



# Meet the TechGirl Mentors



## 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



# 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



# 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 Mauder

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



# Jason Parkhouse

VP Technology Operations, *Experian*

## Background

- Former Group Service Operations Director at JLT Group / Global IT Operations Director at TNT
- Topics: AI, career and leadership, cloud technology, cybersecurity, data, digital experiences, diversity and wellbeing, future of work



# 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

CIO, SVP, Global Head of Investments and  
Securities Digital Products, *UniCredit*

## Background

- 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



# Julie Pierce

Director of Information and Science,  
*Food Standards Agency*

## Background

- Former CIO at Defra / CIO and Director of Corporate Services at the Animal Health Agency
- Ambassador for women in STEM
- Transformation through application of modern digital technology / insights from predictive analytics to business problems



# 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



# 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 Tikkwal**

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



# **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, *Quadient 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.

