

BSIDES LEEDS 2026



SPONSORSHIP PACK



WHERE??

Saturday 13th June
Cloth Hall Court, Leeds, UK

WHAT TIME?

9:00AM - 6:00PM

AFTERPARTY?

6:30PM - LATE

BSIDES LEEDS IS BACK FOR 2026!

Thank you for your interest in sponsoring the infamous BSides Leeds conference.

By continuing to build the BSides community in Leeds, we aim to extend this globally recognised, community-driven platform right into the UK's core. We eagerly hope to extend an authentic Yorkshire welcome to every attendee. Renowned globally, BSides events stand as pillars for the information security community, facilitating knowledge exchange, meaningful collaboration, and social connections.

Set against the lively and diverse canvas of Leeds, this event finds its ideal home. BSides Leeds has deeply entrenched itself in the BSides community, making notable contributions since its initial launch in 2018.

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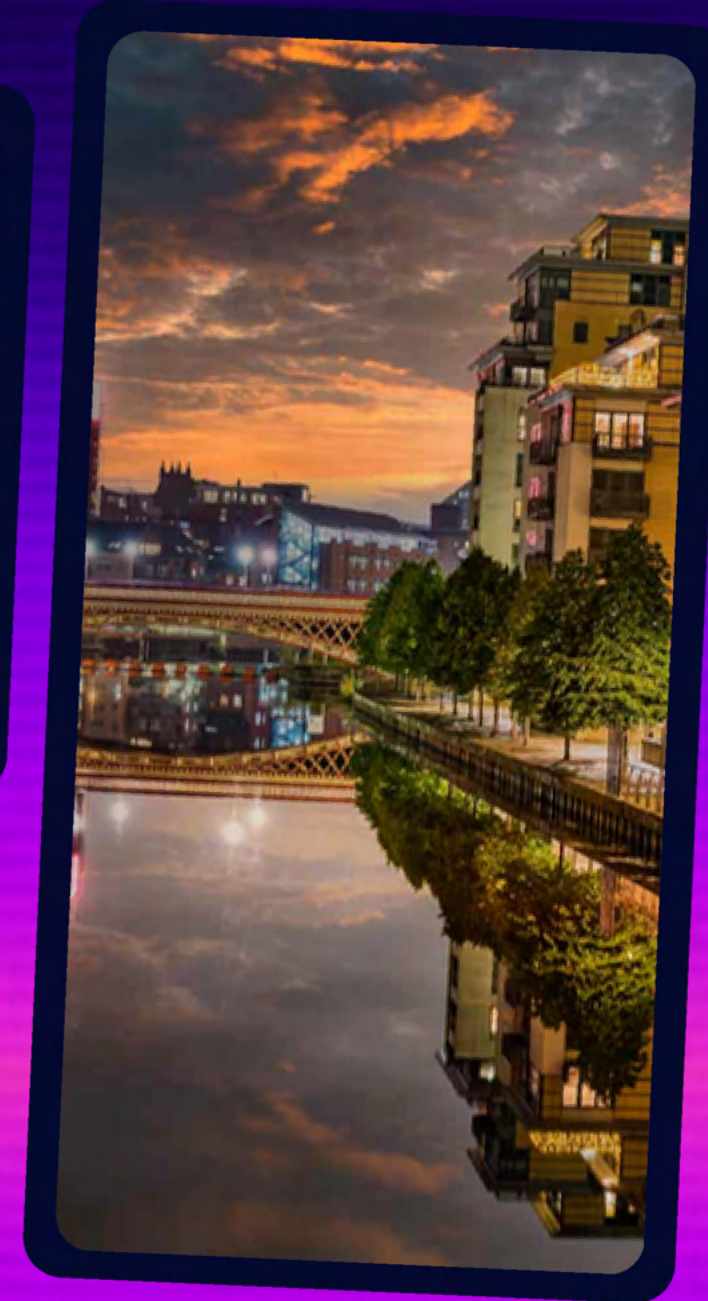
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...WHY LEEDS?

Leeds is the perfect backdrop for a BSides, underscored by its established and thriving information security community.

With technology and education at the heart of the city, Leeds is a global leader in Big Data, the UK's first City of health innovation, and home to three leading academic institutions.



LEEDS, ANYTHING BUT ORDINARY!

