10 - 09:55

Keynote: Beyond the Boundaries
Michael Noonan, Director of Business Design, Transformation, Capita

I want to introduce you to our networked individual. I hear you say “a what?” As we know disruption is all around us where industries that we thought were stable, products we thought would last forever litter the stories of history. The largest taxi firm in the world – Uber does not own any taxis, largest accommodation provider – Airbnb has no accommodation. Our world of ownership is changing it is becoming

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more about how we network or connect the dots across organisational boundaries. Our networked individual is changing the way we do business. Our organisations need to respond and understand how to seek opportunities in the connected yet disruptive market places. This session explores the ideas that our profession has to transcend the ‘traditional’ boundary to a new complex, new, networked model.

Key Takeaways:
- Ask the question “Are you still relevant and will you still be relevant when increasingly we are seeing a move towards disruption and networked individuals”?
- By understanding the complex nature of the Connected Disruptive Model and how networks work, you will be able to provide opportunities that your organisations have not dreamed about. Re-imagine and re-think your offerings. What is the art of the possible?
- Finally, these trends breakdown barriers and organisations designs that have been understood for many years. As a profession, we need to transcend ‘traditional’ boundaries

**09:55 - 10:25**

**Networking Break & Exhibits**

**10:25 - 11:15**

**Concurrent Sessions**

**Becoming an Agile BA: Bridging the Gap Between the Theory and the Practice**

Alex Cottrell, Senior Business Analyst, Zurich Insurance

Many Business Analysts from a traditional background can struggle to understand whether their skillset is still relevant for Agile project and be clear on how it should be deployed, especially when the focus is often so strongly put on the roles of the Scrum Master and Product Owner. It may make the most experienced BA question where they fit in and make them feel like they need to abandon many of the normal critical processes to align to the new methodology.

The presentation gives practical examples of where trusting standard best practice Business Analysis techniques is essential to the success of an Agile project and demonstrates how having a professional BA will provide unique benefits to the team. The presentation includes:

- Examining the role of a Scrum Master and their traditional responsibilities to the Product Owner and the organisation.
- Challenging areas of the role that sit more naturally and more effectively with the Business Analyst.
- Using the V model to demonstrate how the Business Analyst’s responsibilities fundamentally do not (and must not) change in an Agile project.
- Demonstrating the direct relationship of eliciting requirements using a Waterfall approach (Use Cases) and an Agile approach (User Stories).

**Experiment to Liberate: Revolutionary Development for Evolutionary Delivery**

Matt Thompson, Business Analysis Manager, John Lewis

In a world where tech superstars like Google, Facebook and Apple tell us the Engineer rules, where does it leave the Business Analyst? Specifically, the Business Analyst in John Lewis.

At John Lewis they are working towards Organisational Agility: new ways of working to deliver outcome-based value, over projects and programmes. This has required a whole new set of skills in each of their toolkits, not least the BAs.

This session will take you on the John Lewis BA road trip from domain and system specific analysts, to professional Business Analysts, and along their path to flexible, self-organising engineering teams.

You’ll hear:
- How an evolutionary delivery approach required revolutionary professional development
- How business analysis enabled teams to experiment
- How the practice model was central to supporting and coaching BAs in developing their T-shape

**‘Help me R2D2 – You’re My Only Hope’ – How Robotics Can Help the BA**

Melanie Byrne, Head of Business Analysis and Roger Ashwood, Head of Quality Engineering, SQS Ireland

Let’s face it, when you set out to optimise your organisational processes, how many Jedi masters do you know that you can turn to? I’m guessing none, so is it time to turn to the robots?

Robotic process automation (or RPA) is a form of clerical process automation technology based on the notion of software robots or Artificial Intelligence (AI) workers. RPA can work on Front-End and Back-End processes mimicking repetitive work more quickly, accurately and tirelessly than humans. This results in optimised resource utilisation, increased quality and a reduction in costs.

This session will explore:
- RPA – what is it and how it works?
- How the BA and BPM (Business Process Management) skillset fits with RPA
- How can a BA prepare to come into the RPA world?
- What RPA tools are out there and how they can help your organisation
- Examples where utilisation of RPA has helped achieve optimisation benefits

**The 7 Habits of the Highly Effective Business Analyst (After Stephen Covey)**

Jonathan Hunsley, Principal Consultant, AssistKD

Stephen Covey’s book has sold over 25 million copies and is widely regarded as one of the most influential business management books of all time.

