



OFFGRID SESSIONS 2017 AGENDA

Our Theme for this year is ***Skillset vs. Mindset***

When conditions and dynamics continue to change, is mastery still paramount? What skills do we need going forward? We will explore the importance of attitude, outlook, culture and working with others, balanced with the importance of skills, knowledge and the desire for mastery.

MONDAY 10TH JULY

07.45 & 08.00 - Trains depart Liverpool Street to Witham Station

08.45 & 09.00 - OffGrid buses leave Witham station to Osea island

09.30 - Arrive Osea Island

09.50 - Causeway closes

10.45 - "Welcome to OffGrid" - Jeremy Hill

11.00 - "Four things about now" - Russell Davies

Described as the strategist's strategist, Russell will be opening, giving us his state of the nation update 12 months on from last year. Robots, fake news, subscriptions and ethics. Problems or opportunities - you decide!

12.00 - "The world through the eyes of others" - Clare Patey

Clare will explore how empathy not only transforms our relationships with others but also tackles larger and more global issues such as prejudice, conflict and equality. Clare is bringing her "Mile in my shoes" exhibit to the island and will encourage us to literally 'walk a mile' in someone else's shoes. Clare is an award winning artist and curator who creates participatory installations, performances and exhibitions.

12.30 - "How to be creative and resilient in a tidy minded world?" - Tim Harford Tim examines the unexpected connection between creativity and mess. Why unexpected chaos, change of plan, unfamiliar people and unforeseen events can generate brilliant

new ideas and opportunities. Tim is the author of the million copy selling "The Undercover Economist", a columnist at the FT, and the presenter of Radio 4's "More or less".

13.30 - Lunch

15:00 - "Print: The new digital frontline" - Dr Kate Stone

Kate wants to infuse our current analogue world with electronics so that everything looks like it always has... except that it can come alive through interaction. Kate will invite us to enter her world, where print and electronics converge by fusing science and design, to create something new and unexpected.

16.30 - "Design, empathy & optimism" - Clara Gaggero Westaway

Clara will demonstrate how starting with empathy and optimism can deliver product designs that offer clarity, hope and enjoyment that enrich the lives of others. Clara is a designer who, among her achievements, has designed the only mobile phone user manual to be featured in the Museum of Modern Art.

17.30 - "Why science fiction, music and art make great beer. The Beavertown Story" - Nick Dwyer

Beavertown is one of the fastest growing, most exciting (and arguably coolest) British breweries to emerge over the past 10 years. Nick, the brewery's creative director, will talk about the vision and purpose of the business, how creativity and innovation sit at the core of what they do and why they believe passion trumps expertise. Accompanied by beer tasting of course.

19.30 - BBQ & Beers

21.30 - "Grand Adventures" - Alastair Humphries

Alastair is a British adventurer who will be talking to us about adventures grand & micro. Whether it's sleeping on a hilltop or going for a wild swim, cycling a lap of the Isle of Wight or walking home for Christmas, Alastair rallies us to discover something new about ourselves and the world outside our window; "Adventure is everywhere, every day and it is up to us to find it".

TUESDAY 11TH JULY

07.00 - Yoga, Run the causeway, Swim or Tennis

09.00 - "Learn fast, learn small and find the hidden path to success" - Robert Twigger

An adventurer in the broadest sense, Robert believes in stretching himself and learning more. For him, polymathy is the only knowledge approach possible for an adventurer because "the wider your knowledge base, the better prepared you'll be to invent solutions". Robert will be talking "micromastery" - starting small, learning fast and why you don't need to do 10,000 hours.

10.00 - "How big change comes in small packages" - Emily Webber

How does an organisation change, evolve the way it works and develop on a continual basis? Emily, previously head of Agile at the Government Digital Service (regarded as one of the most successful examples of organisational transformation), will show us real, practical examples on how large-scale change can be made through small changes, continual improvement and learning.

11.30 - "A rational skeptic in an irrational world" - Julian Baggini

Julian, one of the UK's best known philosophers, will be proposing that the contemporary West has become more and more dismissive of the power of reason and it's ability to lead us to anything worthy of the name 'truth'. Julian explains where reason comes up short and suggests that by understanding these shortcomings, we can become better thinkers and analysts.

12.30 - Lunch

14.00 - "A story about women and economics" - Katrine Marcal

Katrine is the lead editorial writer for the Swedish newspaper Aftonbladet where she writes about politics, economics and feminism. In her talk, Katrine will suggest that Economics has sold us a story about how the world works and we have swallowed it hook, line and sinker. She asserts, "Now it's time to change the story" and invites us to question Economic Man and "Who cooked Adam Smith's dinner?"

15.00 - "Purpose, product and asking the kids" - Bethany Koby

Bethany Koby is a mum, CEO, designer and educator. She is the founder of Technology Will Save Us, an award winning business that provides make-it-yourself kits and digital tools to help kids make, play, code and invent using technology. She will talk about how purpose informs and helps set direction for business and shows us we can create brands and businesses that help imagine a more positive and collaborative future.

15.30 - Workshops - Sign up for one of our many workshops run by our speakers.

18.00 - "Radicals - outsiders changing the world" - Jamie Bartlett

Jamie is an exciting British writer and journalist and one of the world's leading thinkers on how radical thinking, technology and culture intersect. In his talk, he will take us on a journey inside the strange and exciting worlds of the innovators, disruptors, idealists and extremists who think society is broken and believe they know how to fix it.

19.30 - Dinner

21.00 - Music, Beers, Fires & Dancing

WEDNESDAY 12TH JULY

07.00 - Breakfast in the Clubhouse

08.30 - Coaches back to Witham Station

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