



# United Linux!

The intrepid **Les Pounder** brings you the latest community and LUG news.

## Find and join a LUG

**A few groups that have regular meetings:**

- » **Bassetlaw (BassetLUG) 19:30**, every Wednesday at Ischus Ltd, Worksop. <http://basset.lug.org.uk>
- » **Sheffield (ShefLUG) 14:00**, usually on the first Saturday of the month, location varies. <http://sheflug.org.uk>
- » **Birmingham (Birmingham LUG) 19:30**, third Thursday of the month at Aston Science Park, Faraday Wharf, Holt Street. <http://sb.lug.org.uk>
- » **Tyneside (Tyneside LUG) 12:00**, first Saturday of the month at the Discovery Museum, Blandford Square, Newcastle upon Tyne. [www.tyneside.lug.org.uk](http://www.tyneside.lug.org.uk)
- » **Hereford (Herefordshire LUG) 19:30**, fourth Wednesday of the month at the Cafe bar @ The Point 4, RNC, Venns Lane, Hereford. [www.herefordshire.lug.org.uk](http://www.herefordshire.lug.org.uk)
- » **Surrey (Surrey LUG), 11:00**, second Saturday of the month, location varies. <http://surrey.lug.org.uk>
- » **York (YLUG), 19:00**, fortnightly, location varies. <http://york.lug.org.uk>
- » **Liverpool (LivLUG) 19:00**, first Wednesday of the month. Liverpool Social Centre, Basement, 96 Bold Street. <http://liv.lug.org.uk>

Find more LUGs online at [www.lug.org.uk](http://www.lug.org.uk)

## Barcamp MediaCity

Something for everyone at Salford Quays.

**A** new, and potentially one-off Barcamp, hosted in a fantastic new venue? Where do I sign up? Barcamp MediaCity, five years in the planning, was a fantastic experience organised by the senior producer at BBC R&D, Ian Forrester (@cubicgarden on Twitter).

The Salford Quays venue, kindly provided by the BBC, was fantastic, offering space for groups to work, share ideas, and enjoy a few console games.

The attendees, and the talks themselves, leaned heavily on software development and general project methodologies. From starting up a business using lean/agile practices, to Android and iPhone app development, the technical talks were excellent.

There were some more interactive talks, a great session where you were encouraged to pick up an instrument and make some noise, and an interesting debate about country music.

While there were some Linux-powered laptops, it was generally a Mac-heavy event. We did see Ubuntu's Unity interface dotted around the screens of a few laptops, but it seems that the Mac still dominates for this

particular group. A welcome addition were the Manchester Girl Geeks in Residence, offering advice, and hosting talks in a bid to attract more women to the male-dominated tech industry.

This event was great, the venue and hospitality were fantastic, and the range of talks provided a real wealth of free information for attendees to tap into. We only hope it's not a one-off, as it provides a lot, but asks for very little.

I'd recommend people try a barcamp near them. While not a true Linux event, you can always host a talk about Linux, and give away a few CDs to interested parties. Barcamps give you the opportunity to debate any subject, so go on... find one now. **LXF**



» The BBC's new MediaCity office was the perfect venue for the Barcamp.

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## Community news

### Lincoln LUG

Becky "@bobobex" Newborough, wife of CrunchBang Linux creator Phil "@Corenominal" Newborough, is the new LUG master for Lincoln LUG.

The first meeting was held on 27 September and the group welcomes new and old members to come along and enjoy a social evening of Linux and tech-related talk.

So, if you're a local, pop along, and while you're there you can file a CrunchBang bug report

direct to the man himself.

<http://lincoln.lug.org>.



» Join Lincoln LUG for an evening of tech-related chatter.

### ukMozilla Festival

Mozilla, the firm behind the popular Firefox web browser, is hosting a three-day conference in London on 4–6 November.

The website describes it as a "three-day gathering of passionate, creative people using the web to reinvent media".

Confirmed attendees include Jonathan Grey of the Open Knowledge Foundation; Ian Forrester of BBC R&D and Mark Surman of Mozilla. <http://mozillafestival.org>

### Software Freedom Day 2011

This year's annual celebration of software freedom – a global event that's supported by more than 100 countries – has come and gone but we'd love to hear what you all got up to and how it all went – let's share our experiences, so that we can make next year's celebrations even better.

Drop us a line at [lespounder@gmail.com](mailto:lespounder@gmail.com) with the subject "What our LUG did for Software Freedom Day 2011". Thanks.