This presentation explores the foundational concepts, each of the habits themselves and their application. Jonathan will share personal insights into the use of the habits and offer practical advice for their adoption by business analysis professionals.

You will learn:
- The foundational concepts behind the 7 habits and an explanation of each
- How the 7 Habits can be used by Business Analysts
- How the 7 habits can be used to support your development

**Unlock Your BA Potential - Grow Your Career**

Michael Augello, IIBA Global Board Director, IIBA

We are often reminded to take ownership of our own career development.

We are often told “your career is your responsibility”.

**Sound familiar?**

Unfortunately...aside from maybe a 30min careers talk from the school Careers Counselor at high school, we have not been schooled, coached or mentored in personal and career development.

Most of us follow our intuition and if we are lucky, we find ourselves in the roles we enjoy. Sometimes we do not even realise it when we are in that role!

What if we approached it a little more structured and planned our development and our careers?

What is the role of our managers and leaders?

What does the literature say? What is your experience?

Take control and Unlock your Potential

Join Michael as he shares his international case study experiences.

You will learn:
- Simple techniques to craft a career development plan
- What a good development plan looks like
- How to get un-stuck in one’s career

**11:25 - 12:15**

**Concurrent Sessions**

**The Value of Conceptual Data Modelling**

Tom Uttilla, Business Analyst, European Chemicals Agency

Conceptual data modelling can prove to be instrumental in making valuable discoveries about the true essence of an organisation’s business: what are the “things of importance” and how do these things “flow through the business”?

This case study will show how conceptual data modelling offers an invaluable tool for the business analyst to:

- Provide the “glue” for business colleagues to have an intelligent discussion about how to develop the business across functional silos
- Facilitate the discovery of which activities act on which “things” leading to an understanding of how these “things” tie the business together
- Create a shared semantic foundation for discussing and agreeing solution requirements

**Join Michael as he shares his international case study experiences**

**What does the literature say? What is your experience?**
The Challenges and Benefits of Aligning Architecture and Business Analysis within the Bank of England
Tazeem Wafa, Business Analysis Manager & James Devereux, Business Analysis Manager, Bank of England

This presentation will provide delegates with an overview of the challenges faced and the resulting benefits from aligning Business Analysis more closely with Architecture. This presentation will tell you how we approached this problem at the Bank of England and the benefits from moving to a revised working model.

The presentation will explain the different viewpoints from the Architects and how this information can be used by a Business Analyst, we will highlight the nuances between each group and how they can be resolved in order to have a true joined up service offering.

Overall, delegates will learn:
• The challenges and benefits associated with BAs aligning more closely with architects.
• How we continue to build these relationships?
• Overview of lessons learned at Bank of England

How to Split User Stories
Tony Heap, Business Analyst Designer, its-all-design.com and Equal Experts

User story splitting is an established practice on agile delivery teams. But in Tony’s experience, it’s really difficult to do well. In this session Tony will cover the basics (what, why and when) but he’ll also deep-dive into more advanced topics. In particular Tony will show that story splitting is an iterative process and that different techniques apply at different levels.

Key takeaways:
• Why splitting user stories is more important than you thought
• When to do it
• What vertical story slicing really means
• Cockburn’s named “goal levels” and why they are relevant
• The various techniques, and what order to apply them in

Cardiff University: A New Student Digital Experience Created for Students, Designed with Students
Gill Kent, Senior Business Analyst & Nick Crane, Senior Business Analyst, Cardiff University

At Cardiff University they have taken up the challenge to modernise the Student Digital experience. They have been working to create a central place for students to access all the services they need during their time with us at Cardiff University.

They have combined Agile business analysis and traditional requirements gathering techniques with a strong focus on user research to create a digital landscape that works for students and enhances their time at Cardiff.

Computer Science Masters Students have been given the Student Digital project as the topic for their group project. The outputs of their efforts have then informed the real Student Digital development.

They have run student workshops and pop-up sessions around the campus to collect student views. Use of wire-frame prototype screens and iterative requirements gathering has enabled them design a system with the students that works for them and enhances their time at Cardiff University.

