

Table Leads

John Devlin - CEO and Co Founder of Ascensos

At Ascensos we provide customer care for retailers across Europe.

Now with 6 offices and 2000 colleagues including our new centre on the Isle of Wight.

Interested in developing business capability on the IOW

Chris Dymond Chris has over 20 years experience in digital application design, development and innovation. He now works to develop the digital capabilities of places, as a co-founder and director of Sheffield Digital, the city's digital industries association; founder and CEO of Unfolding Ltd, a digital innovation and training consultancy; and as a smart cities consultant for Perform Green, one of the UK's premier place-based digital development consultancies. He is also a non-executive director of the Sheffield University Technical Colleges Multi-Academy Trust, which runs two schools with digital specialisms in the city. He is a co-producer of TEDxSheffield, runs regular SmartSheffield events and organises the Sheffield Things Network, which is developing a community-owned city-wide IoT Network. He lives in Sheffield with his wife and two young sons.

Benjamin Dyer is the CEO and founder of Powered Now, the largest software company for the trade and construction industry in the UK. Powered Now's app and software is used by over 100k UK and worldwide small businesses to help them schedule their work, invoice their customers and manage their staff. Powered Now is based in both East Cowes and Budapest, Hungary. Ben is passionate about new technology, especially how it can be used to drive change and improvement.

Christina Conroy OBE FRSA was the Principal & Chief Executive of Richmond Adult Community College from 1999-2012, an incorporated further education college. RACC was rated Outstanding Grade 1 by OFSTED and was one of the largest adult learning providers in the country with over 14,000 students. Prior to this she was a senior manager and lecturer in Essex and Hertfordshire. In 2012 Christina started her own education & training company specialising in enterprise and management skills and the development of digital approaches in education and business. She is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts and the Joint Local Convenor of the Isle of Wight Network

Malcolm Marshall Malcolm recently retired from KPMG where he spent almost twenty years as a technology partner, most recently as Global Lead Partner for Cyber Security Services. Malcolm has lived on the Island with his wife and son since 2008, overcoming the Island's 'dislocation' to balance building a global business with a relaxed Island lifestyle. He now runs a small US property business and was recently appointed Chair of the Isle of Wight Youth Trust.

David Redstone – David's official title is Premier Relationship Manager for Barclays and he looks after a portfolio of high net worth/high income clients making sure that they get the best from Barclays and ensure their banking experience is quick and convenient as time is not something most will have.

He is responsible for keeping a team up to date on fraud and cyber crime from a banking perspective and also takes time to talk to customers about what to look out for and what they can do to help themselves becoming victims of fraud.

His interest in the digital conference is that we are in an age where convenience is important to the majority but we also need to manage the risks that go with it and I am keen to use the day to improve my knowledge of both the opportunities and the threats.

Charlotte Clark Charlotte has had a prestigious career in consumer products and services marketing spanning 20 years including working for household names Sega, Future Publishing, Carlton, Shell, Disney and Tesco.

Charlotte built her reputation running one of the first foodie web sites created by Carlton, and going on to manage Disney's European mobile strategy.

For six years before moving to the Isle of Wight Charlotte worked in digital marketing for Tesco becoming Marketing Director of Tesco's online division Tesco.com.

Charlotte has experience including everything from ad-sales to the latest online digital marketing techniques and "big picture" marketing and PR.

She is also an Enterprise Network advisor.

Steve Clark - Starting in the fledgling Computer Games industry and with a BSc(Eng) in Computing Science from London's Imperial College, Steve has worked in consumer facing technology and business for 25 years with companies small and large including Virgin, Pearson Group, BT, BSkyB, Gala Coral and Gamesys as well as running his own consulting and interim management company.

Steve has experience including everything from hands-on coding to project and programme management, process, operations, infrastructure and contract management, Information Security and fraud prevention, e-gambling technology and regulation, running call centre and technology hosting operations and Board level experience in CTO and CIO positions.

James Morris –Lloyds Banking Group

Barrie Robinson -Creative Director and Designer for 22 years. Led teams internationally. Worked in and with San Francisco Bay Area companies for 10 years working on special projects for Google, Levis and Boeing. Advises startups with a focus on new technologies, working alongside data scientists and engineers, developing systems and platforms. Specialist areas include UX, data, product and experience design.

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Richard Snell – Territory Ecosystem Representative, Local Government and Education, IBM Commercial

Geoff Underwood, Managing Director IFPL

Geoff is founder and CEO of IFPL, an electronics company that designs and manufactures equipment for Inflight Entertainment Systems. Born on the Isle of Wight, he was apprenticed to Plessey Radar, and then studied Mechanical Engineering at Portsmouth Polytechnic. Geoff has worked in the UK and USA on Military Avionics and Missile Systems, until taking the role of Chief Mechanical Engineer at GEC Marconi Inflight Systems, Portsmouth in 1993. When GEC Marconi pulled-out from the market in 1996 Geoff established IFPL as a design consultancy, working from home. The company, currently based in Calbourne, began manufacturing its own products in c.2000 and since then has seen year on year growth and now has an annual turnover of £13m. IFPL currently employs circa 70 people and has a policy of using Isle of Wight suppliers wherever possible.

IFPL is proud to have recently been twice awarded The Queen's Award for Enterprise, firstly in 2008, and again in 2014.

Geoff is President of the Isle of Wight Chamber of Commerce and is Chairman of the Isle of Wight Technology Group. He is also the Founder of The WightAid Foundation which is focussed on channelling business giving to local causes.

Phil Attfield -NextGen Skills Academy is the result of government and industry co-investment. You can check us out at www.nextgenskillsacademy.com. We primarily work with games, animation and VFX companies and industry selected FE colleges. We also deliver short courses for the Princes Trust and the GLA. Our core activity is to support and promote a Level 3, Extended Diploma in Games, Animation and VFX Skills. It's a vocational course that promotes FUSION, or steAm skills. We often find ourselves included under the STEM banner, but pure STEM skills are not the requirement across most of the Creative Industries. A blend of art/design/maths/coding are in demand. We're also starting to see a demand for the skills our Level 3 students develop in job roles embedded in non-entertainment college companies like architectural and medical visualisation. Not forgetting the burgeoning VR/AR/MR market.

David Gilfillan – Head of IT – Ascensos

Denise Barlow –Ray Cobb – Solent Growth Hub

Reniera O Donnell – Assistant director – regeneration – Isle of Wight council