Leeds is not only a dynamic conference hub but also a city teeming with vitality. With its integrated rail and air terminals, over 8,000 central accommodation options, and a plethora of 300+ bars and restaurants, and over 16 museums and galleries it truly promises an unparalleled experience.

Moreover, its mesmerising natural beauty is truly a sight to behold. Serving as the gateway to the breathtaking Yorkshire countryside, it is easy to see why it's affectionately termed 'God's own country'."



MEET THE BSIDES LEEDS TEAM!!



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WHAT IS SECURITY BSIDES ABOUT?

Security BSides started in the United States in 2009 and first came to the UK in 2011. Now truly global, and due to hit 1200 events by 2026, BSides remains community-driven and attracts information security professionals, security and technology enthusiasts, students studying towards a career in security and established senior figures and executives.

The goal is to expand the spectrum of conversation beyond the traditional confines of space and time. It creates opportunities for individuals to both present and participate in an intimate atmosphere that encourages collaboration. It is an intense event with discussions, demos, and interaction from participants. It is where conversations for the next big thing are happening.

WHAT IS THE FOCUS FOR BSIDES LEEDS?

- BSides Leeds has run conferences since January 2018 and is a well-established highlight on the security conference calendar.
- Our goal is to provide people with options by removing barriers and providing more alternatives for speakers, topics, and events.
- To showcase the work of some brilliant hackers and defenders who are deeply passionate about their craft.
- To give the opportunity for everyone, from the most influential in the local cyber community, from the C-Suite to the Universities alike, to mix, meet, network, and give/attend some really cool talks.
- To continue to build a community open to all in and around Leeds.

We are really excited to continue being the best security conference in Yorkshire!

We are sure that you're excited too, and we are very pleased to present to you this, our Sponsorship Guide!

WHAT MAKES US AWESOME?

