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Thought Leadership - January 2025

Welcome to the January edition of our *Security and Risk Thought Leadership Newsletter* in which we connect you with innovative ideas and new research. In this edition:

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If you have any comments, questions or a suggestion for something we should cover, drop me an email - [Dr Janice Goldstraw-White, Thought Leadership Editor](mailto:DrJaniceGoldstrawWhite@perpetuityresearch.com)



Register for the (free to attend) Global OSPAs Ceremony taking place on 12th February 2025

The first-ever Global Outstanding Security Performance Awards (OSPAs) will be streamed live on Wednesday, 12th February 2025. This exciting event will bring together the winners of 14 categories from around the world to compete for the prestigious Global OSPA. It's a celebration of excellence in the security industry, recognising the outstanding achievements and innovations that keep us safe.

Don't miss this ground-breaking event where top performers in the security sector will be honoured. Be part of the global audience and witness who will take home these coveted awards. [Click here to register for free.](#)

[Click here to view the full list of finalists.](#)



Fire Resilience Excellence, Workplace Violence Reduction, and Security and Safety Entrepreneur Awards to take place at Birmingham Metropole on 8th April 2025

The newly introduced Fire Resilience Excellence Awards (FREAs) (sponsored by [Axa](#)), Workplace Violence Reduction Awards (WVRAs) (sponsored by [Maybo](#)), and Security and Safety Entrepreneur Awards (SSEAs) will be presented during a celebratory dinner at the Birmingham Metropole Hotel on the 8th of April 2025. The event will be held alongside the Safety and Security Series taking place at the NEC, Birmingham, 8-10th April 2025.

Nominations closed earlier in January and finalists will be announced shortly.

The awards dinner will celebrate achievements across the three award schemes and offer a chance to network with colleagues while enjoying good food and entertainment. More details, along with a booking link can be found on the respective websites above.

Find out more and register here:

[FREAs](#) | [SSEAs](#) | [WVRAs](#)



2025 UK OSPAs Thought Leadership Summit Programme Announced

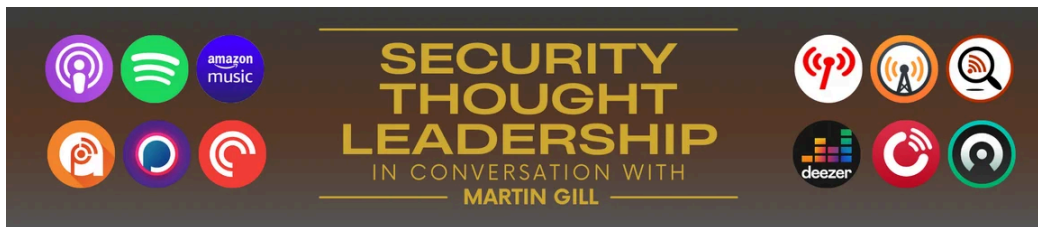
The seventh annual OSPAs Thought Leadership Summit, hosted in association with the [National Security Inspectorate \(NSI\)](#), will take place in London in February. This highly anticipated event has become a cornerstone of the security sector calendar, bringing together industry leaders to debate, challenge, and shape the future of security.

Join us on Thursday 20th February 2025 at the Royal Lancaster London. Doors open at 11:30 am with an exhibition of security products and services and a complimentary lunch. The day concludes around 5:00 pm, followed by the prestigious OSPAs gala dinner in the evening.

Exhibit your products and services: Limited tabletop exhibition spaces are available.

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[Secure your place and view the full agenda here.](#)



Latest Security Thought Leadership Podcasts

We have now released twenty-two episodes in our "Security Thought Leadership" podcast series, with each speaker offering unique insights into the security industry and its future. Our 190 previous Thought Leadership Webinars are now also available as podcasts.

The latest two episodes feature interviews with Dougie Barnett from AXA, and Preeti Dubey from Strive High.

Dougie Barnett

Dougie is a global leader in fire and safety management, as well as strategic risk. He currently manages a team of 45 loss prevention specialists and is a regular contributor to conferences on business resilience. Frequently sought after by both written and spoken media, he serves as a trusted reference point. With over two decades of experience at AXA, the headline sponsors of the new Fire Resilience Excellence Awards (FREAs), Dougie played a pivotal role in pioneering this initiative.

Amongst the issues you will hear Dougie discuss on this podcast are: the reasons why young people should become risk managers; the changing role of insurers in risk mitigation; and how issues like climate change, technology and AI are changing risks and their management.

