

# A year in the Life of the BCS Open Source SG: 2014

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# Events in 2014 to June

- **Open Source Compilers – London 23/1/2014**
- **Privacy and security Workshop– 20/02/2014**
- **Qt on Android: Coffee and Code Workshop – London 10/03/2014**
- **Embedded Scripting (eLua, Espruino, Micro Python) – 27/03/2014**
- **Radio Pt.2 (Networking Literacy Project, Everyone has a radio in them) – 24/04/2014**
- **Joint OSSG and Edinburgh Branch Meeting Brooks' Law in a Free Software context, 07/05/2014**
- **BCS Open Source SG - #TechMums Shrimping Training Workshop 21/05/2014**
- **Teaching with the LilyPad Arduino, Raspberry Pi in education and MzTEK – London 21/05/2014**
- **Shrimping with TechMums at Ravensbourne 08/06/2014**

# July to Present

- **Joint OSSG Editathon (Women In Technology) – Southampton 23/06/2014**
- **Joint OSSG and Internet SG OpenStack and the future of the Open Source Cloud – London 15/07/2014**
- **BCS Open Source Specialist Group – Open Mic Event – 26/08/2014**
- **OSSG workshop on An examination of OS Risk – 25/09/2014 London**
- **OSSG and Southampton Branch Wikipedia Editathons, Women In Technology – Southampton 14/10/2014 and 27/11/2014**
- **OSSG and Southampton Branch Joint Meeting Who's Stalking You? – Southampton 15/10/2014 and Greenwich 12/11/2014**
- **Open Source Chips and AGM – London 23/10/2014**
  
- **November and December meeting tba**

# Aims of BCS OSSG

The BCS Open Source Specialist Group aims to:

- Educate and inform members and wider audience of Open Source and its implications
- Provide a reliable, honest and independent view of Open Source
- Encourage debate and examination of Open Source practice
- Reduce professional uncertainty around the subject of Open Source
- Act as a centre of expertise for BCS use

# Membership of Group

- OSSG mailing list is approaching 2000.
- 10% scheme to ensure non-members attending meetings to join the BCS: Code OPENSOURCE
- Widening remit of OSSG to include “other opens” e.g. the Open Source Hardware Users Group
- Linking up with OWASP: Open Web Application Security Project and NHS Open Source

# Visitors to the OSSG Web site

- Our web site is under active maintenance and our usage figures remain high.
- We have an active Facebook group.
- We regularly email members about events and OS related news of interest.

# Plans for the Future

- More meetings with Branches: Sheffield, Cambridge, Bedford
- More meetings with Specialist Groups: A re-run of the OS Career Taster Days is planned,
- OS in the Business Community, OWASP, Health Related OS and OS in Schools (shrimping aimed at teachers/lecturers)
- Retaining links with Open Source Hardware Users Group (OS-HUG)
- Raise public awareness through OS install workshops in the regions with branches and/or universities
- The committee is always open to suggestions and willing to advise and help with organisation.

# Thank you!

- The OSSG Treasurer, David Misell, and Secretary, Mike Trotman, have both played key roles in keeping the group's affairs running smoothly.
- Our Web Master, Dr Andres Baravalle, has kept our web site running smoothly.
- Andrew Back from OSHUG has organised joint OSSG/OSHUG meetings throughout the year.
- Other committee members and groups members have also contributed to making this a successful year: Jeremy with the shrimping, David with the Security, Conrad with the Open Mike,...
- Finally we owe all of our guest speakers a huge vote of thanks for giving their time freely and we are grateful to those who have contributed by sponsoring some of our events this year.