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### Membership News

#### New Members

[CLICK HERE](#) for a list of businesses that have recently joined the Chamber. A warm welcome to all of them.

### Members' News & Information

#### Free internet and technology information day in Lancaster

Lancaster Economy Day is an event being held at the Ashton Memorial in Lancaster on Tuesday 29 September 2009. The day will bring together experts from various fields of the IT sector to provide advice to local businesses. [MORE...](#)

This free event is supported by local technology companies, Lancaster District Chamber of Commerce and public funded organisations and will offer advice to all sizes and types of business. Places are limited and demand is expected to be high. To register your place visit <http://www.economyforums.co.uk/>

### **LACYP Celebrates 75 years**

In celebration of 75 years of work with young people, Lancaster based organisation the Lancashire Association of Clubs for Young People is holding an Anniversary Dinner in the Banqueting Suite at Lancaster Town Hall on Thursday 12 November 2009. A four course dinner with entertainment by Jed Stone. [DETAILS](#)

If you would like to join us and require any tickets (£35 each) please contact Margaret or Sylvia on 01524 65106 or email us your details with number of tickets required at <mailto:lacyp@lacyp.org.uk>.

### **Business Support News**

#### **Funding for rural based businesses**

Rural Development Programme for England (RDPE) funding is now available across the rural areas of the County to support a range of business improvement ideas. Free events will feature an introduction to the funds and what sort of projects can be supported. For information and to book a place please follow the link for the local venue [Lancaster House Hotel, Lancaster – 30th September, 6.30pm – 8.30pm](#)

#### **Is your business at risk from flooding?**

The Sustainable Water Environment Lancashire (SWEL) project funded by the Environment Agency offers on site advice, support and assistance, including flood risk assessment and identification of any sustainable drainage options. [MORE...](#)

### **Training News**

#### **Leadership Training**

There are still a limited number of places available on the LEAD programme at Lancaster University so if you are interested, please contact Kim Ashby on 01524 510713. Enquire about funding under Train to Gain.

<http://www.lums.lancs.ac.uk/departments/Entrep/Projects/lead/%20>

### **Chamber Representation News & Information**

#### **Lancaster City Centre Retail Group**

The Chamber has formed a new Lancaster City Retail Group to give more support to its retail members in the city centre.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 6th October at 6pm.

Contact <mailto:ann.morris@lancaster-chamber.org.uk> for further details and to submit Agenda items.

#### **Lancaster City Centre Business Forum**

A new City Centre Business Forum has also been formed, comprising representatives from all business sectors operating in Lancaster City Centre. The Business Forum will engage directly with City Council Officers and will take forward issues raised through the Lancaster City Retail Group and other sub-groups of the Chamber.

The next meeting will be held on 24th September at 5.30pm  
Contact <mailto:ann.morris@lancaster-chamber.org.uk> for further details and to submit Agenda items.

### **Edwardian Festival & Market 26th & 27th September**

The Chamber's City Centre Retail Group has been working with the City Council, the Market, Bay Tourism, Lancaster Guardian and The Bay radio to launch the first Edwardian Festival and Market in Lancaster City Centre in support of the Centenary celebrations. A full programme of events and activities will take place on Saturday and Sunday 26/27 September including an Edwardian street market, themed entertainment including Punch & Judy, Harmony Express Barber Shop Quartet, Barrel Organ, Lancaster Brass Band, Deco Delight singers in Marketgate and a childrens' Retail Treasure Trail with entry form appearing in this week's Lancaser Guardian. Make a note to bring the family into the City to enjoy some great entertainment over the weekend.

[POSTER HERE](#)

### **Chamber Hosts Student Friendly Business Awards**

The Chamber's business lunch held yesterday, played host to the Lancaster University Student Union's annual Student Friendly Business Awards. LUSU President Michael Payne presented the awards and thanked the Chamber for its continuing support of both the Student Friendlies and the LUSU entrepreneurial programme, CREATE.

The Student Business of the Year award went to Bay Stormers Cheerleaders. The Community Involvement Award was presented to Lancaster Homeless Action, the Student Promotion Award went to Vue Cinema, the Student Activity Sponsor award went to Walkabout and the main accolade, the Student Friendly Business of the Year award was won by The Plough Inn at Galgate.

80 members and guests attended the networking lunch and exhibition held at Morecambe's Strathmore Hotel.

## **Chamber Events**

### **Annual Dinner Friday 2nd October**

Don't miss out on this year's Annual Dinner, a 70's extravaganza with Champagne reception, 3 course dinner with wine, and entertainment from One Stop Boogie. Main sponsors - British Energy and ICU Security Services. Come on, dress up and let your hair down at Lancaster House Hotel from 7.30pm on 2nd October. [MORE...](#)

Book on-line <http://www.lancaster-chamber.org.uk/eventdetail.asp?PageID=60>

### **Regional Business Question Time**

Members are invited to attend the North West regional Question Time event on Thursday 22nd October at the Best Western Leyland Hotel. Panel members include Andy Bounds, The FT's Northern Correspondent, Star of Dragon's Den, Sharon Wright from Talpa Products, Steve Broomhead Chief Executive of the NWDA and Phil

Woolas Minister of State for Borders and Immigration, Minister of State at the Treasury and Minister for the North West. [MORE...](#)  
This free event is being organised by Chambers of Commerce North West.

Subject to the level of interest from the Lancaster area, coach transport will be arranged. E-mail <mailto:ann.morris@lancaster-chamber.org.uk> if interested.

## Local News

### **Lancaster Town Hall and Ashton Memorial centenary celebrations**

To mark the anniversaries of these masterpieces of Edwardian architecture, Lancaster City Council and a range of local organisations have put together a programme of events. [MORE...](#)

### **Emergency Services**

There is another proposal to move the 999 communications room at Lancaster Police Station to Preston. I don't know if you remember the problems this caused the last time they tried it but it was a bit of a nightmare. What do you think?

Respond to <mailto:ann.morris@lancaster-chamber.org.uk>

### **The One Planet Festival returns to Lancaster 2-11th October.**

Lancaster's climate change festival consists of a sustainability expo eco fair event at Lancaster Town Hall, an environmental film festival and speaker events in conjunction with The Dukes, clothes swap and re-styling event, and cycle and biofuel- powered music festival events. For more details go to <http://www.oneplanetfestival.com/>

### **Lancaster District Funding Fair**

This free event in Hornby on 22nd October will provide local voluntary and community groups with the opportunity to find out about some of the funding opportunities currently available. [MORE...](#)

## Other Commercial News

### **THE BIBA'S 2010 - LIVE NOW.....**

Do you and your company have something to be proud of? Then this is your ideal opportunity to do something about it. The BIBA's 2009, described as the one they all want to win, is now open for entries.

Apply on line at [www.thebibas.co.uk](http://www.thebibas.co.uk) or call 01772 653000 for further information.

A 1000 strong audience will witness the BIBA's 2010 presentation in the Globe Theatre, Blackpool Pleasure Beach on 12th March 2010.

### **North West Development Agency**

Follow this link for the latest e-newsletter from NWDA  
[http://www.nwda.co.uk/Files/NWDA%20Regional%20Newsletter%](http://www.nwda.co.uk/Files/NWDA%20Regional%20Newsletter%20)

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