



Meet the Mentors at HotTopics TechGirl



Meet the TechGirl Mentors!

Hey TechGirls!

This is your chance to choose which mentor you'd like to be paired with. Think of it as being a STEM kid in a candy shop of inspiring C-suite and senior tech leaders.

The list below features mentors offering **one-on-one** mentoring. Some of you may prefer to gain **work experience** with mentors who have chosen to provide that instead.

Many of our leaders have busy schedules, so while they may not offer one-on-one mentoring, they still contribute by leading virtual masterclasses, hosting workshops on the TechGirl website, or attending our in-person events.

Check out the mentors here →

Alex Butler

Director, Digital Data and Technology,
Sport England

Background

- AI, data and technology strategy
- Digital and operational delivery
- Designing future operating models that serve users better
- Making transformation sustainable



Amy Jones

Chief Transformation Officer
Emerald Publishing

Background

- Former Head of Delivery - Digital Transformation at RICS
- Award-winning technology leader with a focus on building adaptive, data-driven organisations
- Experience in mentoring with WomenWise
- Panel and event speaker



Anna Barsby

Founder and Managing Partner, *Tessiant*

Background

- Former Group CPTO at 888holdings, CDIO at Asda, CTO at Morrisons and CIO at Halfords
- Embeds technology, AI, digital & data into organisations
- Core strengths in strategy, delivery creativity and customer focus,



Anna (Gevorgyan) Verdian

Founder, *Axelrod*

Background

- Global experience in driving transformative technology and data monetisation strategies
- Former Chief Data Officer at SThree and Senior Director of Technology at Expedia Group



Aylin Oriol

CEO | *Think Techmode*

CTO/CAIO | Padgea

Background

- 25+ years of experience building and scaling product-enabled consulting and delivery organizations across FinTech, Banking, Energy, HealthTech, and e-commerce
- Former CTO at KyckGlobal / Group Manager of Finance Technology at Amazon



Caroline Carruthers

Chief Executive, *Carruthers & Jackson*

Background

- Co - Author of *The Chief Data Officer's Playbook* and *Data Driven Business Transformation*
- Former Chief Data Officer at Network Rail and Group Director of Data Management at Lowell



Christo Gouws

Technology and Data Director,
Marine Stewardship Council

Background

- Former Chief Technology Officer at the Money and Pensions Service and Director of IT and Transformation at Network Homes



Dia Nag

Director of Digital, *BetterGov*

Background

- Former Strategy & Digital Transformation, Cabinet Office
- UN Women UK Delegate
- Chair, Women in Digital Network



Dianna Pieper

CEO and Founder, Executive Technology Advisor,
Innovus Techne / Lecturer and Guest Speaker

Background

- 30+ years of enabling successful delivery of a wide range of IT multi-platform and business domains.
- Technologies: Cloud, Infrastructure, Cybersecurity, Data Governance and Management, RPA, Machine Learning and AI.



Eugi Bartolo

Chief Product and Technology Officer, *Sifted*

Background

- Former Chief Technology Officer at Environment Bank / Senior Technology Advisor at Dog's Trust
- Specialties: IT Consulting, Project Management, Strategic Planning, Information Management, SaaS Development, Business Analytics



Dr. Frances Undelikwo

CISO / DPO, *NOVA Bank*

Background

- Former Divisional Head, IT and Operational Risk Management at Fidelity Bank / Certified Forensic Investigation Professional
- 25 years of experience in various data and information disciplines
- B.Eng. in Computer Science and Engineering, a Diploma in Business Finance, a Master's in Information Technology (MIT), and a Doctorate in Information Assurance (DIA)



Giles Lindsay

CEO, *Agile Delta* / Author of *Clearly Agile*

Background

- Former CITO at Lif3away / CIO at Satago / CTO at Nimbla / CTO at JustPark
- C-level strategic technology leader, trusted board advisor, and Amazon #1 bestselling author of *Clearly Agile: A Leadership Guide to Business Agility*.
- Topics: AI Ethics & Governance, Enterprise Architecture, IT Risk Management, Software Engineering, Agile Leadership, and ESG



James Maunder

Director of Technology and Digital, *Unite Students*

Background

- Former CIO at The London Clinic and Technology Director, Oxford Education | Chief Disruptor Member and Expert Practitioner at HiveMind Network
- Topics: Sustainability, digital transformation, data, talent, collaboration and productivity



Jevern Partridge

Chief Information Officer UK&I, *Rexel*

Background

- Former Interim Programme Lead at Dog's Trust / Head of Programme Delivery at House of Fraser
- Worked across FTSE 100 companies, SMEs, charity and public sector operating in the UK, Europe, Asia, North America and Australasia
- Topics: AI, Collaboration and Productivity, Digital experiences



Joanna Pamphilis

Founder and CEO

JP Consulting

Background

- Former CIO, SVP, Global Head of Investments and Securities Digital Products, *UniCredit*
- 20+ years of experience creating digital products, accelerating transformations
- Global leadership experience in the Finance industry at UBS, State Street Bank, Northern Trust, KCG, and UniCredit



