

## NEWSLETTER – September 2007

Welcome to the Business Forum's regular Newsletter, covering our successful September 2007 meeting, and including all usual areas of interest to members.

### **Next Meeting**

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2007 at the Civic Hall, Civic Centre, Ellesmere Port, CH65 0BE, starting 6.30pm for 7.00pm, with usual bar & buffet.

### **Speakers**

**Jonathan Britten (University of Chester)**

**"Knowledge transfer Networks"**

**AND**

**Jackie Ditchburn (Tech 8 Ltd)**

**"Secretarial Solutions to keep your business admin under control!!"**

### **Members Meeting 13<sup>th</sup> September 2007**

At our meeting, **Les Spencer of Cheshire Fire & Rescue** explained the details of the New Fire Safety Order, affecting all businesses, and the responsibility of businesses to ensure that appropriate Fire Risk Assessments have been carried out and documented for each of their premises. (These replace the 'old' Fire Certificates issued by the Fire Authorities.) He also explained, when asked, about Home Safety Checks, which can be carried out by the Fire Authorities, to help protect domestic premises. **Contact 01606 868700 for details.**

**Alex & Phil Jackson (Jackson Coaching)** followed with a members showcase, explaining how to communicate with anyone, anywhere, anyplace...?? How to effectively use NLP (Neuro-Linguistic Programming) Techniques to make you more effective in business, and personally.

We also conducted our usual raffle, with deserving winners!! **In September we started awarding a new prize, which will be available until further notice. One lucky raffle winner will be able to post a feature article or advert on the**

**website for the whole of the following month.** Another excellent reason to be a Forum member.

As you can see there is always a full programme for our meeting. If you would like to feature in any meeting, you can always agree to speak at one of our Members' Showcase slots. Alternatively, if there is a topic you would like to have covered at a meeting, please let us know. Contact Les George at [chair@cepnforum.org.uk](mailto:chair@cepnforum.org.uk)

## **Strategic Partnership Update**

Nothing to report this month. Look out for reports in later Newsletters.

## **Website News**

Did you know that the Forum operates a website where your membership and business will be advertised? **We can also set up a link to your own website. For more details, contact Mark Ireland-Jones.**

Read this Newsletter on the Forum's website, where we had 1704 visits in August and 1556 in September. You've got to be in it to win anything from it!!

**Any special offers your Company may be able to pass on to members can be posted on the website. Contact Mark, below, to arrange this.**

Why not log on, visit the site and find details of our strong membership by reading about your fellow members? Is your entry up to date? Do we need to change any member details?

**NOTE: We need to update mobile phone details. Please check yours as listed on the site, and advise Mark of the numbers, or of any changes to the numbers listed since you joined the Forum. Thank you.**

Let us know by emailing Mark Ireland-Jones at [mark@wirralphoto.com](mailto:mark@wirralphoto.com)

## **Members**

With new members joining us on a regular basis, and with old friends deciding to move on to new opportunities, our member numbers have increased slightly this month to 60 (a magical number!!!).

Don't forget to ensure that you pay your £60 subscriptions on time, or your company and contact details may be taken off the website. Please get in touch with Andrew Bagnall

The Committee is actively promoting the Forum on behalf of the membership, but if you know of any Start-up Businesses or existing SMEs you think will benefit from membership, please don't hesitate to tell them about us, or bring them along to our next meeting!

## Member News

### **\*\*\*CALLING ALL FORUM MEMBERS\*\*\***

Would you like the chance to join our Members Showcase for 2008? We need presentations of between 5 -10 minutes. You can let all members know all about you and your business, including interesting facts or offers for other members.

Please contact Les George on 01244 512117, or at [lesley.george@chester.ac.uk](mailto:lesley.george@chester.ac.uk) or at [chair@cepnforum.org.uk](mailto:chair@cepnforum.org.uk)

**In addition, you can also have 200 words about your business published here on our Newsletter. If you have any special offers or events you are planning in the near future, you could publicise them here too.**

Please send your 200 words to [keith@ehrservices.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:keith@ehrservices.fsnet.co.uk)

## Attendance at our monthly meetings

All Members are also now sent an electronic reminder about the meetings approximately one week beforehand. If possible, we would like members to confirm their attendance, or to indicate that they are unable to attend, so that we can cater for correct numbers.

You can help us by emailing the Forum Chair, **Lesley George**, at [chair@cepnforum.org.uk](mailto:chair@cepnforum.org.uk). Thank you.

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don't forget our next meeting on **13<sup>th</sup> September**. All current members and guests welcome – come and meet the Committee and fellow members, and take part in important networking for your business.