

Caroline Wright, BESA and the House of Lords



Caroline Wright of BESA

Tonight I am meeting Caroline Wright face to face. I interviewed her for [Merlin John Online](#). We have emailed and talked on the phone so much that I feel as if I know her quite well but in fact we met just once – very briefly – at the farewell do for [Ray Barker](#).

Caroline is not the new Ray. Nor is she a replacement. One thing I have learnt is that as the new director at BESA Caroline will put her own stamp on the organisation. She has a formidable pedigree with extensive overseas experience which will be of great benefit to the UK software community but she also has great charm

Most importantly she has a very clear set of values: 'Education matters and is always likely to be featured in the first few pages of a newspaper because it is relevant to most of the population. We have all had an education and we nearly all know someone who is having one now. The role as a director at BESA ticks every box for me. I love education and this job lets me be part of a team and puts me back at the heart of strategy and delivery.'

Tonight I shall enjoy being BESA's guest at their annual House of Lords reception.