Krenar Muhidini

Director of Software Development,
EML Payments

Background

- 17+ years of experience across software development and programming
- Former Head of Software Development at Digicel Group / Country Manager and Java Developer at LinkPlus IT
- Interests: AI, digital transformation, emerging technologies, future of work



Lara Burns

Consultant and Advisory Board Member
Former CDO, *The Scouts*

Background

- Former Chief Digital and Technology Officer at Age UK / Head of Online at the Royal Horticultural Society
- 34+ years of experience leading digital innovation, transformation and change





Laura Prietula

CEO

Seldon Advisory Services

Background

- Deputy Chief Information Officer (DCIO) for VA's Electronic Health Record Modernization Integration Office. Responsible for the technical implementation of VA's modernized Electronic Health Record (EHR) system
- Bachelor's degree in Computer Science Engineering | Master's degree in Decision and Information Sciences | PhD in Leadership and Learning in Organizations



Lauren Dally

Technology Director, *everywhen*

Background

- Former Head: IT Core Systems at Universal Healthcare Ltd / Product Head - Digital Solutions at Momentum Group
- Track record in achieving challenging strategic transformation objectives - lead cross-functional teams in diverse sectors
- Topics: AI, data, digital experiences, emerging tech, diversity and wellbeing



Lauren Wilson

Field CTO and Strategic Advisor, *Splunk*

Background

- Former Head of Cyber Incident Management | Office of UK CISO at EDF / Head of Capability - Incident Management at the National Cyber Security Centre
- Delivered complex cyber and technology strategies at national and enterprise scale.
- Provides operational insight and product management expertise to support capability development and delivery.



Mat Mallett

Board Member and Advisor

Background

- Former CDIO at the Chartered Insurance Institute / COO at Cancer Central / CDIO at the UK Space Agency
- 30+ years of experience driving business growth, enhancing margins, achieving ROI through innovative, results-driven interventions
- Leveraging unified data, and digital solutions, AI, Cloud, Machine Learning, NLP, SaaS, PaaS, Big Data, API Integrations, Micro services and Automation to drive sustainable and consistent growth opportunities.



Mauli Tikkiwal

CIO, *CWS Hygiene*

Background

- Board Member at Orchard Hill College & Academy Trust / Former IT Director at Johnsons Controls
- Track record in co-creating joint business plans, IT road maps aligned with business goals, delivering large-scale, measurable technology and business change
- Specialties: Business Process Reengineering and Transformation, Portfolio Management, Sustainability & Innovation



Mollie Brentnall

Director of IT

Crawford and Company

Background

- Former Head of IT - Transport at DHL Supply Chain and Director of IT at AXA Partners UK & Ireland
- A long-time member of the HotTopics community, Mollie is a strong advocate for women in tech
- She's also a former fencing coach!
- Specialties: IT strategy, business development, project portfolio management, logistics, digitalisation



Nadia Bainbridge

Group Head of Digital Innovation and Product
OASIS Group

Background

- 20 years of experience delivering digital products and digital transformation at both FTSE15 global corporates and Silicon Valley funded start-ups
- Formerly a drug discovery scientist and a business journalist writing for the FT, BBC and the Times



Nareni Hourican

GM - Digital Innovation and Ecommerce Europe,
VidaCorp

Background

- 10+ years of experience in the International FMCG business, leading multifunctional teams, maximising and boosting sales opportunities through the development and implementation of market strategies.
- Former CMO at My Wardrobe HQ / Senior Digital Transformation Director at Brown Forman



Nina Tatsiy

CIO, *Quadiant SA*

Background

- Brings extensive international experience in technology leadership and business transformation across multiple industries
- Held senior IT leadership roles at Brambles, British American Tobacco, and GSK Consumer Healthcare, where she led major digital initiatives across multiple world regions



Paul Smith

CIO, Amnesty International

Background

- Member of the Board of Trustees at BCS
- Former Strategic Advisor, Information Technology at McLaren Group / Head of Digital and Technology Futures at RNLI
- Experienced in Leadership, Digital, Data and Technology as a result of an international career spanning over 20 years in senior roles delivering sustainable strategic outcomes.



Peter Laflin

Director of Data and Analytics

Morrisons

Background

- Started his career teaching maths and computing to adults - now has more than 20 years of experience across business strategy and operational plans; 10 years at Bloom/Jaywing working as a data science consultant
- Helped organisations on their journey to use Data Science and Artificial Intelligence to bring business benefit and profitable growth



Raghava Krishna

Technology Director - Digital and AI
The AA

Background

- Founder of BioSustain
- Former Chief Technology & Sustainability Officer at Blupace Limited | Head of Product, Data Solutions at Lloyds Banking Group | Digital Strategy and Architecture Consultant at Tata Consultancy Services



Steven Silverman

Co-Director of Digital, Data and Technology
Save the Children UK

Background

- Over a decade experience in the non-profit sector with Save the Children UK
- Advocate for Diversity, Inclusion and Neuro-diversity
- Recent father to two girls, who are 3y and 8m.

