



## Backing the Future- top tips I'd tell my younger professional self

### Speaker Biographies



**Meic Pierce Owen AMIRMS, FIRMS, FIIM** Records Manager, Fife Council  
**Local Government**

*Meic was involved in his first records management project in 1985. This was in his local health authority in North-West Wales and since that time, Meic has been using information and records tools to deliver business improvement in sectors as diverse as the Nuclear Industry, Higher Education, Off-Shore Government and, latterly, Scottish Local Government. In 1999, Meic attained his PG Dip in Archives Administration from University of Wales Bangor.*

*Meic has also been active in the profession, particularly over the past decade, and is a Past Chair of the Society.*

*In his talk, Meic will share some thoughts on how he has learnt to survive, and, at times thrive, in the sometimes murky underworld that is organisational RM.*



**Bekki Shoemith, Privacy and Information Management Manager, Direct Line**  
**Commercial Sector**

*Bekki is Privacy and Information Management Manager at Direct Line Group where her role is about, as it says on the tin, managing the Company's Privacy and Information. Bekki is both pragmatic and dynamic in her work and in her talk she will share with us some of the tricks of the trade where plying your trade sees you*

*operating in a large and complex commercial organisation.*



**Matthew Stephenson AMIRMS, FIRMS, Risk and Compliance Manager,**  
**University of Bradford**  
**Higher Education**

*Matthew Stephenson is Risk and Compliance Manager, and Data Protection Officer at the University of Bradford and has worked as an Information Governance professional in HE for almost 20 years. He has previously worked at the University of Salford, the London School of Economics and Imperial College. He has also worked at the Science Museum and the National Gallery.*

*Matthew has an MA in Archives and Records Management and is a former chair of IRMS.*

*Matthew is secretary of a community sports club, is an avid quizzer and enjoys pottering on his allotment which he started working on this spring.*



**Michele Noad AMIRMS, Digital Transformation Specialist, Continuum Connected Consulting Ltd**

**Consultant – SharePoint/Office 365 for Business**

*Stop right there! Michele Noad is has been described as a force of nature. IRMS Professional of the Year in 2014 and co-founder and co-Chair of the Society's innovative SharePoint Practitioners' Group, Meatloaf nut Michele, the self-styled SharePoint Tart, who holds a Masters' Degree in Records Management and Information Rights, is here to tell all you lost boys and golden girls something about how to make your IRM dreams come true!*

*Showing that she would do anything for RM, Michele invites you to saddle up and join her on a fast-paced IM Road trip as she shares things learnt in a career that has seen her use information tools to deliver fundamental business change across a range of organisations.*

*The tips will flow fast and loose! This is no Dead Ringer! Rethink your ideas- trade bad for good- and with so many pointers, there are sure to some that work for you- so, don't be sad, as two out of (every) three ain't bad!*



**Heather Jack AMIRMS, FIRMS, Director, HJBS Ltd**

**Consultant – Business Improvement**

*Heather has worked in the information arena for 30 years in both public and private sector organisations and set up her consultancy, HJBS Ltd. in 2003 firmly believing that too often technology rather than organisational need was driving information management in the increasingly digital world. She helps organisations do what they do better by managing their information as an asset to minimise risk and maximise value.*

*Heather is a firm believer in the power of collaboration, sharing experiences and expertise not just within the IRM community but with colleagues across all disciplines.*