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Chartered Insurance Institute

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# Welcome

Part of the Chartered Insurance Institute (CII), the Insurance Institute of Manchester provides a range of services and support for CII and Personal Finance Society members in the local area.

We are a dedicated group of industry professionals, who volunteer our time to support members locally. We provide CPD seminars, training, networking opportunities and social gatherings. Developed to ensure you have everything you need to establish yourself within your local insurance community and beyond.

Becoming President at the end of April it has given me the opportunity to meet as many people as I can to spread the word on the great work our volunteers do. Following on from the AGM in April, my main objectives for this year are to continue with our fantastic CPD programme, offer support to gain professional qualifications and build on relationships with smaller firms in the area.

The CPD program is full with technical and soft skills topics and a social diary with events that give the chance to meet and network with colleagues and friends, old and new. 2019 also brings the second set of professionals settling into the Fast Track ACII Programme and our exciting new Leadership Programme. The annual fashion show Style in the City was in June and the Young Members Ball is set to return in September at the Lowry Hotel.

I look forward to meeting you all in the coming months, and I'm particularly excited for the Annual Dinner in November being held at The Principal, many thanks for my employer Zurich for being our main sponsor. I'm hoping this year we can raise some much needed funds for my chosen charity, National Autistic Society. The UK's largest provider of specialist autism services. Their trained staff and volunteers bring passion and expertise to the lives of 100,000 autistic people every year. Something that is close to my heart.

**Victoria Myers ACII**  
President  
The Insurance Institute of Manchester



**3,548**  
MEMBERS

**1,813**  
FINANCIAL  
SERVICES  
MEMBERS

# Jubilee Prize Awards Ceremony

In May, the Education committee were proud to present their annual Jubilee Prize Awards Ceremony. An event that represents the very best the Insurance Institute of Manchester has to offer and showcase the accomplishments from the CII 2018 exams. Set at The Art Gallery the day consisted of presentations and a talk from ex professional footballer Joe Thompson with his inspirational story. The day was finished with a guided tour of the art gallery exploring some interesting art work and it's stories.

Level	Prize	Prize	Sponsor	Winner
Certificate	Best Cert CII Performance	£250	Buckland Harvester	Peter Brookes
Diploma	Insurance Law	£250	ITP	Thomas Frain
Diploma	Insurance Broking Practice	£250	Bridge Insurance	Hazel Somerville
Diploma	Claims Practice	£250	Sedgwick	Lee Fitzsimons
Diploma	Insurance Business & Finance	£250	Crawford & Company	Andrew Connolly
Diploma	Liability Insurances	£250	McParland Finn Ltd	Beth-Louise Newton
Diploma	Underwriting Practice	£250	Bollington	Michael Gough
Diploma	Commercial Property & Business Interruption	£250	Chubb	Matthew Ward
Diploma	Best Dip CII Performance	£250	Ecclesiastical	Andrew Connolly
Advanced Diploma	Advanced Claims	£250	Kempster Bowers	Janet Agoston-Jones
Advanced Diploma	Risk Management in Insurance	£250	Allianz	Mubarak Khonat
Advanced Diploma	Youngest ACII Completion	£250	Aviva	Daniel Taylor
Advanced Diploma	Best ACII Completion	£500	IIM Jubilee Prize Fund	Leon Hood

This year, we also celebrated two members who were elected to Fellow, Ruhel Miah and Andrew Roberts. Congratulations to everyone and thank you to the companies who sponsor the winners and support this event.



# Fast Track your career!

After the success of our last Fast Track ACII Programme, which resulted in all 14 candidates passing their ACII qualification, we are pleased to announce we are set to do it again! Ten candidates have been chosen this year. With the assistance of ITP we are excited to support these students through the study process and all the way to qualification success.



# Football tournament 2019 It's all in the game!



Worthy runners up were Reich and Bollington's who fought hard against some tough competition to make it through to the Semi-Finals.

Lots of hope from all sides, the fixtures were set, Unbeaten Chubb vs Reich, and Unbeaten Allianz vs Bollington. Sadly, for the runners up, all hope was quashed Chubb allowed no goals in and put three past a string Reich team, and Allianz totally dominated Bollington with a 12-0 victory.

And so, to the final, and what a tantalising prospect, both teams unbeaten, both with remarkable goal differences, Allianz previous tournament winners and with a better goal difference, which way would it go!!? Both teams battled admirably in tough conditions, there were seven goals, lots of twists and turns, but Chubb came out victorious with an outstanding 4-3 win, two worthy finalists, became one team of very worthy champions, this could be the start of something very special, if Chubb can avoid injury, we could be looking at a new domineering force in the IIM champions league!

Congratulations to all and see you next year!

It was a horrible, wet, cold afternoon, but the teams arrived in fighting spirit for arguably one of the best tournaments to date. Two groups of five teams battling for the overall title of 2019 winners!

What a start, from the off, Chubb (a late entrant to the tournament) took on and thrashed last years' victors Crawford in a 6-0 drubbing. Meanwhile in Group B there were great results from Reich and also the eventual Group winners Allianz who, like Chubb went unbeaten in the Group and by some margin.

# What a year for WIMIN!

To date we have seen two well attended and informed events; Becoming a Leader and Networking at its Best! Lead by WIMIN Chair Jessica Heaton.

The first event of the year was a morning breakfast seminar held in March, showcasing a panel of leading businesswomen in the Manchester market. Tracey Threlfall, MD at Aon and Jackie Hyde, Director at Stanmore Insurance Brokers Ltd came together to tell their compelling, motivating and inspirational stories.

