



The Charities Security Forum (CSF) is a group of security people working for charities, addressing the information security problems affecting mainly/only charities.

Membership is free - there are no joining fees or membership dues.

We meet on a quarterly basis in London, but between meetings we make use of a LinkedIn group for discussions. This is particularly effective as it is a closed group.

This group is important as many of our members are based well away from London.

Meetings tend to be a complete afternoon - two presenters and a discussion round the table, with networking after at a local pub.

In the past we have held a BCP workshop with Needhams 1834, and a full day PCI DSS workshop with experienced QSAs.

Today our membership is 340 charities and growing, across the UK and covers the names you would expect – Salvation Army, CR-UK, NSPCC, RSPCA, RNIB, Royal British Legion, OXFAM – plus some surprises – Sadler's Wells, V&A, the Zoological Society of London, The Scout Association, National Trust.

In July 2010 we launched a mentoring scheme where, if required, we pair members together to provide support and advice on a personal basis.

We also have a website - <http://www.charitiessecurityforum.org.uk/>

Our objectives are -

- To promote Information Security in the charity sector
- To facilitate discussion and presentation on subjects of particular relevance to information security in the charity sector.
- To encourage the open and free debate of information security matters between forum members, colleagues, and peers.
- To provide a voice for charity information security professionals, both inwards facing to peers within the same sector, and outwards facing to related professions and or related sectors.
- To create an awareness of the Forums existence in associated media and provide a route to speaking engagements for our membership
- To represent information security professionals in the Charity sector.
- To create beneficial supply opportunities for Forum members.
- To organise and present social events.

Charity Times and SC Magazine have offered a free copy for all Forum members

Whether you are experienced or a newcomer, whether your charity covers the whole country or a local issue, you should join the CSF.

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