

Name	Company	Bio
Ian Swann	Harrogate Spring Water	<p>Ian Swann joined Harrogate Spring Water as Operations Director in March 2024. His career spans 30 years in Engineering and Operations for the brewing and food industry and more recently for plant-based brand, Alpro. Ian will provide insight into why he chose a career in manufacturing, his career journey as an engineer and what brought him to Harrogate Spring Water. He'll share details of his current role and the benefits of working for a globally recognised brand.</p>
Jonathan Howard	Amazon Logistics EU	<p>Jonathan Howard, Supply Chain Director Amazon Logistics EU.</p> <p>Following A Levels, Jon completed an Electrical and Electronic Engineering with Management Degree at the University of Bradford before choosing to join the RAF as an officer and Navigator. He excelled during flying training and was selected for fast jet training initially on the Tornado F3 air-to-air fighter. Following 4 years flying Jon moved to navigate the Tornado GR4, an air-to-ground bomber where he continues to serve until, he left the RAF after 17 years. During the time Jon, served overseas in the Falklands, Iraq, Afghanistan, Syria as well as exercises in America, Canada, Malaysia, UAE and Europe.</p> <p>On leaving the RAF, Jon secured a role with Amazon Logistics UK as a warehouse General Manager and over the course of 9 years has held numerous roles including, Senior Operations Manager, Head of UK Q4 planning, Head of EU Q4 planning and lately as a Director within Supply Chain managing capacity planning. In his time with Amazon, Jon has lead teams as large as 1000+ and spread across 2 continents. He is currently based remotely but travels regularly to London and EU to visit his team. He will talk about the Logistics and Supply Chain sector but will happily answer questions on his military career and routes into the military.</p>
Kirsty Morrison	Harrogate District Hospital NHS Trust	<p>I am a registered nurse who teaches student doctors. Since qualifying in 2005 with a DipHE in nursing, I have trained as an anaesthetic & recovery nurse, moved to England and became a pre-operative assessment Sister where I completed a postgraduate degree 'pre-operative practitioner'.</p> <p>My current role is a Ward Based Clinical Teacher for Leeds Medical school students. I predominantly teach 2nd and 3rd year students whilst on clinical placement in Harrogate hospital and at least twice a year I go through to Leeds university as an OSCE examiner, which gives me the role as an Honorary Lecturer. Due to current my role I also completed a postgraduate Masters in Academic Practice with a fellowship in the Higher Education Academy in 2023.</p> <p>Training as a nurse can lead you to many different paths that most people are not aware of and it is a role that is developing all the time.</p>

Rob Westworth	World Rugby Limited	<p>I am Head of Product and Fan Experience at World Rugby. As part of my role I manage a team who deliver the event management/experience at the Men's and Women's Rugby World Cups as well as the International Rugby 7s Series.</p> <p>My department manage Hospitality, Merchandise/Retail/Licensing, Music Entertainment/Talent, Sports Presentation, Sponsor Activations and Food & Beverage which I will talk to at your event.</p>
Andrew Kempston-Parkes	Kempston-Parkes Chartered Surveyors	<p>"A day in the life of a Residential Chartered Surveyor and RICS Registered Valuer"</p> <p>A 'chartered surveyor' is a surveyor who has gained, and consistently demonstrates, a high level of skill or competence in their field of work, recognised by the award of formal accreditation from RICS. Residential Surveyors deal with residential properties in the private or public sector. The principal activities of their work relates to the management, purchase, sale or leasing of land and property and valuing and surveying property. They may act as an agent, broker or auctioneer during a sale and may also carry out contract negotiations between landlords and tenants. They help homebuyers with mortgage valuations and HomeBuyer reports, manage residential property portfolios and provide advice on investment and development.</p> <p>I will talk about the range of residential property we inspect, the process of inspecting and the reports we produce. The valuation process and calculating the insurance figure for rebuilding the property. Who can you work for? And finally what are the routes for getting qualified?</p>
Lewis Walsh	Forvis Mazars	<p>Hello, my name is Lewis Walsh. I am a school leaver at the accountancy & consulting firm Forvis Mazars, currently in my second year of a four-year apprenticeship. I specialise in audit, which essentially means I help to check that companies keep their finances in order and don't do things which are illegal. If you'd like to hear about an alternative route to university and/or are interested in accounting as a career then hopefully I can provide some insight for you!</p>
Matt Lewindon	Ardent Limited	<p>I studied Mechanical Engineering at Cardiff University, achieving a 2:1 MEng. I took some time out to travel and explore different work avenue before deciding to apply to Sandhurst to be an Officer in the British army with the intent of Joining the Royal Engineers. I enjoyed engineering but didn't want to be confined to an office. My army career included a tour of Iraq where I applied my engineering knowledge in combat activities as well as constructions.</p> <p>After leaving the Army I stayed in North Yorkshire and took on a role of managing the production of Oil rigs in Hartlepool. After 5 years I was headhunted for a manufacturing role in Leeds - Operations manager. After a further 5 years I took on the role of Factory manager, then Managing Director of Sulzer Pumps UK - a large global business providing pumps for the energy industry. Then this year I took the role of Group Managing Director of a local company who are a world leader in safety systems and have an exciting growth trajectory.</p>

