



i-Power Regions 2021

8th March 2021

Welcome to the Mount Hotel

18th March 2021



Mike Ryan
Chairman i-UG

i-UG

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You're virtually there...



Education

Information

Communication

i-UG's first Educational Day of 2021



We welcome

i-UG Members

Guests

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Today's event sponsored by:



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i-Power Midlands 2021 (h)

Delegate Feedback & Suggestions

- VERY important to us
 - Entered for a prize draw
 - Winner gets a **£25 Amazon** voucher

<https://www.i-ug.co.uk/i-power-regions-feedback-page>

- Winner of Feedback prize from December 2020

Dave Coventry
from
Zurich International

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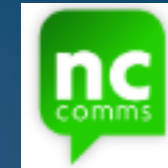
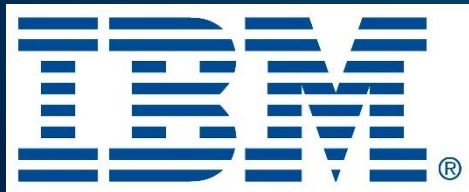
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First time to an i-UG event?

What is i-UG?

The only active user group in UK for IBM i professionals offering access to education as well as topical news and advice

- Independent for 27 years
- Not For Profit
- Strong Media, Event and Social Media partners
- Strong links with IBM, CEAC and Common Europe
- Links with other User Groups around Europe
- Strong Brands - **i-UG** and **i-Power**
- A Board and a Committee... (More to follow...)



www.i-ug.co.uk

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Some Loyal, Supportive Vendor Members



What Does i-UG Do?

(in a “normal” year)

- 4 Face to Face Events each year
 - Single stream roadshow event in London (February) - i-Power London
 - Agenda repeated in Rochdale (March) - i-Power North
 - International i-Power in June over two days
 - i-Power Midlands (October/November)
- At Each Event
 - Speak to other IT professionals in a friendly relaxed atmosphere
 - Receive top quality education from IBM & independent speakers
 - Discuss issues with industry experts
 - Have a bit of fun!

Membership Organisation

- 12 months rolling membership
- 3 membership levels:
 - Individual Membership - £180 p.a.
 - Company Membership - £350 p.a.
Up to 3 delegates to each event
 - Vendor Membership - £500 p.a.
Up to 3 delegates to each event
Logo / URL links via i-UG website
Logo on splash screen at events
Priority invitations & discounts to sponsor larger i-UG events
- If you would like more information on becoming member of i-UG
<https://www.i-ug.co.uk/how-to-become-a-member>

Ideas for Presentation Topics?

- We are always interested in ideas for future presentations
 - Must be educational
 - Must be relevant to a wide audience
 - Non sales pitch
- Any suggestions
 - Email details to **admin@i-ug.co.uk**

2021

THE i-UG BOARD:

Mike Ryan - Chairman
Steve Bradshaw - Technical Director
Colin Spofford - Secretary/Treasurer
Steve Cast - Marketing Co-ordinator



THE COMMITTEE:

Eddie Chaffin - M3 Project Manager, ABP Food Group
George Willmott - Senior Systems Administrator, The Dune Group
Ron Hack - Independent
Terry Bartlett - Forever i Ltd.
Will Holland - Development Consultant, GB Liners
Nick Blamey - Northern European Director, ARCAD
Sam Dix - Client Services Consultant (Macro 4)

Coping in 2020...

In a year like no other... 2020

(We still hosted 4 events.....!)

