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2025 Event Programme

Riela Cyber Main Hall

Time	Agenda
8:00	**BREAKFAST – sponsored by Manx Telecom**
9:00	**WELCOME TO CYBERISLE** *Hon. Jane Poole-Wilson MHK (Minister for Justice and Home Affairs)* *Mike Haywood (Director, Cyber Security Centre, Isle of Man)*
9:15	**NCSC THREAT UPDATE** Outlining the latest cyber-threats facing the UK and Isle of Man, delivered from the UK's technical authority for cyber threats. *NCSC (UK) Representative*
9:35	**CONNECTED SHORES: STRENGTHENING NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE RESILIENCE** Discover the vital partnership between the Cyber Security Centres of the Republic of Ireland, Wales, Scotland, the UK, and the Isle of Man in safeguarding national infrastructure, as we discuss ways to strengthen cyber resilience across our interconnected regions. *Paul Stanley (NCSC-IE), Toby Grainger (CymruSOC), Alan Gray (Scotland SC3), UK NCSC Representative, Alan Chambers (CSC IOM)*
10:00	**CYBER RESILIENCE: LESSONS FROM THE FRONTLINE** As cyber threats grow in scale, speed, and sophistication, resilience has become the defining capability of modern security strategy. In this session, we explore what it means to build cyber resilience in an era shaped by AI, hybrid warfare, and relentless adversaries. *Lesley Kipling (Chief Security Advisor, Microsoft)*

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10:30	**COFFEE BREAK – sponsored by James Hallam and Cowbell**
11:00	**THE CYBER SIEGE THAT SHOOK UK RETAIL: LESSONS FROM THE 2025 CYBER ATTACKS** In the spring of 2025, a wave of coordinated cyber attacks struck some of the UK's most prominent retailers, including Marks & Spencer, Co-op Group, and Harrods, causing widespread disruption to operations, customer services, and supply chains. This panel unites cyber security experts, regulators, and insurers to examine the 2025 cyber attacks on UK retail. *Catherine Aleppo (Cowbell), Dr Alexandra Delaney-Bhattacharya (Information Commissioner), Lesley Kipling (Microsoft) , Alan Gray (Scotland SC3)*
11:30	**BEYOND THE ALGORITHM: UNDERSTANDING AI AS A CYBER THREAT** Artificial intelligence is no longer just a tool – it's a weapon. This session cuts through the hype to show how AI is reshaping the threat landscape, supercharging attackers while creating new blind spots for defenders. From perimeter defences to identity, endpoints, networks, and data, we map how AI introduces fresh vulnerabilities across every layer of cyber defence, and what that means for building true resilience. *Schalk Rust (Senior SOC Security Engineer, Riela Cyber)*
12:00	**WHO'S THE PAPERCLIP IN YOUR SUPPLY CHAIN?** Join one of the UKs leading experts on SME Cybersecurity as he takes you on a journey to understand the "Small Business Cyber Challenge" and what to do about it. In this practical session you'll gain a greater understanding of why Cyber Security matters to your organisation, understand simple practical steps you can take to improve your own resilience and how you can identify and remove the weak link in your supply chain. Chris has a no techno-babble policy in all his presentations, delivering clear guidance and information that any small business can take and act upon. *Chris Blunt (Cyber Security Consultant & Licensed Assessor, Blunt Security)*

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12:30	**BEHIND THE VEIL: A GLIMPSE INTO THE WORLD OF CYBERCRIME** The headlines are full of stories of cyber attacks, but have you ever wondered who are behind these attacks? Who are the cyber criminals, where do they come from and what tactics do they employ? More importantly, what can we learn from the history of ransomware so that we can be better prepared and more resilient in the future? *Jon Hope (Senior Technology Evangelist, Sophos)*
13:00	**LUNCH – sponsored by Just Technology Group**
14:00	**AFTERNOON INTRODUCTION** *Andy McGlashan (Enterprise Account Executive, Arctic Wolf)*
14:05	**CYBER SECURITY TRENDS AND PREDICTIONS: THE CURRENT THREATS AND DECISIONS LEADERS SHOULD BE AWARE OF** Cyber threats are shifting rapidly, and leaders must understand the risks shaping the year ahead. This session will explore the five most significant trends driving today's threat landscape and the critical decisions organisations need to make now. *Steve Winfield (Senior Sales Engineer, Arctic Wolf)*
14:35	**RESILIENCE ON A ROCK** This session explores the unique cyber security landscape of the Isle of Man, where geographic isolation presents distinct challenges in threat intelligence, incident response, and supply-chain resilience. With limited access to mainland support during incidents and a need for locally relevant threat data, we'll discuss practical strategies for building self-sufficiency. *David Cartwright (Head of Technology Operations & Risk / Chief Information Security Officer, Santander International)*