What you will learn from the presentation:
• How to work collaboratively with your customers, using their input to create a product that they can own
• How building prototypes enables you to understand what works for users and delivers business benefits. Feeding this collaborative learning back into subsequent iterations adds value. This allows you to address any risks early and maximise business benefits
• How Agile story mapping combined with business focus of the service oriented architecture can give you a good visual map of user journeys which results in a product that will work for your customers.

Why Should I Care About Pretty Pictures?
Josh Hart, Business Analyst, John Lewis

There’s a stereotype of people who work in IT. And there is a stereotype in how people in IT work. Black and white spreadsheets. Grey diagrams. Monochrome and monotone. However, the stereotype is far from true. There is a wave of change as analysts are realising that to be heard, they must first be seen. And to be seen, work is moving from grey scale and excel, to exciting new frontiers of data visualisations and infographics.

You’re invited to look at the work of an analyst through the eyes of an artist. Replace tables with pictures, to help make decisions faster, bring solutions to life, and get your stakeholders emotionally attached.

In this presentation, we’ll explore why you should care about pretty pictures:
• The science behind why visual communication is part of our DNA
• How you can start to be more visually creative with your work
• What we’re doing at John Lewis to make this possible

Panels:

Moderator: David McClelland, Journalist & Broadcaster
Panelists: Liz Winiarski, Lead Business Analyst, Nationwide, John Pritchard, Head of Apprenticeships, BCS Learning & Development Ltd, Sharon Rowland, Business Analyst Team Lead, Zurich Insurance

The pace of change is getting faster which means BA Professionals not only need to focus on delivering business value and acting as trusted advisors for organisations but also need to keep ahead of these changes. Artificial intelligence, increased customer expectations….are all adding fuel to this so what does the future hold for BA Professionals?

Our panel made up of leading representatives from industry and facilitated by David McClelland, technology expert, TV host and journalist will provide a lively debate looking at what the future of the Business Analyst will look like.

13:45 - 14:30
Keynote: Fulfilling Your Business Potential in 2017 and Beyond
Miles Hilton-Barber, Blind Adventurer and International Motivational Speaker

Blind Adventurer and international motivational speaker Miles Hilton-Barber keynote will outline a radical yet simple set of life principles that will enable companies, individuals and organisations to become more successful today, despite facing unprecedented global change, wrapped up in a fast-moving, colorful and humorous presentation with photos and video clips from his many expeditions and adventures.

He will challenge you to look again at who you are, and how you can achieve so much more than you think you can in both your personal and business life, because “The only limits in your life are those you accept yourself”...

Some key life principles Miles will be seeking to convey during his presentation will include:
• Our quality of life and potential for fulfillment, happiness and success in both our business and personal lives is not dependent on external circumstances (such as the economy, Brexit etc), but on our internal mental response to them.
• Many things in our life and business not impossible – we just haven’t done them yet!
• Focus on your goals and not your challenges or barriers
• Embrace positive change.
• Persevere in challenging times – it’s just part of life.
• Have fun – enjoy your work.
• Teamwork and good personal relationships essential for growth.
• The only limits in your life are those you accept yourself.

Learn more about:
• The breadth of work undertaken by IIBA UK to develop individual BAs and the BA profession
• The changing environment in which BAs operate
• What opportunity does the future hold?
This talk is about how to integrate business analysis with agile development. It shows a better way of doing business analysis by identifying the customer segments and their value propositions. It demonstrates how to use safety-to-fail probes to reveal the viability of proposed solutions, and how to design the solution for optimal use of information and convenience.

Naturally the talk shows how to write the right story and feed the development team by using a story map.

This is a practical demonstration of working in an agile way. It works through examples that show agile business analysts how to ensure they are solving the right problem and delivering the right value to the right customers.

- Integrate business analysis and agile
- A practical way to be an agile business analyst
- Solving the right problem and delivering the right value

**Impeccable Stakeholder Skills for Conducting a Drugs Warrant - Stakeholder Insights from a Police Officer turned Business Analyst**

Charlie Payne, Lead Business Analyst, National Grid

Have you ever had to spring a ‘surprise’ on a stakeholder and you are not entirely sure how their response is going to be? How do you catch someone off guard and still maintain the best chances for a successful outcome? Insights from a former police officer who spent 2 years on a high performing proactive drugs unit. Charlie will take you through the stakeholder lessons learned from the perspective of executing a drugs warrant and cover essential skills on de-escalation in highly charged environments that make the board room battles look like child’s play.

