

NEWSLETTER – May 2008

Welcome to the Business Forum's regular Newsletter, covering our successful May 2008 meeting and annual NETWORKING event, also including all usual areas of interest to members.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday 12th June 2008 at the County Offices Sports Club, Plas Newton Lane, Upton, Chester, starting 6.30pm for 7.00pm, with usual bar & buffet.

Speakers

Alan Edge from Timezone Digital Storage Limited

“The benefits of secure document storage & related matters”

AND

James Kenny of Actus UK

“How to achieve strategic growth and sustainability in your company”

Usual Bar & Buffet plus raffle for exciting prizes

Guests Welcome

Members Meeting 8th May 2008

Representatives of Chester City Council and Ellesmere Port Borough Council gave members details of grant schemes and current funding initiatives being made available to companies based in their respective catchment areas.

Our thanks to Leonard Keenan and Gill Williams for devoting their time to provide this information.

Details of all grants, etc can be found on the websites of the respective councils; shown below.

www.chester.gov.uk
www.epnbc.gov.uk
www.nwda.gov.uk
www.businesslink.gov.uk/northwest

We also conducted our usual raffle, with deserving winners!!

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

NETWORKING 2008 – Ellesmere Port 22nd May

Dawn Gibbins MBE and Marie-Claire Carlyle gave members a thought provoking introduction to Feng Shui at our May meeting in Ellesmere Port. Members were given the first step in the process by calculating their personality profile based on their birth date.

Dawn is launching a new business which uses Feng Shui principles as a part of the core philosophy of the company.

Find out more from member Marie Claire at www.marieclairecarlyle.com

Strategic Partnership Update

A meeting of the Partnership took place recently. Look out for a report in our next Newsletter.

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.

Read this Newsletter on the Forum's website, where we had an amazing 2154 visits in only 4 weeks in May. You've got to be in it to win anything from it!!

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 continue to update members' details. Please check yours as listed on the site, and advise Mark of any changes to the details listed since you joined the Forum. Thank you.

Let us know by emailing Mark Ireland-Jones at 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 are at a healthy 63 this month.

The Forum's Committee meets regularly to discuss and organise the events and meetings of the Forum. Copies of the minutes of the Committee meetings are available on request to members. Contact chair@cepforum.org.uk for a copy.

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 or at chair@cepforum.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

Attendance at our monthly meetings

All members receive a copy of this Newsletter, as we continue to post out hard copies to all members each month. Members are also now sent a 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. Thank you.

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don't forget our next meeting on **12th June**. All current members and guests welcome – come and meet the Committee and fellow members, and take part in important networking for your business.