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INTRODUCING OUR 2025–26 PRESIDENT

Daljit Rehal FBCS, Chief Digital and Information Officer for HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) has been announced as the new President of BCS, The Chartered Institute for IT.

He takes over from Alastair Revell FBCS, who will remain active as Immediate Past President of BCS, which is the professional body for information technology.

Sarah Winmill who is Head of Software Products at the Ministry of Defence (MoD) has been named as BCS' Deputy President.

Daljit said: "I'd like to thank Alastair for his commitment to establishing the highly successful Chartered Week during his BCS presidential year; I hope to continue that outstanding work in partnership with Sarah.

"Chartered professionals – which ever industry they work in – make a public commitment to ethics, competence and accountability by meeting independent standards. Nowhere is that more important in technology where AI is woven into our lives like never before in areas from health to finance.

"My focus as BCS President will continue this theme – helping to build public trust in the value of tech professionals, and their ongoing development in roles across the public and private sector. We know that the AI Opportunities Action Plan aims to create tens of thousands of new AI professionals by 2030, and we will need a range of routes to get there from university degrees to apprenticeships, as well as prioritising diversity. It will be a huge year for the professional body and for our membership community."



Daljit Rehal FBCS
President. BCS, the Chartered Institute for IT

A POWERFUL VOICE

Immediate Past President of BCS Alastair Revell said: "Daljit's experience's gives our community a powerful voice at time when public confidence in the transformational power of technology is vital.

"We can be proud to have the combined experience and insight of both Daljit and Sarah to call on to represent our values and mission to make IT Good for Society." Sarah Winmill said: "I look forward to supporting Daljit in continuing to build public trust in the professionalism of our membership and in inspiring a new generation of technologists with the technical skills and capability to balance ethics and accountability whilst making best use of emerging technologies."



As the professional body, with a royal charter, BCS has a 70,000 strong membership community in areas from academia, to industry. In 2025, it will remain focused on the importance of professional standards in building public trust in technology; on the need broaden computing education and adult digital skills; and on the value of diversity and inclusion across the sector, where women, over 50s and people with disabilities or who are neurodivergent are under-represented.

MORE ABOUT DALJIT REHAL

Daljit Rehal is the Chief Digital & Information Officer for HMRC. He joined in Sept 2020 as CDIO for HMRC. Daljit is responsible for all IT systems for HMRC and VOA. He is also responsible for the running of Live Services of critical systems for customers.

Daljit is a member of Cross Government forum and is a subject matter expert in his field, he is a proven leader with experience in creating business value through Culture, People, Process and Technology.

Daljit has a particular passion for leading change, focused on customer outcomes. He has over 20 years of experience in exploiting a variety of enterprise technologies and managing vendor relationships and outsource partners to achieve business objectives.

BCS APPOINTS SHARRON GUNN AS GROUP CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Sharron Gunn FCA MBCS was announced as the new Group Chief Executive of BCS, The Chartered Institute for IT in May 2025.

Sharron took over from interim CEO Rob Deri. She had been working for BCS since February 2025 to transform its learning and development and membership divisions.

Previously Sharron held leadership roles at the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), including Executive Director for Membership, Commercial and Shared Services and most recently, Chief Operating Officer.

During her time at ICAEW, Sharron created the Academy of Professional Development and championed several EDI initiatives, including the Women in Leadership programme.

Sharron also led the Institute's involvement in Rise, an initiative aimed at enhancing social mobility by equipping young people with essential business skills.

Earlier, she spent seven years at Sainsbury's in strategic financial management roles.

Sharron said: "It is a huge privilege to be asked to lead the professional body for IT, at a time when emerging technologies like AI and quantum computing are transforming society and the economy.

"That's why focussing on the value of professional qualifications, certifications and Chartered status, as a way of demonstrating trust in our vital profession, is more important than ever before.

"We are already developing our five-year strategy to ensure BCS is in the best position to respond to dynamic policy and market changes, for example the creation of Skills England.

"Even in the age of AI, technology is about the people leading and creating it. I want to make sure anyone working in a technology role can consider BCS their professional home. Joining our incredible membership community, including Fellowship, should be within reach of the broadest possible range of people, united by an aspiration to prove not just competence, but commitment to ethical practice and accountability."

A CLEAR VISION

BCS President Daljit Rehal said: "Sharron brings unrivalled experience in maximising the impact and influence of professional bodies. She has a clear vision for developing the breadth of BCS' membership and for ensuring the tech profession is seen as a trusted partner across industry and government.

"My thanks on behalf of our entire community go to Rob as interim CEO for his commitment to the cause of Making IT Good for Society."

Outgoing interim CEO Rob Deri said: "I want to thank our members, staff and the range of organisations who work with BCS for the support they have shown me and the leadership team.

"Sharron will be an outstanding CEO with the dedication to ensure BCS brings together professionals in diverse areas from cyber-security to government, to academia, who all share the ambition to make the voice of our profession heard where it matters."



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