20th February

In person meeting at IBM Client Centre Southbank London

➤ 79 Registrations / 55 Delegates

5th March

In person meeting at Norton Grange Hotel Rochdale

➤ 58 Registrations / 37 Delegates

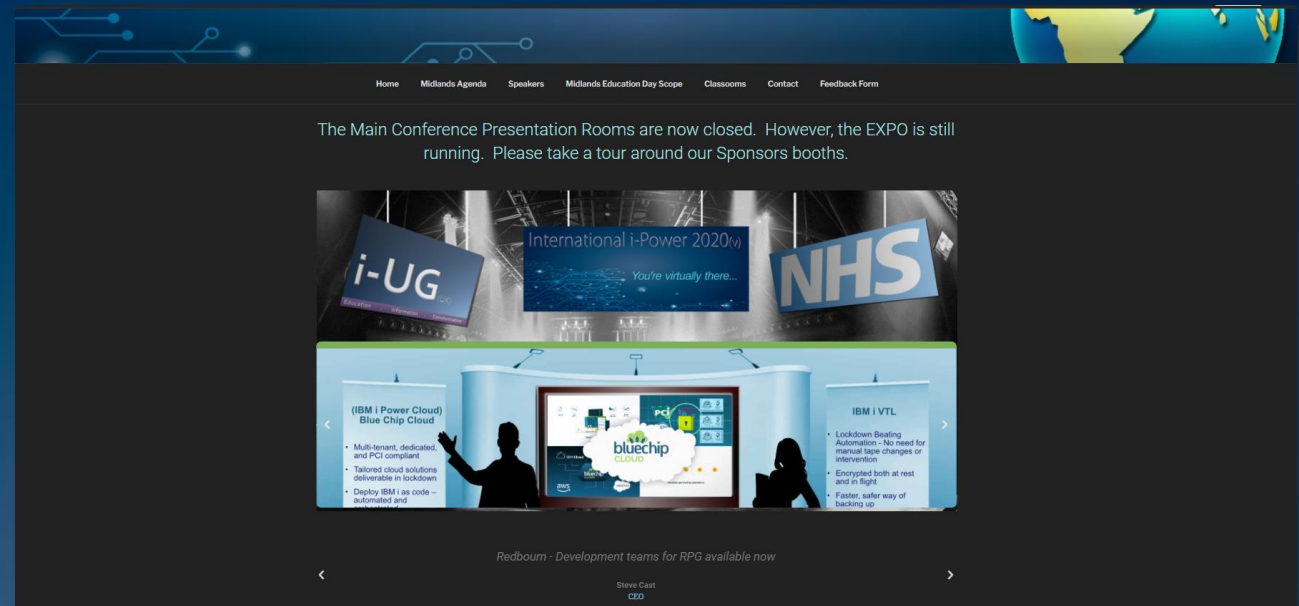
➤ ...and the first taste of what was to come...

➤ *Mark Smith - Secure Data - Zoom to the rescue*

2020 (Continued...)

International i-Power 2020(v) June 10 & 11

- First Wholly Virtual Conference
- Great presentations
- 466 Registrations
- 374 Delegates
- 8 Sessions with over 100 attendees
- Only 2 sessions with less than 50 attendees
- NHS Charities Together Raised **£20,430 GBP** (+ gift aid)
- A REAL success!



2020 (Continued...)

i-Power Midlands 2020_(h) (Wolverhampton) 10th December

- First Hybrid conference
- 192 Registrations / 82 Delegates



Complete Change of Plans for 2021 Calendar

- ~~February - Thursday 25th~~
 - ~~**i-Power North** at The Norton Grange Hotel Rochdale~~
- ~~March - Thursday 11th~~
 - ~~**i-Power South** at IBM Southbank London~~
- ~~June - Tuesday 8th to Wednesday 9th~~
 - ~~**International i-Power** at The Park Inn Northampton~~

Change of Plans for 2021 Calendar

- **i-Power North**
In person event - Rochdale on 25th February - **CANCELLED**
- **i-Power London**
In person event - IBM Southbank on 11th March - **CANCELLED**

Both above replaced with:

i-Power Regions 2021 (h)

Two stream hybrid event at Mount Hotel in Wolverhampton
(Today)

- **International i-Power 2021**
In Person event - Park Inn Northampton (8-9 June) - **CANCELLED**

Replaced with:

