

What is Bristech?

➤ Bristech was founded in 2011 as a [meetup](#) with a singular purpose: to share knowledge. This was (and still is!) expressed through a “heartbeat” event that features two technical speakers on every first Thursday of the month at the [Engine Shed](#), Bristol.

➤➤ Fast-forward eight years and we have now grown our membership to over 2.5k technical professionals. We have also spawned an eponymous [annual conference](#) that has sold-out the Watershed venue each year. As such, we are probably the largest network of tech professionals in the South West.

What is Bristech BYOL?

➤ It seems a logical next step to further expand our offering to include a series of technical workshops. We are calling this **Bristech BYOL (Bring Your Own Laptop)**.

➤➤ We have put some thought into our pedagogical approach and have captured this in a [learning manifesto](#) that favours continuous, in-context, short, accessible and reflexive learning.

➤➤➤ In line with this manifesto, the idea is to offer short hands-on practical learning opportunities with guidance from proven experts. Topics will reflect our tech-agnostic approach to knowledge sharing and will be as diverse as our meetups and conference talks.

➤➤➤➤ We are keen to engage with both training opportunities within SMEs & corporates as well as individuals. To this aim, we will be offering workshops during the day as well as evening sessions.

For tech teams

➤ Daytime sessions will be restricted to a maximum of 12 people for an optimal workshop experience. All sessions will be held in an “unforgettable” space onboard ship in the harbour - we believe that learning can (and should be) highly experiential!

➤➤ To kick-start this initiative, and to ensure that our workshops are of relevance, we are keen to engage with local tech companies. If interested, please ping [Nic](#) to arrange a further conversation to explore how Bristech BYOL can be woven into your existing training agenda.

Sponsorship

➤ Evening sessions (i.e. those starting after 1800) will be subsidised by sponsorship when possible to allow these training opportunities to be more inclusive and open to all. If your organisation would like to sponsor a specific workshop, then please do get in touch.

➤➤ Sessions will be branded and promoted to our 2.5k members which will afford an excellent opportunity for gaining profile with this focused technical audience.