INTERNATIONAL SPEAKERS



WE ARE FAMILY FRIENDLY



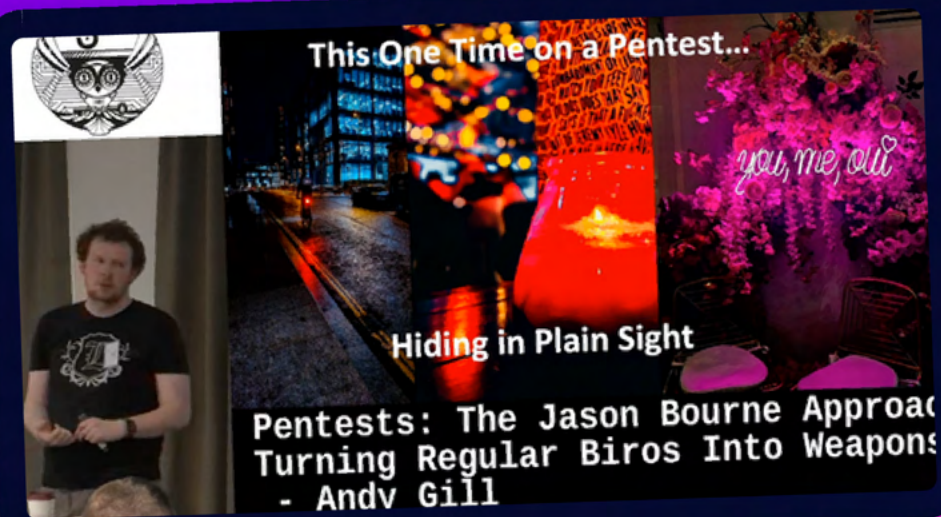
OUR AMAZING PARTICIPANTS



CELEBRATING THE BIRTHDAY OF SQLI



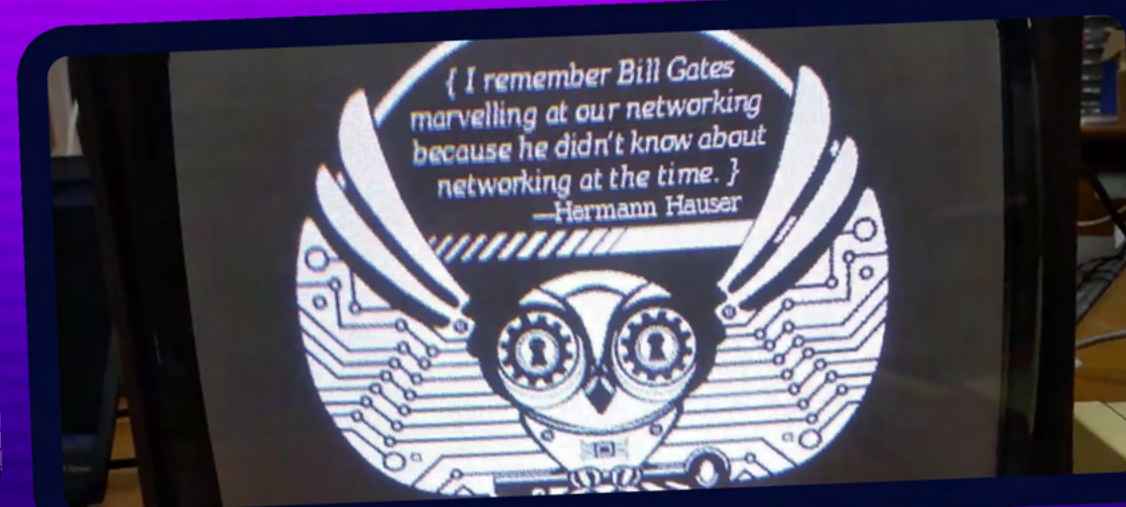
OUR INCREDIBLE SPEAKERS



OUR SUPERB KEYNOTES



ALL THE COOL RETRO THINGS!



OUR FANTASTIC VOLUNTEERS



OUR LEGACY AND WHAT WE ARE ABOUT!

Since it's inception in Jan 2018, BSides Leeds has always been known in the UK InfoSec community for pushing the envelope!

It was the first UK conference to have mental health and car hacking villages and the first UK BSides with a published Code of Conduct. It's encompassed everything from low level hardware hacking to security architecture, AI to off-the-record war stories from industry luminaries. It was also the first (and we assume last) to ever have Persian Poetry used non-ironically in the closing speeches.

It's run entirely by volunteers with the aim of keeping ticket prices as low as possible to ensure it is available to everyone. We work closely with local student groups, hack spaces, and other tech communities, along with some of the best speakers in the industry, to ensure a focus of knowledge sharing that results in the the brightest and best from the area attending, not just those looking for some free swag and some CPE credits!

Previous speakers & event/village organisers have included (in no particular order) Jayson, E Street, Kat Fitzgerald, Katie Paxton-Fear, Will Hunt, Erlern, Holly Foxcroft, Heather Lowrie, Lisa Forte, Dan Cuthbert, Freaky Clown & Dr Jess Barker, Holly-Grace Williams, Andrew "CyberGibbons" Tierney, Amanda Berlin, Mark Carney, Tom 'TomNomNom' Hudson, 'Lintile', Chris Ratcliffe, Eliza-May Austin, Sarah Young, Andy Gill, Saskia Coplans, Ian "Phat Hobbit" Thornton-Trump, Jay Harris, Meadow Ellis, Daren Martin, Dan "mRr3b00t" Card, Chris Roberts, James Bore, Lewis Arden, Glenn Pegden ... to name but a few. We regularly attract talk submissions from international speakers, which we are really proud of!



THATS NOT ALL FOLKS!