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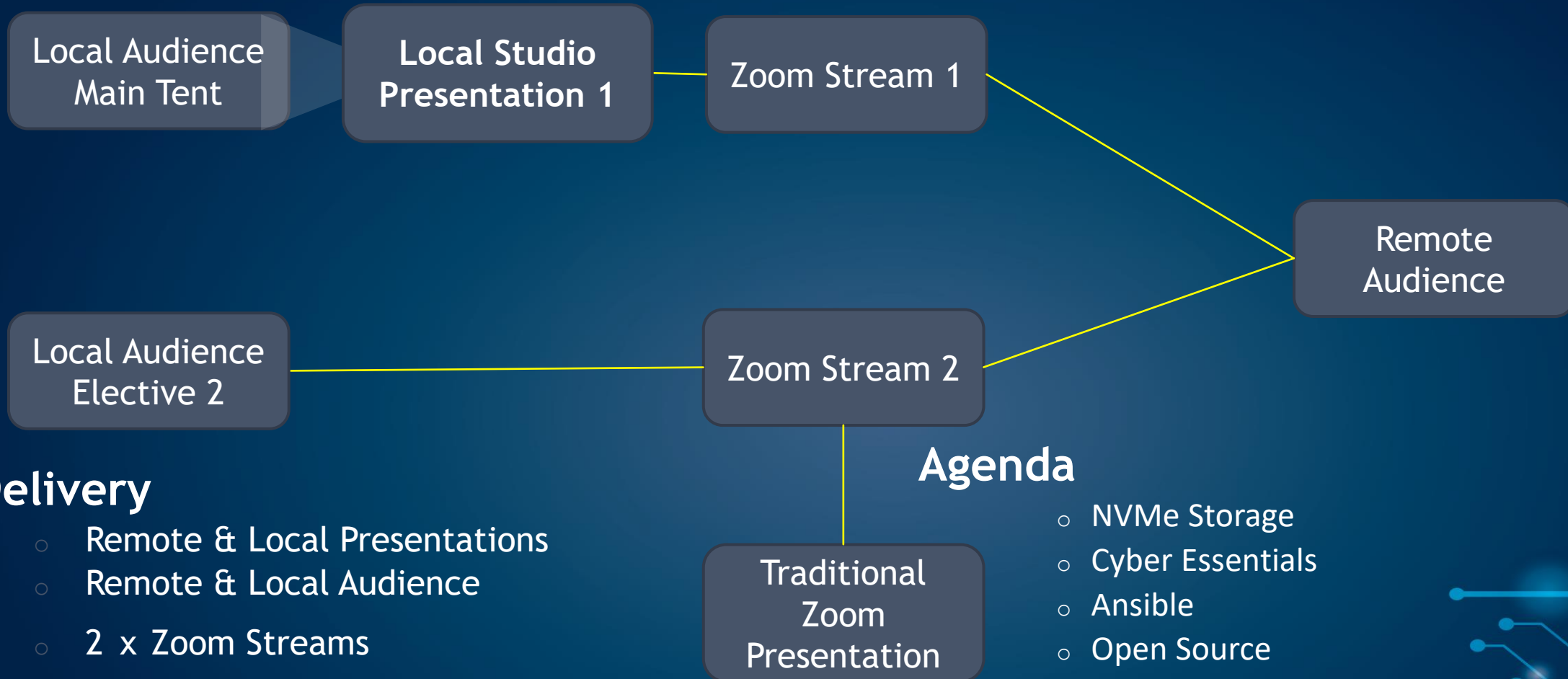
Multi-stream hybrid event at Mount Hotel in Wolverhampton
Tuesday 6th & Wednesday 7th July
(Different Venue & Different dates)

- **Other Events**
T.B.C.

New Plans for 2021 Calendar

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Delivery

- Remote & Local Presentations
- Remote & Local Audience
- 2 x Zoom Streams
- Members and invited Guests only

