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Dear Member,

### Welcome to your April Newsletter

Within Northern Ireland there are many opportunities to network and increase your knowledge and understanding of today's management and leadership hot topics.

So why not join us by attending one of the events below?

If you are constantly on the move, take a look at our [CMI regional events](#) across the UK, which you can register for as well.

We look forward to the possibility of extending a warm welcome to you at an event in the near future.

Kind regards

**David Sales CMgr FCFI**  
Chair, Northern Ireland

## PARTNERSHIPS



CMI and Queens University Belfast Graduate School signed a partnership. David Sales, Chair NI Region marked the establishment formal relationship between CMI and the Graduate School with an exchange of plaques with Professor Margaret Canning on 5 April 2017 at Riddell Hall

## STUDENT AMBASSADORS

We have appointed a Student Ambassador Champion to the Regional Board. Karolyn Gaston is undertaking a part-time MBA at UU Business School and she will be the focal point for student members: contact details will be issued shortly. Additional Ambassadors are sought at undergraduate level from both QUB and Regional Colleges. This opportunity offers them the experience of working at Board level, to propose events for their own campus and even attend national CMI events. We have had a few enquiries but would welcome more. If you're interested – get in touch with the Board's HE/FE champion: Stanley Wallace, email [Stanley.Wallace@managers.org.uk](mailto:Stanley.Wallace@managers.org.uk)

## EVENTS 2017/18

The NI Regional Operating Plan for 2017/18 has been approved and the Board will now seek to establish Institute and partnership events across Northern Ireland. If you have suggestions for, or wish to help organise events, please contact our Regional Chair, [David Sales](#)

## BOARD VACANCIES

Interviews to fill the current two Board vacancies will be held shortly.

## RECENT EVENTS



**The Business of Economics – Meet The Stake-holders.** An event jointly sponsored by CMI, UU and InvestNI that focused on the current economic trends, expected challenges and opportunities for growth attracted approximately 80 people from across all aspects of the business community.

Dr Eoin Magennis, Senior Economist at the Ulster University Policy centre, explained the current NI economic situation and future scenarios as the result of BREXIT, FDI and local budget deficit. A lively Q&A session offered the opportunity to examine these scenarios in greater depth. A key OECD finding demonstrated that productivity and management skills of our businesses and managers in Northern Ireland lagged significantly behind that of Germany, GB & USA. When compared with Germany, there was a gap of 34% that needed to be closed! Opportunities for innovation partnerships with UU through Knowledge Transfer Partnerships and other services were also examined. A networking session examined in further detail the opportunities for collaboration with local stakeholders including Causeway Chamber, Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council, Causeway Enterprise Agency, Department for Economy, Invest NI, Northern Regional College and North Western Regional College.

## CONTACT ADDRESSES

A membership survey is being designed for circulation to all members. It will seek your views on the types of events, their timing and locations. Please make sure your address is up to date on the CMI website, or if you have difficulty doing so please contact the membership team in Corby on 01536 207307 or our Communications member, [Steven Chambers](#)

## FOODOVATION TOUR

Wednesday 26th April 2017, 6.00pm



**FOODOVATION Centre, North West Regional College, Northland Building, Strand Road, Derry/Londonderry.**

The FOODOVATION Centre @ NWRC is established to encourage both embryonic and maturing food-based enterprises of all sizes. It uses the technical knowledge of industry specialists to smooth the path to market for individuals and businesses. The centre has product and process expertise to support this pathway and mentor entrepreneurs in their journey be at the planning stage or seeking sustainable growth.

Samples of local produce and canapes will be available throughout the evening

As places are limited, pre-registration is

## BOOK YOUR PLACE

### WEBINAR: MINDFUL LEADERSHIP

Thursday 27th April, 12:30pm - 1:30pm



Are you interested in learning how mindfulness can transform your leadership style, help you be better equipped to meet leadership challenges and sustain your well-being?

Join us for this webinar and hear from **Dr. Nadine Mellor, PhD, CPsychol., FCMI**, who will be sharing her research and training experience on how mindfulness applies to today's leaders faced with uncertainty, complexity and high risk decision making.

Nadine will present:

- Mindfulness benefits for leaders (e.g. greater ability to respond to stressful and challenging situations; to create an environment of trust and authenticity)

## BOOK YOUR PLACE

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

#### **1 June 2017 (6pm): Entrepreneurship Event – North West Region** (in conjunction with IET).

This event focuses on budding entrepreneurs or those involved in innovation. The workshop will include speakers from leading manufacturing companies and IET. These include:

Alan Watts (IET),  
Rich Dale (CEO Flow Lens),  
Tom Verner (CEO Momentum Group)  
Jonathan McAuley (Owner McAuley Engineering).

The event is limited to 50 guests, so early registration is encouraged. It will be held in the boardroom of North West Regional College, Tower Building, Strand Rd, Derry/Londonderry.

To book your place, [click here](#)

#### **6th June 2017 (6 pm): Chartered Manager Event.**

This event will focus on those with aspirations to improve their careers and recognise their professional skills as a manager by progression to Chartered Manager. Tom Deryn CMar, FCMI, an Assessor for

held at Mallusk Enterprise Park and pre-registration is required through [Tom Doran](#) or [IET](#).

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