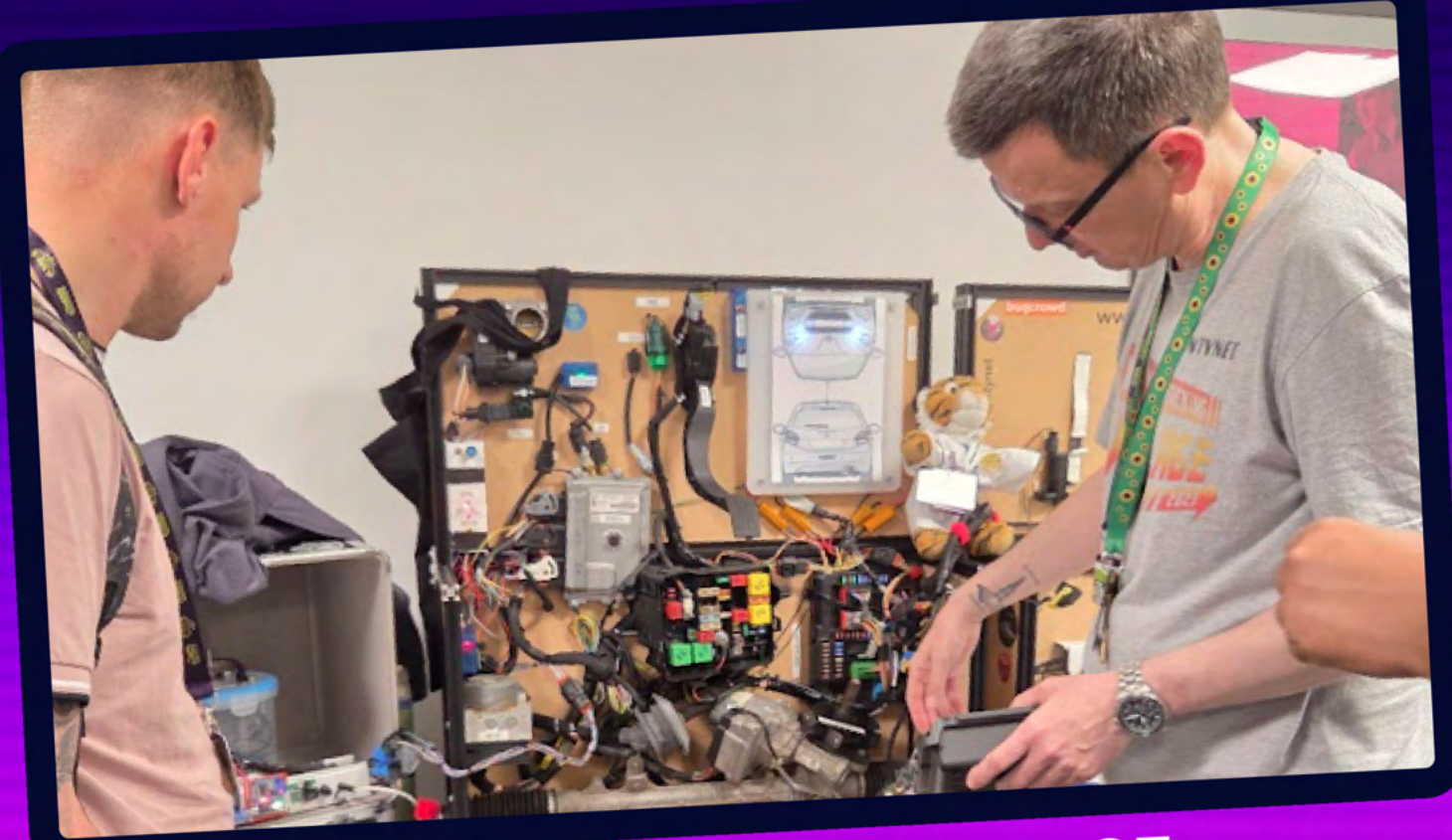
As well as our main event conference, we have often supplemented the conference by hosting things like.....

- Virtual Careers Day Sessions
- Technical / Training Workshops
- In-Person Careers and Recruitment Workshops
- The Retro Village
- The ICS Village
- CTFs
- The Lock Pick Village
- Scavenger Hunts
- The Mental Health Village
- Kids Track / Training
- The Train / Planes / Automobile Hacking Village



IF YOU HAVE IDEAS AS A SPONSOR,
COME AND TALK TO US ABOUT A
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GATHERTOWN VIRTUAL CAREERS DAY



THE CAR HACKING VILLAGE



THE CHARITY STICKER STALL



ABOUT OUR VENUE!

We have the perfect venue right in the heart of the city at **Cloth Hall Court**. The newly furnished Cloth Hall Court (University of Leeds) is a high-spec space directly opposite the train station with a capacity for 450 delegates.




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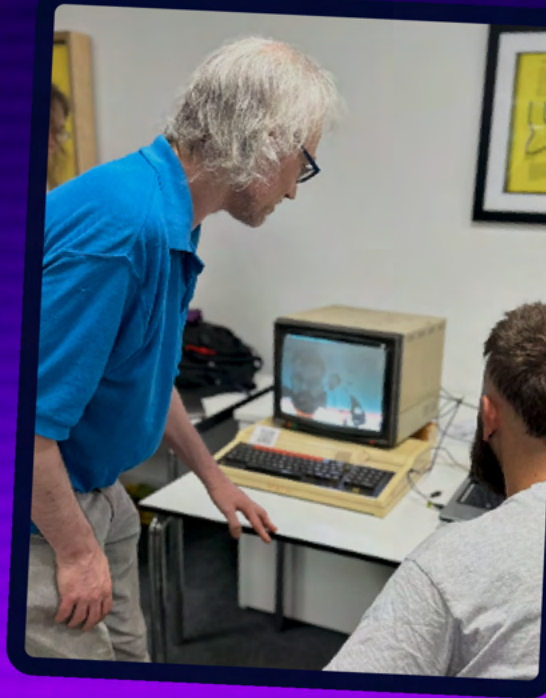


OUR SCHEDULE!