Preeti Dubey

Preeti is described as a 'Women Super-Achiever' on LinkedIn and is one of Singapore's top 100 entrepreneurs. With a background in business (MBA) and psychology, she transitioned from an early career in banking to establishing her own consultancy. Her training workshops on Leadership, Emotional Intelligence, and Psychological First Aid have gained immense popularity.

In this podcast, Preeti discusses what makes a good leader and emphasises how emotional intelligence and self-awareness are essential – not only for managing crises but also for everyday interactions. She also explores how these skills can help address the challenges of being an entrepreneur.

Future episodes to be released include:

- 3rd Feb – Pawan Desai, MitKat
- 17th Feb – Pablo Colombres, GIF International & ASIS International

Episodes are available on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, Amazon, and all major platforms. Tune in to hear from leading voices in security at www.securityinconversation.com, where you can also find direct links to your preferred platforms.

2025 UK OSPAs Headline Sponsor **AXON**

20 February 2025
Royal Lancaster London

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uk.theospas.com/attend

@theOSPAs Outstanding Security Performance Awards

UK OSPAs – bookings now open

This year's OSPAs awards ceremony, proudly sponsored by [Axon](#), will take place on the 20th February 2025 at the Royal Lancaster London. Hosted by the renowned comedian Ben Hanlin, the event promises an evening of celebration and recognition for outstanding performers in the security sector. [To book your tickets click here.](#)

[You can view the complete list of finalists here.](#)

Founded on strong ethical principles, the awards are actively supported by numerous key industry bodies and special interest groups. These organisations nominate judges to represent them, including ADS, ASC, ASIS, ATMIA, AUCSO, BSIA, COLCPA, the City Security Council, CSSC, CSyP, DISA, the Food & Drink Association, IFPO, IPSA, ISACA, ISMA, NAHS, NSI, the Police & Security Group Initiative, PSSA, SIA, SIF, Skills for Security, SSAIB, SASIG, Syl, TiNYg, True Honour, the Women's Security Society, and the UK Security Commonwealth.



The University of Sheffield receives its third Secured Environments award

Congratulations to The University of Sheffield for successfully undergoing a comprehensive assessment of their security management practices and achieving the prestigious Police-awarded [Secured Environments](#) certification for the third time.

Head of Campus Safety and Security, Richard Yates, highlighted the continued importance of the award to the university community

[To learn more about the Secured Environment Award click here.](#)



Awards Highlights

Entries are now open for:

Ireland OSPAs – enter by 3rd March 2025 - [ie.theospas.com/enter](#)

Cyber OSPAs – enter by 18th March 2025 - [www.thecyberospas.com/enter](#)

Southern Africa OSPAs – enter by 1st April 2025 - [za.theospas.com/enter](#)

New Zealand OSPAs – enter by 8th April 2025 - [nz.theospas.com/enter](#)

Upcoming Events:

[Global OSPAs](#) – 12th February 2025 - Free to Attend Virtual Event

[UK OSPAs](#) – 20th February 2025 - Royal Lancaster London

[FREAs](#) | [SSEAs](#) | [WVRAs](#) – 8th April 2025 - Birmingham Metropole

[Cyber OSPAs](#) – 8th May 2025 - [Big Sasig](#), 133 Houndsditch, London



Did you know? – The Great Firewall of China

The Great Firewall of China processes over 750 million surveillance camera feeds daily, serving as a powerful tool for monitoring and controlling Internet traffic within the country. Beyond filtering online content, it employs advanced AI to analyse footage from millions of security cameras, enabling real-time facial recognition, movement tracking, and the detection of suspicious behaviour. This integration of digital and physical surveillance makes it one of the most comprehensive monitoring systems in the world.

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This Month's Quiz

Fit 10 six-letter words into the grid so that each links with the word on its left and beginning of the one on the right. Example: FISH [MARKET] TRADER. The letters in the shaded squares should reveal a security-related word. Please submit your one-word answer here [www.surveylegend.com/s/5mao] by Friday, 21st February. A winner will be selected at random from the correct entries and will receive a copy of the book '[Preventing Crime and Disorder in Public Places: Blending Opportunity Reduction, Guardianship and Welfare](#)', by Tim Prenzler, which is part of Professor Martin Gill's 'Crime Prevention and Security Management series'.

Check back in next month's newsletter for the answer and a new quiz to enter.

The answer to the New Year quiz was 'Deterrence' and was won by Mike Gips, of Kroll and receives a copy of the book '[Securing Mega-Events: Networks, Strategies and Tensions](#)', by Chad Whelan and Adam Molnar, which is part of Professor Martin Gill's 'Crime Prevention and Security Management series'.



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