Agenda

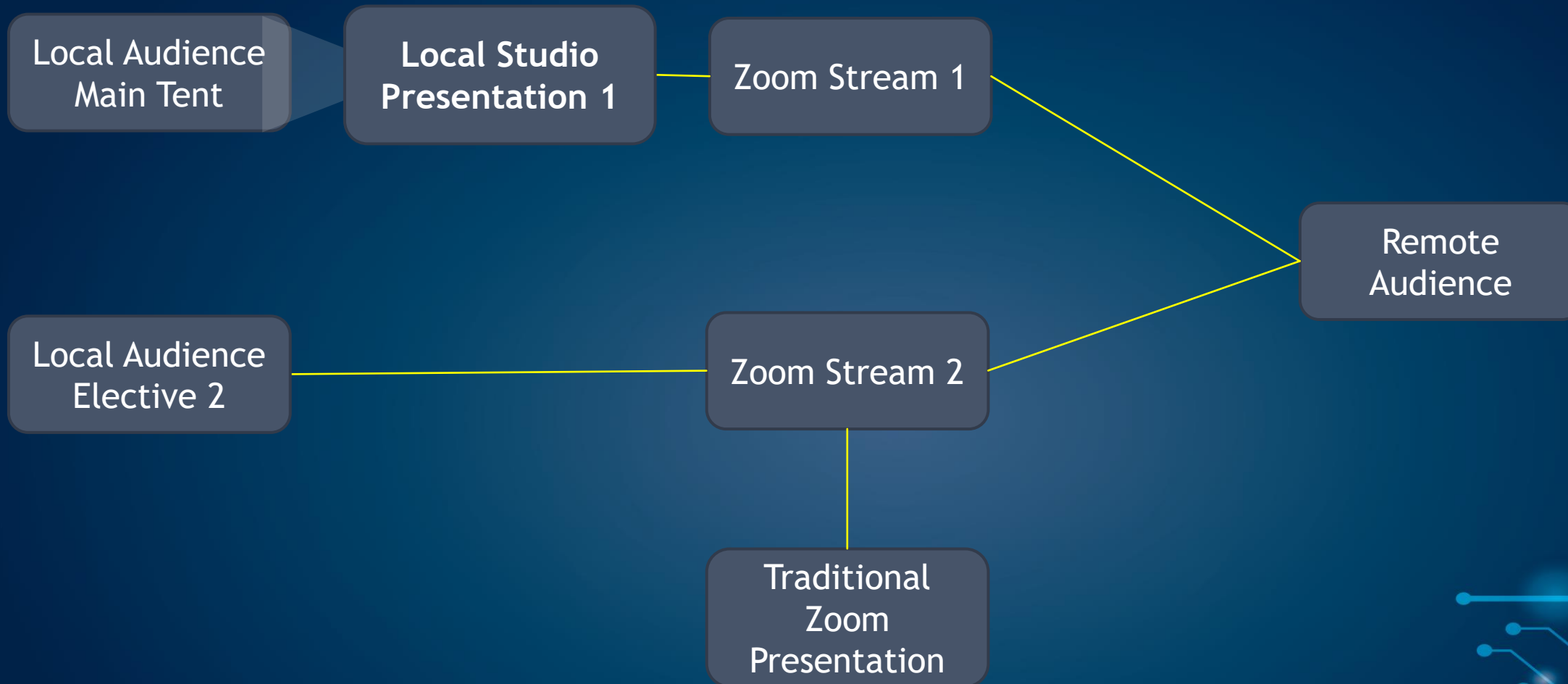
- NVMe Storage
- Cyber Essentials
- Ansible
- Open Source
- Reasons to Move Forward
- Node.js/Node-RED

Over 2 days in July (6th & 7th)

- Keynote Presentations
- Extended Lectures
- Workshops
- Multiple Conference Streams of 45 minute sessions
- 15 Minute gap between sessions
- Predominantly live sessions
- Expo Area (Virtual & hopefully Physical Booths)
- Pay to attend
 - Discounts for Members
- Donate funds to charity/charities
 - Repeat Community Spirit of last year's event
- Call For Presentation Papers
 - Has been sent out already
 - Deadline for submissions is Tuesday 30th March
- Sponsorship Available
 - All Vendor Members should now have received the information.