Our call for papers is due to be released in February and will run until the end of March.

We plan to have 3 tracks, plus villages available on the day. We will continue the 101 track aimed at newbies to the industry, with two Technical Tracks.

Our Villages / Workshops are aimed at both technical and impact skills.



REFRESHMENTS!

At the heart of every good event is good hospitality. The discussions that occur during the breaks and lunch at BSides provide delegates not only with the chance to reflect on the talks with the other delegates but also the chance to explore the sponsors and network with them.

There will be two breaks for coffee and other refreshments, and lunch will be provided on the day. We have allocated 1.5 hours for the lunch slot to let people have really in-depth conversations and to engage with sponsors.



OUR SPONSORSHIP PACKAGES!

We proudly present a diverse array of sponsorship packages, each thoughtfully curated to cater to a range of budgets and preferences. Whether your interest lies in the careers element, the main in-person gathering, or the vibrant afterparty, we're confident you'll find a package that resonates with your company's goals and budget!

GOT ANY OTHER IDEAS?

We understand that no two companies are alike, and each has distinct aspirations and needs. We have pulled off lots of crazy things in the past, and have lots of ideas around electronic badges, NFC rings and custom swag. We're always open to dialogue and are keen to work closely with you to create a sponsorship package tailored to your specific needs and objectives. Should you wish to delve into more customised options, we warmly invite you to reach out.

We're all about creating awesome collaborations and truly cherish our sponsors. However, in upholding the integrity and values of the broader BSides organisation, there are a few things we need to keep in check to stay true to the heart and spirit of the organisation. Specifically, we cannot give out speaker slots or share our attendee list. We trust in your understanding and thank you for respecting these boundaries.

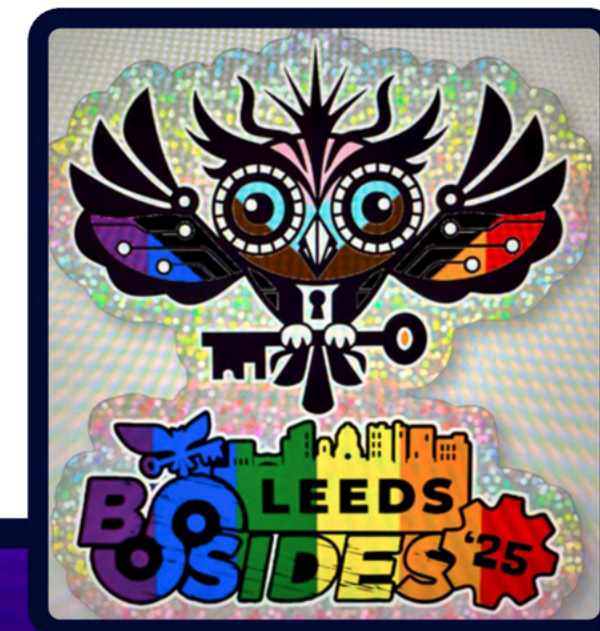


Again thank you very much for your interest in sponsoring BSides Leeds!



The BSides Leeds Team

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OUR MAIN SPONSORSHIP PACKAGES!

LOCATION: CLOTH HALL COURT **DATE:** SATURDAY 13th JUNE 2026

Exhibition Opportunities	Herringbone Package	Tweed Package	Denim Package	Community Packages
Investment	£6,500	£4,000	£2,000	Enquire for pricing (dependent on business size)
Exhibition space	Stand on the day of the conference in the main hall (table, chairs, power) & Banner space	Stand on the day of the conference in the main hall (table, chairs, power) & Banner space	Stand on the day of the conference (not in the main hall)	Decided on a case by case basis
Verbal recognition (opening & closing talks)	YES	YES	YES	YES
Conference programme advertisement	One Page	Half Page	N/A	Decided on a case by case basis
Logo on our website	YES	YES	YES	YES
Logo on Swag & Extra VIP Swag	YES	NO	NO	NO
Delegate passes (for the main conference)	4 tickets (some can be offered as a social media giveaway)	3 tickets	2 tickets	Decided on a case by case basis
Availability	2	4	Unlimited	Unlimited

Please reach out to discuss custom packages i.e. electronic badges, workshops etc...

