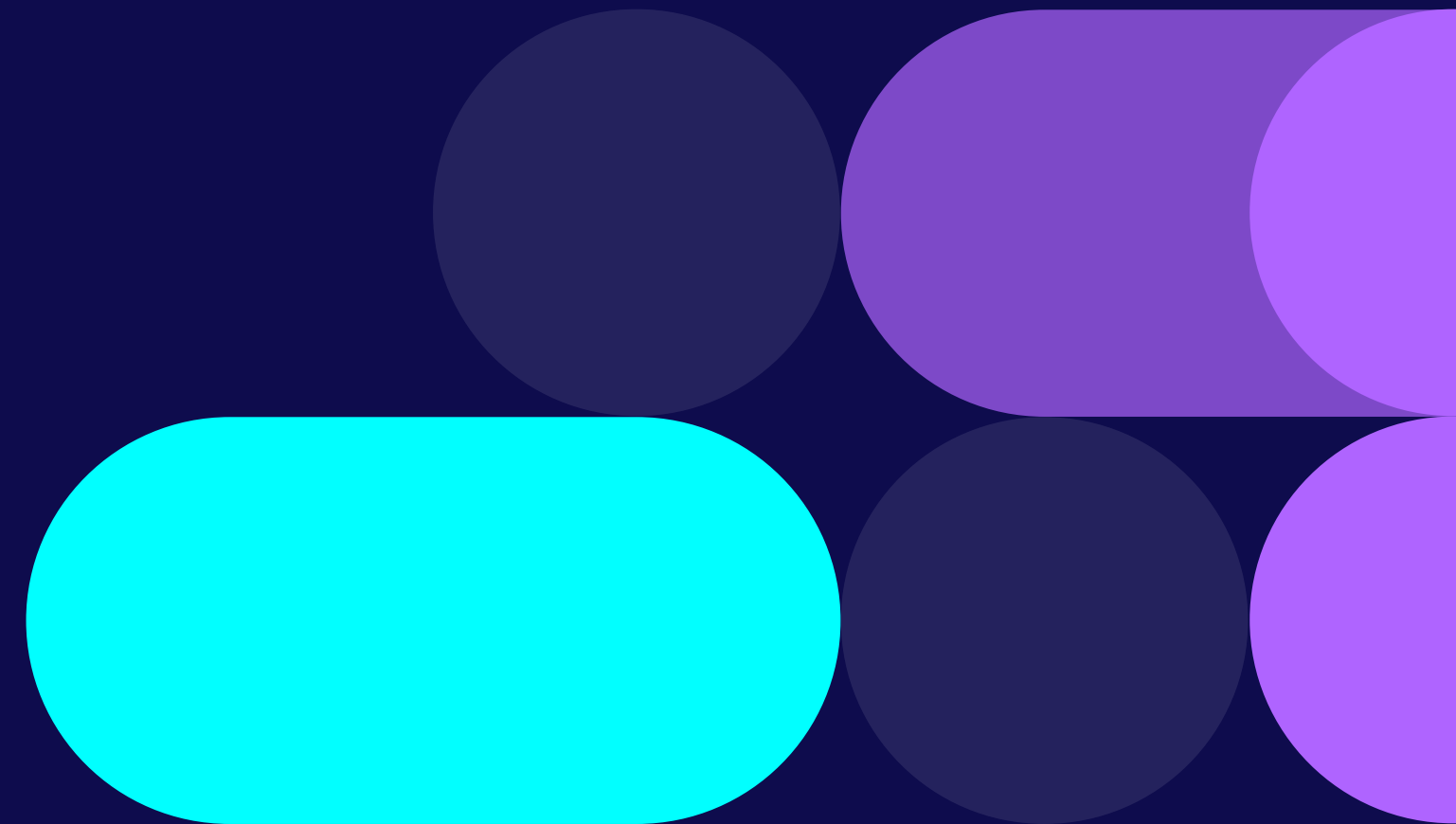




Meet the mentors at HotTopics TechGirl

Empowering future female leaders





Alex Butler

**Director, Digital Data and
Technology, Sport England**

Interests and background:

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



Amy Jones

**Chief Transformation
Officer, Emerald Publishing**

Interests and 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**

Interests and 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

**Offering work
experience**



**Anna (Gevorgyan)
Verdian**

**VP Data & Analytics,
RWS**

Interests and 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

Interests and 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**

Interests and 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**

Interests and background:

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

**Claire Cursley****Digital Enablement Lead,
Segro****Interests and background:**

- Over 13 years of experience delivering major transformation programmes
- Previously held leadership roles at PwC, Turner & Townsend and KBR, progressing from Project Management Trainee to senior transformation leadership positions.
- Experienced in digital transformation, AI adoption, programme management and stakeholder engagement.



Dia Nag

**Director UK&I Public Sector -
Strategy and Digital
Transformation, Capgemini**

Interests and 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**

Interests and background:

- 30+ years of enabling the 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.



Ellie Lockhart

**Product Owner,
Segro**

Interests and background:

- Experienced in delivering technology and transformation projects within the renewable energy sector.
- Strong background in project management, stakeholder engagement and digital transformation.
- Passionate about helping young people build confidence, recognise their transferable skills and navigate early career decisions.



Eugi Bartolo

**Chief Product and
Technology Officer, Sifted**

Interests and 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

Interests and 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**

Interests and 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

Interests and 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**

Interests and background:

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



**Joanna
Pamphillis**

**Founder and CEO
JP Consulting**

Interests and 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**

Interests and 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

**Offering work
experience**



Lara Burns

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

Interests and 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**

Interests and 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**

Interests and 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**

Interests and 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.



Mark Hemsley

**Head of Architecture, Rail
Delivery Group**

Interests and background:

- Passionate about mentoring the next generation and helping young women build confidence in STEM and technology careers.
- Brings deep expertise in innovation, leadership, and large-scale technology transformation, having worked at Rail Delivery Group for over nine years.
- Specialises in software architecture, enterprise architecture and IT strategy

**Mat Mallett****Board Member and Advisor****Interests and 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, and achieving ROI through innovative, results-driven interventions
- Leveraging unified data, 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

Interests and 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

Offering work experience

**Mollie Brentnall**

**Director of IT
Crawford and Company**

Interests and 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***

Interests and 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**

Interests and 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

Interests and 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

Offering work experience

**Paul Smith****CIO, Amnesty International****Interests and 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.

**Offering work
experience**

**Peter Laflin****Director of Data and Analytics at Morrisons****Interests and 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 at The AA**

Interests and 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



Savannah Devillez

**Data & AI Culture Lead
Intact Insurance UK**

- Has more than a decade of experience across data governance, strategy, and AI
- Previously worked at Lloyds Banking Group, Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Energy, and PepsiCo
- Advocate for mental health, women in tech, and a member of the Women in Data community



Steven Silverman

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

Interests and background:

- Over a decade of 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 3 years and 9 months.

**Victoria Clarkson**

**Finance PMO Analyst,
Segro**

Interests and background:

- Started her career on a Service Desk before moving into finance and technology-focused roles.
- Has worked for some of the UK's most recognisable brands, including Marks & Spencer and McDonald's.
- Built a career by combining financial knowledge with technology and project delivery expertise.
- Works closely with senior leaders, including CIOs and executive teams, to help deliver technology programmes.