This presentation will provide you with fresh perspectives on helping you to think through stakeholder engagements and challenge you to apply the following principles:

- All about the game plan
- Your mouth piece is your best tool
- Woosah works

**Disrupt & Thrive: Design Thinking & You**

Ian Huke, Consultant, Build-BA & Paul Fletcher, Design Thinker & Photographer, Through Grid

Someone’s disruption is another’s success. But how do you harness the latent ability of people to be disruptors rather than disrupted? Design Thinking is a catalytic agent empowering people to innovate. Join us for an introduction to Design Thinking and discover how it empowers organisations to create valued experiences and profitable outcomes. In todays fast moving and ever complex world doing things the same way will inevitably lead to disruption, especially if you cannot move or react both creatively and with agility. Learn how to think about the ‘Why?’ and how it might be the change agent you are looking for and so desperately need.

Learning points:

- Understanding of Design Thinking
- Examples of how it has made a difference to people

**Seeing is Believing: Prototyping with Visio**

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‘We set them up - you knock them down’ - mocking up a straw man engages users and inspires them to think about the practical use of a system during requirements gathering. Even if their first reaction is to tell you what’s wrong with the
mock up, this can still provide a wealth of detail.

Requirements by nature are not sexy, and it is sometimes difficult to get stakeholders to participate and have the vision/knowledge to think creatively when presented with a blank piece of paper. At Sheffield Hallam University, they’ve had success in engaging users with complex requirements by creating simple Microsoft Visio prototypes. This helped them avoid many of the common pitfalls of requirements gathering, such as ambiguity, stakeholder conflict, poor engagement and difficulty achieving sufficient detail needed.

In this interactive session Clinton and Kathryn identify where a simple Visio prototype adds value to requirements. Using examples of past projects and facilitating a group activity, they’ll demonstrate how this easy and accessible approach can provide benefits and flexibility to the modern BA.

Key takeaways:
- Examples of different approaches we’ve taken to prototyping using Visio, and how/when to apply them
- Benefits of using Visio for prototyping to gather requirements
- Practical examples and a Visio stencil containing useful “prototyping” shapes

Business Analysts in a Dispersed Team
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Geographically dispersed teams have proved themselves as a good and stable yet flexible and productive approach to staffing. More than that, such a team today is rather a rule than an exception. Observable and evident progress in communication tools allows significant cost reduction via organising “virtual” teams. Being a BA means deep and personal involvement into the process, product ownership and extensive collaboration with the stakeholders. Still, business analysts, customers, managers, implementation team members can be easily spread all over the world - located in the different offices, countries or even continents. All that brings lots of cultural, political and geographical gaps between key players, which can give a rise to communication and organisational challenges. We are going to share our experience in building efficient work for the team of business analysts as a part of a bigger “virtual” team.

Delegates will learn:
- Common issues in a dispersed team and the ways of dealing with them
- How to build trust-based relations with stakeholders over a distance
- How to organize planning and monitoring in a virtual team of business analysts

The Dojo of Collaboration
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In martial arts the dojo is a respected training facility for the art. Everyone has to be respectful to the instructor and their fellow classmates. In the dojo the students are there to learn the techniques, with precision, so it can be applied if there is ever a need to use it for self protection. The students have to work together to sharpen their techniques and skills, and rely on each other to help grow in the art. The ultimate goal is that everyone is developing their techniques and skill sets to perform the art to perfection when needed.

The same is needed to effectively collaborate. In order to transform businesses with powerful solutions individuals must work together. The powerful solutions come from the diversity of the team. However, with diversity can come challenges as you are interacting with different personalities, perspectives and mindsets. However, you must find a way to work together to ultimately reach the goal at hand. By working with each other, such as you do in the dojo, you are sharpening each other and leveraging each other’s skills to transform your business.

This interactive session will leverage martial arts, videos and exercises to demonstrate how to effectively collaborate to build powerful solutions for your organization.

Objectives:
- The Foundation – Building the relationship
- The Culture – How to foster a collaborative environment
- Maintenance – How to maintain the collaborative environment and partnerships built
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