





Welcome to

i-POWER South

at

The IBM Client Centre

20 February 2020

# Mike Ryan – i-UG Chairman

## Your host for the day

- Some Group Admin
- Plans for 2020
- Introduce today's AGENDA



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Some Group Admin

# i-UG – What is it?

➤ Established 1993

*Education • Information • Communication*  
*...in all things 'i'*

➤ Not For Profit Organisation

➤ Largest IBM i User Group in UK *...and unique!*

➤ Six Meetings & Events per year (2 x Vendor, 4 x Member)

Member Meetings:

- First Two - in North & London (*Same Agenda, different locations*)
- Second two Events are sponsored & multi-stream

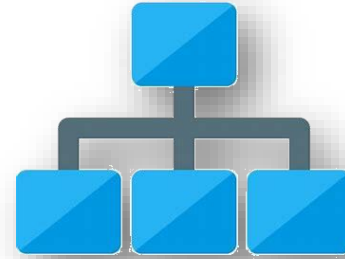
➤ Member of Common Europe since 2010

We are Common UK. UK representative for COMMON EU

# i-UG Board & Committee 2020

## THE BOARD:


Mike Ryan – Chairman  
Steve Bradshaw – Technical Director  
Colin Spofford – Secretary/Treasurer



## THE COMMITTEE:

Terry Bartlett – Technical Support Manager, Barratt Developments  
Nick Blamey - Northern European Director, ARCAD  
Steve Cast – MD, Redbourn Business Systems Ltd  
Eddie Chaffin - M3 Project Manager, ABP Food Group  
Sam Dix – Sam Dix Client Services Manager Macro 4 Ltd.  
Ron Hack – Currently looking for a New Role  
Will Holland – Development Consultant, GB Liners  
George Willmott – Senior Systems Administrator, The Dune Group

# i-UG – Current Activity

- 6 meetings/conferences per year (+)
- Alliance strengths
  - NC Communications - Conferences
  - PowerWire.eu - Media Partner
  - Dreamscape – Social Media
- 3 Levels of membership
  - Vendor - £450, Company - £350, Individual – £180
- 2020 renewals are due for payment now**
- Marketing
  - Monthly Features - PowerWire.eu
  - Web Site [www.i-ug.co.uk](http://www.i-ug.co.uk)
  - MailChimp – Database of > 850 individual > 400 companies
  -  @i\_ug\_uk  i-UG  i-ug ibm i user group
- Individual follow-up emails
  - A massive thanks to [Terry Bartlett](#) for doing this.
  - Hugely successful
  - Could be i-UG's biggest ever meeting at IBM Southbank!!!!



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- Continue to invest in Social Media Marketing
  - To grow awareness in group
  - Ultimately to grow membership & meeting attendances
- Continue policy of finding new, interesting, flexible, affordable venues for meetings and events
- Continue to invite best industry speakers
- Continue to keep costs as low as needed
  - (Membership prices unchanged since 2013)

# 2020 – Current Schedule

- February 19<sup>th</sup> – V.A.G. Meeting (IBM Southbank)
- February 20<sup>th</sup> – i-POWER South (IBM Southbank)
  - Fleming Room, Single Stream
- March 5<sup>th</sup> – i-POWER North in Rochdale
  - Mercure Norton Grange Hotel
  - Repeat of February 20<sup>th</sup> Agenda
- June 9<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> – International i-Power 2020
  - More later
- 2<sup>nd</sup> V.A.G. Meeting
  - T.B.C.
- i-Power Midlands
  - October/November – T.B.C.
  - Possibly a new venue in 2020?

# i-UG – Looking to the future

## ➤ STEM

- In June i-UG announced plans to get involved
- in: Science, Technology, Engineering & **M**aths activities
- Mike, Steve & Colin now STEM Ambassadors
- Encouraging other members to do same
- Carried out first group activity late 2019
- Currently looking at further activities April/May

i-UG – Looking Forward...

i-UG



International i-Power 2020

Education

Information

Communication

The OPEN Road

...to OPEN Source

2020

International i-Power 2020

June 9th to June 10th

Wyboston Lakes



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# International i-Power 2020