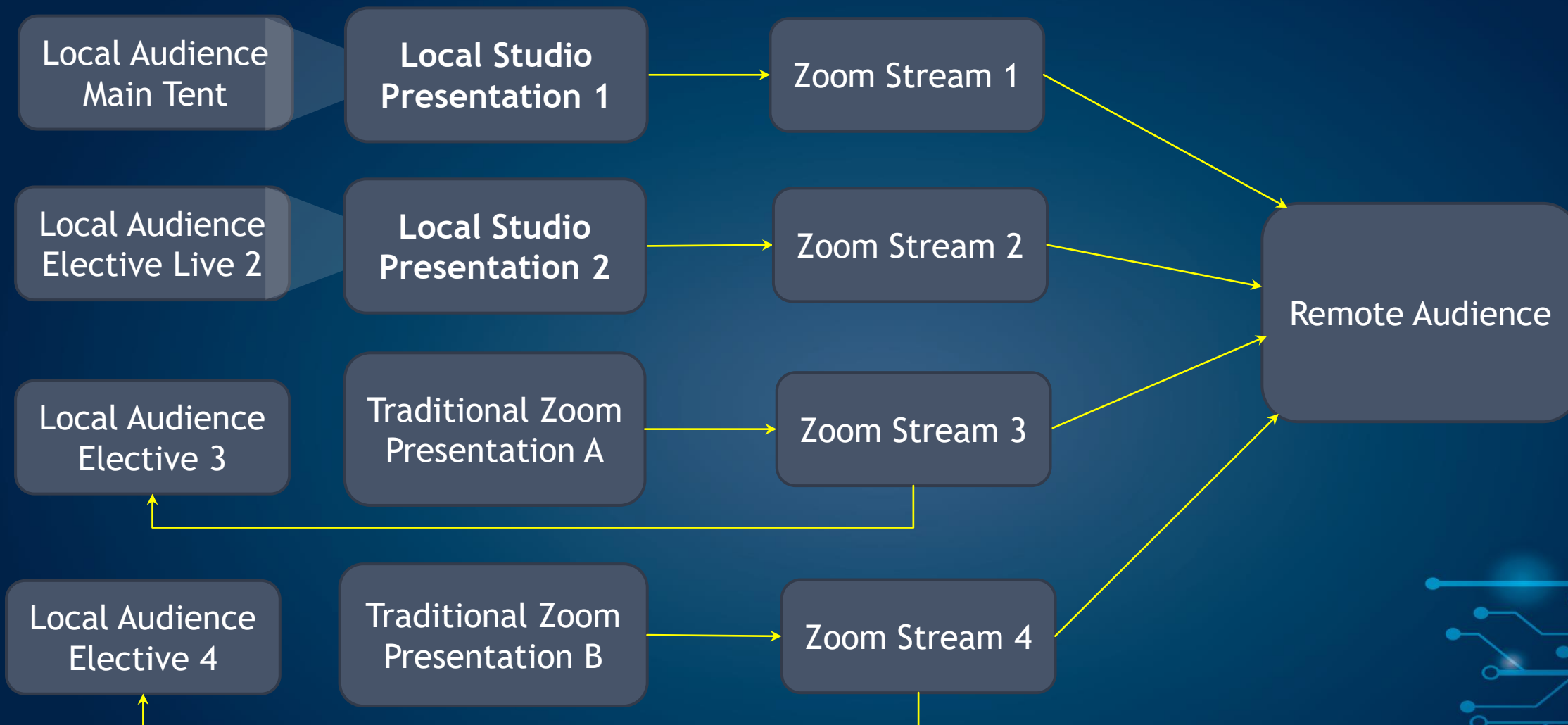
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i-Power Midlands 2021 - TBD

Final event of 2021

October / November

Currently no dates announced

Probably hybrid conference

Dual/multi stream

Some Sponsorship Opportunity

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Marketing Plans

Steve Cast

MD of Redbourn Business Systems Ltd.

i-UG Marketing Co-Ordinator

- Improve Engagement with Members
- Regular Communications
- Embrace Membership Wants and Needs
- Manage Marketing (Dreamscape)
- Manage the Web Sites
- Improve Pre and Post Event Activities

...already making a difference



Looking further forward...



Like most organisations, our plans for the future are still “up in the air” at the moment.

Dependent on future government guidelines
& world travel restrictions

Short Term

More Virtual / Hybrid conferences

Longer Term

Face to face conferences which have a virtual element
Additional Virtual conferences

Check out the i-UG website for latest developments

▶ www.i-ug.co.uk

2022 June Conference

- **International i-Power 2022**
 - Looking at Park Inn in Northampton
 - Currently not planned
 - Location on hold
 - Need to review rooms
 - 2nd week in June
 - Probably Hybrid
 - Sponsorship Opportunities





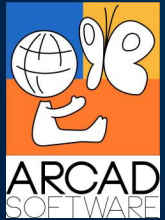
Science
Technology
Engineering
Mathematics



- Offer our skills to a new generation
 - Years of experience
 - Access to the best platform in the world
 - Access to a world of OpenSource
 - Access to loads of FREE of education
- Access to a new, young Talent Pool
 - A different Language
 - A different approach to IT
 - A different dimensional communication zone!!
 - Twitter, WhatsApp, LinkedIn?
- Where do we start? We already have...

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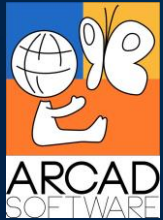
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Live from Wolverhampton

Steve Bradshaw - Rowton IT Solutions



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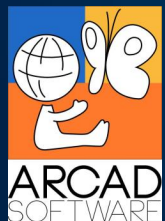


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