



CYBERISLE 2026

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TIME	AGENDA
08:30AM	BREAKFAST - Sponsored by Manx Telecom
09:30AM until 09:40AM	WELCOME TO CYBERISLE 2026 In this opening address, we welcome our guests and examine the international events, emerging threats, and technological developments shaping today's digital world. Dan Davies // CEO // Department of Home Affairs
09:40AM until 09:55AM	STRENGTHENING CYBER SAFETY FOR IOM BUSINESSES We'll then turn our attention to the Isle of Man, highlighting key local priorities, challenges, and progress before unveiling a significant new announcement for the CyberIsle community. Mike Haywood // Director // OCSIA & CSC
10:00AM until 10:25AM	IS MY SOC KEEPING UP WITH THE AI ERA With the advent of AI-enabled threat actors using models as capable as Anthropic's Mythos and Stanford Trinity's ARTEMIS to uncover and exploit weaknesses within industries' cyber defences at scale, we are at the precipice of the impact cybercrime further accelerating and the effectiveness gap increasing considerably. The need to understand, contextualise, defend and operate at machine speed is inevitable. Is your current solution keeping up with these changes? Rich Fenton // Engineering // Arctic Wolf
10:30AM until 10:55AM	QUANTUM-READY OR PLAYING CATCH-UP? Quantum readiness is quickly becoming a competitive differentiator. For organisations built on trust, handling other people's money, data, and digital assets, being early sends a signal. Being late raises questions. Those questions are heading for the boardroom: Are we exposed? What's it going to cost? Why didn't we start sooner? This session, delivered by Verity Digital and Applied Quantum, maps out what "early" still looks like, how to get there without overreach, and how to answer those board questions with something better than "we're monitoring the situation." Marin Ivezić // Founder & CEO // Applied Quantum

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11:00AM	COFFEE BREAK - Sponsored by James Hallam & CYPFER
11:30AM until 11:55AM	THREE DISHES: FINDING THE MINIMUM VIABLE BUSINESS When a serious cyber attack strikes, attempting to recover everything can be slow, risky, and unrealistic. The organisations that recover best first identify their Minimum Viable Company: the essential capabilities needed to operate, communicate, and maintain trust while the main estate remains untrusted. This session explores the decisions leaders must make when identity is compromised, systems cannot be trusted, and business continuity matters more than business as usual. Dr Jon Davies // Chief Security Advisor // Microsoft
12:00PM until 12:25PM	BUILDING A SECURITY-FIRST CULTURE AFTER ONE OF THE ISLAND'S BIGGEST CYBER INCIDENT Panel Discussion with Heron and Brearley Following on from one of the island's largest cyber incidents, this talk tracks the journey from the initial crisis to culture change: what actually happened, the lessons learned, and how a security-first mindset changed the way IT decisions are made. Marc Dorey // General Manager // Riela Cyber
12:30PM until 12:55PM	SECURITY ORGANISATIONS IN THE AGE OF AI The security challenges facing organisations trying to embrace AI in the same moment as AI is being weaponised. What can you do about it? Steve McCarthy // Partner Development Manager // Palo Alto Networks

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01:00PM	LUNCH - Sponsored by Noventre
02:00PM until 02:25PM	THE STATE OF RANSOMWARE IN 2026 Explore the latest ransomware trends from Sophos' independent survey of 2,158 IT and cybersecurity leaders across 17 countries. Learn how AI is reshaping attacks, why identity and email are now critical entry points, and what the latest data reveals about encryption, recovery costs, ransom payments, and resilience. Leave with four practical priorities for strengthening protection, detection and response, recovery planning, and identity security. Jon Hope // Senior Technology Evangelist // Sophos
02:30PM until 02:55PM	AI, RISK & RESPONSIBILITY: EMERGING THREATS, BOARD ACCOUNTABILITY AND THE NEW RULES OF CYBER RISK Artificial intelligence is the most significant shift in the cyber security landscape in a generation for defenders and attackers alike. This session gives business and security leaders, as well as practitioners, a clear, honest picture of what AI means for their organisations right now. Luke Elston // Microsoft Practice Director // CyberOne Security
03:00PM until 03:25PM	BEYOND THE PLAYBOOK: WHY CYBER RESPONSE NEEDS EXERCISE, NOT JUST DOCUMENTATION This session explores how cyber exercises, from focused tabletop discussions to immersive simulations, help organisations prepare for an uncertain future by developing the people, processes, and decision-making needed during a real incident. Attendees will learn how meaningful exercises help strengthen coordination between technical teams, executives, wider departments and external partners, while identifying weaknesses before an attacker does. Adam Bland // Director // Complete Resilience

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03:30PM until 04:15PM	DEFEND AGAINST THE UNEXPECTED: INTERACTIVE RANSOMWARE SIMULATION Live Ransomware attack simulation. Observe first-hand as we demonstrate how a hacker infiltrates an organisation's network and deploys malicious software to encrypt critical data. This session will shed light on the inner workings of ransomware attacks, showcasing the tactics, techniques, and procedures used by cybercriminals. Gain valuable insights into the immediate and long-term impacts of such attacks on businesses, including operational disruption, financial loss, reputational damage and potential litigation risks. Kadir Levent // Managing Partner, EMEA // CYPFER
04:20PM	CLOSING PRESENTATION As CyberIsle 2026 draws to a close, this final session will take a step back from the individual presentations and consider the bigger picture. Throughout the day, our speakers have explored the challenges and opportunities facing organisations as technology, threats, and expectations continue to evolve. From the impact of artificial intelligence and emerging attack techniques, to resilience, recovery, governance, and supply chain security, a number of common themes have emerged. This closing presentation will reflect on the key insights shared during the conference, highlight the lessons that organisations can take forward, and consider what today's discussions mean for the future of cyber security on the Isle of Man and beyond. We'll also take a moment to acknowledge the invaluable contributions of our sponsors, speakers, partners, organisers, and the teams behind the scenes who have helped make CyberIsle 2026 a success.
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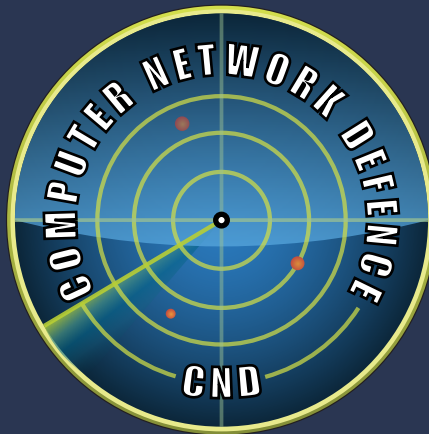
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