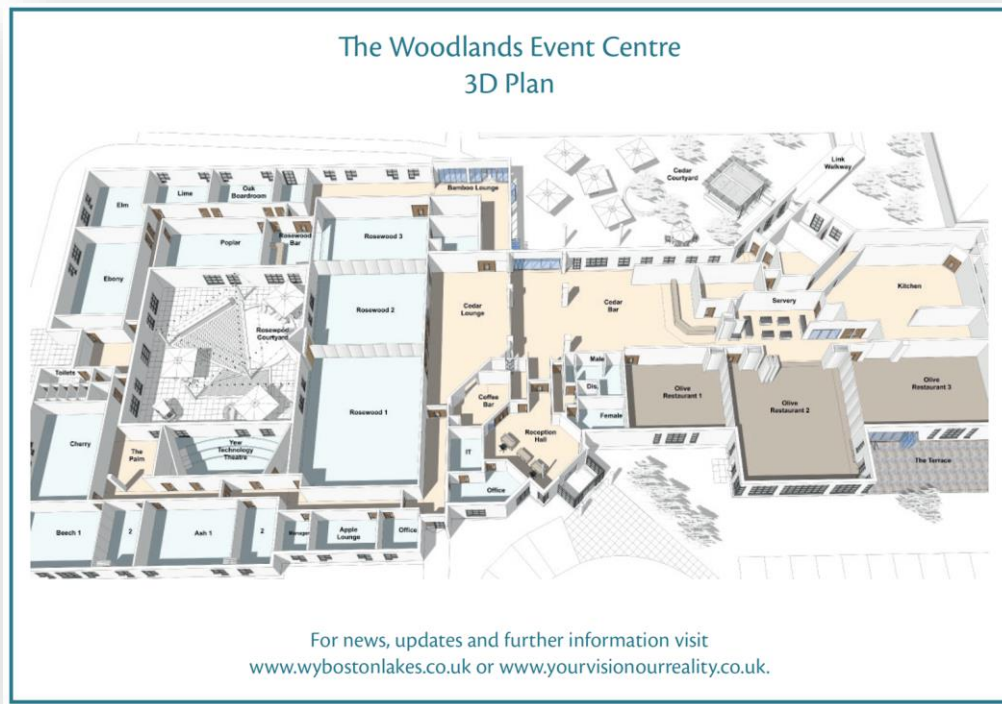


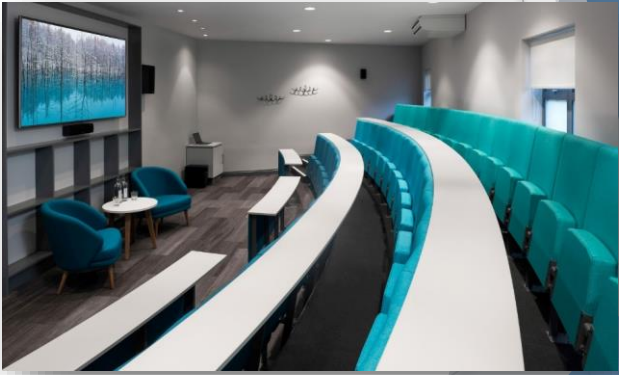
**Wyboston Lakes –  
Bedfordshire**

# International i-Power 2020

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June To Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June

*Return* to Wyboston Lakes Executive Centre...  
..and what a difference!





# International i-Power 2020



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**BOOK THESE DATES IN YOUR DIARY NOW**

➤ Why Wyboston Lakes?

- Easily accessible via motorways (close to A1)
- St Neots train station 10-15 minutes taxi ride
- Free car parking spaces on site
- Hotel accommodation on site
- Large Expo Hall to accommodate sponsors
- All conference rooms close together
- Good feedback from previous years
- A great deal this year

# International i-Power 2020

## ➤ Day 1



### ➤ Deep-Dive, hands-on workshops

- Database Modernisation, Web development, Performance Data Investigator, Advanced IBM i Security, OpenSource on i – Deploy it TODAY!, +++

### ➤ The System i Developer University – “SiD Talks”

- Paul Tuohy, Sue Gantner, Jon Paris
- Eight - 75 Minute Lectures on key Development Issues

### ➤ Management Stream

- Dispelling IBM i Myths
- Financing Growth for the IT budget
- +++

### ➤ Executive Round Table

### ➤ Solutions Stream – 6 x 20 minute sessions from Industry Experts

### ➤ Gala Dinner & Entertainment

# International i-Power 2020



## ➤ Day 2

### ➤ Keynote Presentation

➤ Senior IBM Rochester Presenter... TBC

### ➤ Speed dating of the Sponsors

➤ Down to 20 seconds... Any advances?

### ➤ User Experience Panel

➤ Three User Experiences and successes.

### ➤ Four Streams of educational topics

### ➤ Extensive Prize Giving

### ➤ All-day, open technical Expo. of the Sponsors

# International i-Power 2020



## Delegate Pricing...unchanged once again

<b>Delegate Pricing</b>	<b>Day 1 Workshop s</b>	<b>Day 2 Session s</b>	<b>Both Days</b>
i-UG Member	£150	£50	£200
Non i-UG Member	£200	£100	£300
Delegate registering via an Event Sponsor	£175	£75	£250

# International i-Power 2020

## Sponsorship



➤ We still have a few sponsorship opportunities available:

- For more information contact

**Nigel Clapham** [nigel@nccomms.com](mailto:nigel@nccomms.com)

# International i-Power 2020



Registration will open at the  
beginning of March

# International i-Power 2020



## Hotel Rooms!!!

Please book your hotel rooms in good time  
You can book now using this link...

<https://findingvenues.vbookings.co.uk/b/internationalipower/>

Special Event Rate of **£93 + VAT**

Free cancellation up to **16<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

# Working with IBM

## ➤ Education

- i-UG Hands-on Education is unique
- It is a Membership privilege
- Delivered at the i-UG International i-Power event
- Tends to be a vital starter to other education
- Turns out... IBM is delivering some very useful education too!
- Steve...?

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