Both have faced obstacles throughout their careers but came through with resilience and tenacity to enable to get them to where they are today.

In July, like minded professionals came together for a morning of breakfast and networking. We heard from Melissa Collett, Professional Standards Director at the CII about her experiences using networking successfully to further her career and personal development.

Melissa has an extensive background in consumer insurance and legal issues. In her current role with the CII, she is responsible for the professional body's legal affairs, risk management, disciplinary matters and governance. She is keen to raise awareness of best practice and drive ethical behaviour through engagement with the profession and external stakeholders.

All WIMIN events are sponsored by Kempster Bowers. Thank you to their continued support.



The next event will be taking place in September. Look out for communications to secure your place!



"The event was inspiring to me. I am only young and I am just at the start of my career, so it was good to hear about possible progression paths, having self belief and never giving up when challenges stand in the way."

"Brilliant event, really inspiring!"

"Interesting but also empowering - came away feeling more confident and having learnt some life lessons."

"Its brilliant to meet like minded professional women."



# Style in the City meets My Fair Lady!

The ever popular Style in the City fashion show was back in town on the 21st June for its 9th annual show and it didn't disappoint! The committee of volunteers organising the event went far and beyond to give over 360 guests a My Fair Lady themed afternoon of fun, fashion and food at the Midland Hotel. Hosted by the fabulous Tracey Threlfall, Aon.

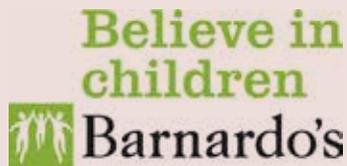
Following a summery Prosecco reception guests enjoyed a three course sit down lunch before the anticipated fashion show begun. This year it was filled with fabulous up-cycled clothing from local charity shops including the chosen charity for this event, Barnardo's. The highlight was a change of format and only showcasing our local insurance professionals strutting their stuff, Marc Hargreaves, Zurich, Eleanor Moore, C&C Insurance, Stuart Beech, McLarens, Emma Longstaff, Davies Group, Callum Barlow, QBE and Victoria Swinburne, AIG.

Congratulations to our brave industry models who did a great job!

Up to £3,000 was raised on the day from generous donations for Barnardo's.

Thank you to our gold and silver sponsors for making the day possible: AIG, Touchstone Underwriting, Polygon, QBE, Close Brothers, McLarens, Weightmans, Sedgwick International and Compass.

Photos from the day are available now on [www.cii.co.uk/manchester](http://www.cii.co.uk/manchester)



# Rolling out Discover Risk to a local school

Four IIM volunteers attended The Queen Elizabeth Hall in Oldham for a careers fair entitled "Changing Horizons".

The aim of the event was to bring careers to life by interacting with people who worked in lots of different areas, including border control, robotics and of course, insurance. Eleanor Moore, C&C Insurance Brokers, our Deputy President, attended with Brad Jackson from Catalyst Claims Management Ltd, Rebecca Vidler from Co-op Insurance and Mark Farrant from McLarens Loss Adjusters.

Eleanor tells us, "This was my first event of this nature, but we soon settled into a routine of introducing ourselves, giving an overview of what insurance was, in a way that they could relate to, asking for their input and playing the Discover Risk game".

"It was great to see the children starting to understand risk and exposure and there were a couple of teams who got all of the cards in the right place, which was very impressive. Some of the children started to think of their own examples and we talked them through in detail. This was very rewarding as it was a demonstration that they had fully understood what they had been taught".

Discover Risk really does communicate risk in an informative and fun way and the IIM Education Champions look forward to attending more events of this nature.



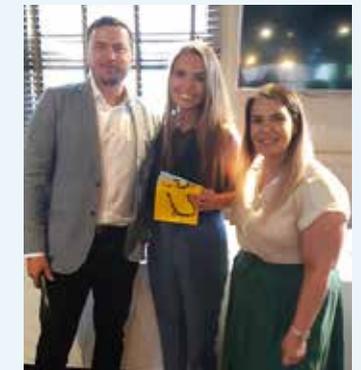
# Summer BBQ Time!

One of our recent events was held at Rain Bar where the Events Committee hosted a Summer BBQ.

A fantastic opportunity for insurers, brokers and solicitors to come together to network and socialise over a drink and some food in the sunshine.

Just over £200 was raised on the evening and has been donated to the President's chosen charity, National Autistic Society.

Thank you to all who attended!



# Forthcoming Events

Date/Time	Event	Speaker	Venue
Thu 5th September	M05 Revision Day	ITP	Aviva
Fri 6th September	Young Members Ball	Various	The Lowry Hotel
Wed 18th September	CPD Lecture: Online Reputation – Do things better or Doing better things?	Nicola Byrne, RiskEye	Friends Meeting House
Fri 27th September	Quarter End Networking Do	-	Twenty Twenty Two, Northern Quarter
Thu 3rd October	MLS Lecture: Whiplash Reforms	Calum McPhail, Zurich	Friends Meeting House
Thu 24th October	Comedy Night	-	The Frog & Bucket
Wed 6th November	MLS Lecture: Environmental Impairment Liability	Chris Strong, Allianz	Friends Meeting House

For further details and bookings visit:  
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## Save the date: IIM Annual Dinner 2019

We are delighted to confirm that the date for the IIM Annual Dinner 2019 will be **Friday 8th November 2019!**

This year's event will be taking place at the prestigious Principal Hotel once again, and planning is already well underway. Visit our website for details.

Thanks to our 2019 Style in the City Sponsor:



Thanks to our 2019 Young Members Ball Sponsor:



Thanks to our 2019 Annual Dinner Sponsor:



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