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15:05	**MANAGING RISK IN A CONNECTED WORLD: MSP'S ON THE CYBER FRONTLINE** A fast-paced, interactive session simulating a real-world cyberattack. Penetration tester Charles Bain takes the attacker's role, while Jeff Ames responds with detection and mitigation strategies. Together, they highlight key lessons in preparedness, response planning, and the importance of aligning offensive and defensive security. *Jeff Ames (Chief Technology Officer, CND) & Charles Bain (Senior Penetration Tester, CND)*
15:35	**MAKING SCOTLAND A HARD TARGET** As the global cyber threat increases, how can nations enhance their own resilience and security efforts to ensure their population, and the public services they rely on, remain strong, capable, and resilient? Find out how the Scottish Government is turning Cyber Security into a whole-of-nation effort, to make Scotland a Hard Target for cyber threats. *Alan Gray (Head of Cyber Security and Resilience, SC3 Scotland)*
16:05	**YOUR BUSINESS IN THEIR (DIGITAL) HANDS** A candid panel discussion with leading Managed Service Providers on what customers should expect, ask, and demand when it comes to cyber security. Learn where responsibilities lie, how to hold providers accountable, and what good security partnerships look like. *Alyson Hamiliton-Lacey (RED5), Fergal McLoughlin (Manx Telecom), David Salisbury (SURE) & John Bolton (Argon)*
16:35	**UNDERSTANDING ISLAND SECURITY THROUGH TODAY'S KEY CYBER TAKEAWAYS** This session reflects on the day's discussions and considers what the key takeaways mean for the island's cyber landscape. *Mike Haywood (Director, Cyber Security Centre, Isle of Man)*
16:45	**DAY CLOSES**

Arctic Wolf Breakout Room

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10:30	**MICROSOFT CAREERS SESSION (INVITE ONLY)**
11:00	**THE HUMAN FIREWALL: HOW CULTURE SHAPES CYBER RESILIENCE AGAINST CYBERCRIME** This session explores how a strong, positive culture can act as a frontline defence against cyber crime and social engineering. Focusing on the Isle of Man, it highlights how oversharing and negative engagement on platforms like Facebook can increase cyber risk for individuals and businesses alike. *Chris Kissack (Senior Business Development Manager, Acclaim Ltd)*
11:30	**OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY IN SECOPS: LEVERAGING LOGS AND SIEM FOR SCALABLE THREAT MANAGEMENT** Brandon Hewgill, CISO at Patriana in partnership with Sumo Logic, shares tactical approaches to optimising SecOps workflows using log analytics and SIEM technologies. The session highlights methods for reducing signal noise, improving detection fidelity, and maintaining resilience under resource constraints. *Brandon Hewgill (Head of Information Security, Patrianna)*
12:00	**ALPHABET SOUP: APT & IOM** Nation-state cyber groups – known as Advanced Persistent Threats (APTs) – may share a name, but their tactics, goals, and capabilities vary widely. This session demystifies the APT landscape, explores how some cyber criminal and hacker-for-hire groups rival state actors in sophistication, and explains why even small jurisdictions like the Isle of Man are not immune to these threats. *Joakim Kennedy (Cyber Security Consultant, TLA Security)*
12:30	**RESILIENCE & RECOVERY: WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THINGS GO WRONG?** Cloud services like Microsoft 365 deliver enterprise-grade technology to every business, but too often we mistake resilience for immunity. This session explores the hidden risks, real-world threats, and essential recovery strategies every organisation needs to protect its data and maintain business continuity. *Marc Dorey (General Manager, Riela Tech)*

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13:00	**LUNCH – Sponsored by Just Technology Group**
14:00	**CYBER FORENSICS IN ACTION: UNCOVERING A CRIMINAL NETWORK** This session examines a high-stakes forensic investigation that began in the Isle of Man. The investigation focused on identifying and uncovering a global criminal network. It revealed instances of corporate espionage, business disruptions, and targeted attacks. We demonstrate how collaboration with intelligence units and utilising leading forensic software can effectively counter these types of criminal networks. *Peter Allwright (Head of Forensics, UHY Crossleys Forensics)*
14:30	**CYBER RESILIENCE IN WALES** A look at how Welsh Government is managing and supporting the Defend as One principle in Wales, including an indepth look at CymruSOC, Wales' Cyber Security Operations Centre for public sector bodies, arm's length bodies and the Higher & Further Education sectors. *Toby Grainger (Head of Wales Cyber Security Operations Centre, CymruSOC)*
15:00	**BEYOND THE BET: CYBER RESILIENCE IN GAMING AND GAMBLING ECOSYSTEMS** This panel explores the Isle of Man's cyber resilience in the face of growing digital threats to its gaming, gambling, and betting sectors. Experts will discuss the evolving cyber risk landscape, including DDoS attacks and data breaches, and how the island is adapting its defences to protect critical infrastructure, maintain trust, and ensure long-term digital sustainability. *Angela Van Den Berg (Relax Gaming), Steven Ferrario (Domicilium), Sarah Smythe (MLRO) & Peter Allwright (UHY Crossleys Forensics)*
15:30	**CLOSING SESSION (MAIN HALL)**

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