Yongxing Wang	University of Leeds	I am currently a lecturer in the School of Computing at the University of Leeds, where I am involved in both teaching (in Scientific Computing) and research (which can be found here: https://eps.leeds.ac.uk/faculty-engineering-physical-sciences/staff/1600/dr-yongxing-wang). In my talk, I will discuss my career journey from China to the UK, highlighting my transitions between academia and industry. I will begin with my early years in primary school, which had only 8 students and 3 teachers, and share my experiences through high school and university. Additionally, I will discuss my work experience in universities, high schools, and companies in both the UK and China. I aim to reflect on my motivations for transitioning between different environments. I hope this presentation will be engaging and informative for the students.
Judy Dawson	Ministry of Justice	Having left University, I attended Bar School and then started pupillage in Bristol to be able to be a barrister. I initially practised for about 10 years in criminal work prosecuting and defending jury trials. I then moved into civil work (largely high value personal injury) and moved back to North Yorkshire. I was one of the first barristers to specialise in insurance fraud cases, particularly perpetrated by organised crime groups, and for the last 20 years of practice, I almost exclusively dealt with these type of cases. I now have a different role dealing with serious crime, family (including cases involving children being taken into care) and high value money cases.
Andrew Dawson	Lloyds Banking Group - Chief Security Office	Andrew Dawson is a culture manager working in cyber security at Lloyds Banking Group. His job is to communicate with the bank's 65,000 employees and ensure they understand how important each person is in keeping their colleagues and customers safe. His talk will be about how a career in cyber security isn't just about AI, quantum computing and cryptography, but about people. He will cover tech roles and discuss his background in creative advertising, showing how working at a place like LBG can let a person combine the two worlds.
Harvey McCabe	Make UK	Harvey McCabe has developed a senior career in British politics. Starting his career as a Communications Officer to the former Member of Parliament for Bridgend, Dr Jamie Wallis MP. Harvey progressed to Senior Communications Officer and Chief of Staff. During his time in Parliament, he oversaw a letter of no confidence in two former Prime Ministers and the MP's support of the leadership campaign of former Prime Minister, Rishi Sunak. After leaving Parliament, Harvey has pursued a career in Government Affairs working as the Government Affairs Adviser at Make UK – The Manufacturers Organisation, leading on Parliamentary affairs and working with senior ministerial offices, including those of the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Prime Minister, in championing the views of British businesses. This talk will focus on what a career in politics is like, from advising inside and now outside of the Houses of Parliament.

Chris Lomax	Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office	Chris Lomax is a British diplomat. He is currently based at the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) in London, leading UK foreign policy on the Horn of Africa with particular focus on Ethiopia, Eritrea, Djibouti and Somalia. Previous FCDO roles include: Senior Policy Planner which involved super-forecasting what the state of the world could look like in 10 years, negotiating international human rights agreements at the UN in Geneva; Deputy Ambassador in Eritrea; and led the Japan Desk. His talk with focus on what a career in diplomacy looks like, drawing on his 20 years of experience.
Hannah Eustace-Raw	IQVIA	<p>Clinical Trials Regulatory Affairs - Where Science meets compliance</p> <p>I studied Natural Sciences at Cambridge University, followed by a PhD in Molecular Biology/Medical Genetics to fulfil my dream of being a Research Scientist. When I realised it really wasn't for me I had no idea what to do next. My first few jobs were with pharmaceutical companies working mostly in sales roles. Whilst a really great career, I just didn't feel fulfilled. After having my two boys and a career break, I worked at Harrogate Grammar School as a Science Technician which I loved. This time out gave me chance to re-asses and work out what I wanted from a career and a chance encounter led me to Clinical Trials Regulatory Affairs. For me it's the perfect combination of using my science background, problem solving and making a difference in clinical research in a fulfilling role which combines science, law and business.</p>
Karen Roche	Screen Yorkshire	Karen manages the delivery of our skills programmes, utilising her industry expertise to up-skill Yorkshire's screen talent and connect new entrants to the industry, shaping the Film, TV and Screen Workforce of the future. Karen has more than 30 years' of industry experience working in both studio and on location settings. Karen's specialist craft skills have been honed within the Art Department, working alongside large production teams, from High -End TV Dramas and Feature Films, through to Short Films and Commercials, During her career, Karen has also shared her insights through tuition at many universities. Karen manages a number of Skills Programmes at Screen Yorkshire, including our Beyond Brontës: The Mayor's Screen Diversity Programme and Digital Skills for Screen .