OUR AFTERPARTY SPONSOR PACKAGE!

LOCATION: CLOTH HALL COURT **DATE:** SATURDAY 13th JUNE 2026

Exhibition Opportunities	Afterparty Sponsor Package
Investment	£6,500
Exhibition space	Stand (table, chairs, power) & Banner space over lunch
Verbal recognition (opening & closing talks)	YES
Conference programme advertisement	YES
Logo on our website, on swag & VIP merchandise	YES
Delegate passes (for main conference)	5 tickets
Availability	1



SOME OF OUR FEEDBACK!

"People need to attend BSides Leeds because the community represent the engine of the Infosec industry!"

"More relevant and useful than some of the big security conferences!"

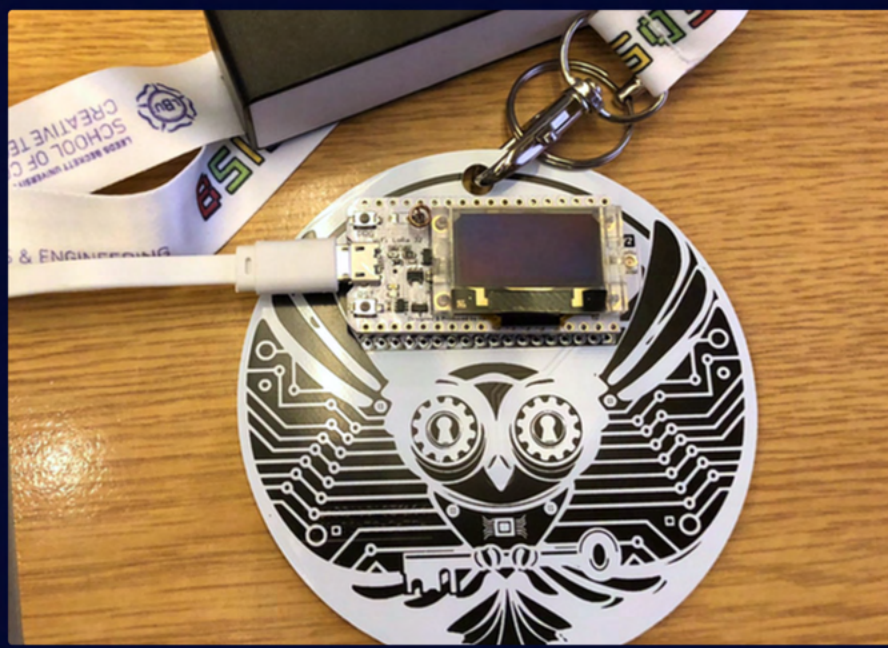
"Hands down the friendliest Infosec event I've ever been to!"

"A TECH EVENT CAN EASILY LEAN HEAVILY INTO IT'S HYPER-EXCLUSIVE PERCEPTION PORTRAYED IN THE MEDIA WHERE SMALL GROUPS OR LONE ACTORS HANG OUT, BUT THIS EVENT FROM THE OFF SHED THAT PERCEPTION AND PROMOTED INCLUSIVITY, KNOWLEDGE SHARING AND GENERAL OPENNESS. THIS IS SO IMPORTANT, I FEEL, AND BSIDES LEEDS NAILED AN INCLUSIVE EVENT FOR ALL WITH EVEN THE SLIGHTEST INTEREST IN CYBER. LONG MAY IT CONTINUE TO BE THIS BEACON OF INCLUSION AND KNOWLEDGE."

"I value so much the sponsors who help put the event on and see the value of building an open, inclusive cyber community!"

BSides events truly are the heart of the community. Anyone who's spoken, volunteered, attended, or organised one can attest to this. While the event might feel like it's a bunch of old friends meeting up, sharing stories, and catching up - it's so much more than that. It's an opportunity to introduce a newbie into the wonderful world of lock picking, red teaming, blue teaming, and more. It's the ability of putting someone in a room where everyone beside them could be a future employee or future employer.

Sponsorship gives a chance to companies to prove they care about the community and helping nourish it, making it inclusive for everyone, and opening conversations with people they wouldn't have conversed with previously. Running events is difficult. It's made so much easier when the industry backs the community because, after all, the industry is (and always has been) downstream from culture.



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