

# Invigorating..inspiring..influential

Running a local institute offers an array of rewards and opportunities. Read how much it's helped develop current council members.



## Develop a new skill or interest

"Being a Council member is a great way to raise your profile with your peers. You learn new skills that enhance your day-to-day working life. You meet new people, and it's a great way to establish new business relationships."

Cath Ball DipPFS, Nottingham Insurance Institute



## Enhance your credentials

"Joining my local institute means I've been able to network with senior insurance professionals in the local market improving my visibility within key organisations across Scotland. I started by engaging with Edinburgh's professional development group which focuses on support for members new to the profession, I then took on the role as Dinner Secretary before being asked to be Deputy President. Each role has allowed me to develop transferable skills that can be used in my everyday working life."

Michael Hashim Cert CII, The Insurance Society of Edinburgh



## Improve your confidence

"Getting involved with your local institute is a great way to gain experience and build on skills outside the remit of the 'day job' which can increase confidence, competence and marketability. We foster an environment where council members support each other as much as possible and ultimately, the more you can give, the more you will gain."

Prithpal Saimbi, LLB (Hons), DipPFS, Birmingham Insurance Institute

## Get back to work

"I'd been a local institute Council member for two years when I was made redundant. Through the support of other Council members, I was given the lead on three jobs. I left my employment on the Friday, was in a temporary role on the Monday and within three months I had accepted a full time position at a new firm. The support and contacts made through my local institute were invaluable."

Joanne Kirkby ACII, The Insurance Institute of Bolton



If you'd like to find out a bit more about joining your local institute council email [getinvolved@cii.co.uk](mailto:getinvolved@cii.co.uk) or simply turn up at their AGM!

Your local institute needs you!

To get down to its AGM, that is...

CII or PFS member in the UK? Then congratulations, you belong to a local institute.

When you become a member you automatically join a local institute of your choice, typically close to where you live or work.

Local institutes provide ongoing support to their members locally. CPD events. Training. Networking opportunities. Social gatherings. Everything you need to establish yourself within your local insurance community, and beyond.

There are 58 local institutes across the UK, Isle of Man and Channel Islands. Every one is different, but they share a common goal: to sustain, enhance and advance the careers of CII and Personal Finance Society members.

All local institutes outside of London have an Annual General Meeting in the period between March and May, giving you an opportunity to apply to sit on its council in a general capacity or in a dedicated role.

That might be treasurer, secretary, or an officer responsible for education, membership or the organisation of the annual dinner.

You might have experience and skills in careers guidance, or you might fancy a crack at running the sports & social side of things. Or maybe you fancy being exams co-ordinator – why not? It's challenging and rewarding work.

But, of course, you don't need to stand for office. You can simply attend the AGM and hear first-hand reports from council members on previous and future activities and vote on the appointment of new council members.

Democracy in action, CII-style!

# National Strength, Local Presence

Each of the 58 local institutes is run by a dedicated group of industry professionals, who volunteer their time to create and deliver local career support services including:

## CPD Continuing Professional Development support

Typically this is a mix of technical, regulatory and soft skill seminars, many free of charge.

## Networking and social events

Providing an opportunity to expand and enhance local business relationships... from sporting events to quiz nights through to annual dinners, it's the people side of business life.

## Community engagement initiatives

Institutes frequently support students at local schools, colleges or universities, as well as newcomers to the profession. They also maintain strong relationships with related bodies and employers in their region.

## Delivering CII written examinations

These are organised and invigilated by institute volunteers who arrange and invigilate the April and October exam sittings and provide exam training, advice and support.

What these volunteers have in common is professionalism, a passion for insurance and financial services, and a desire to give something back to their profession.

### Meet new people



“Being part of my local institute has been very rewarding. Not only have I grown to know my fellow council members very well, I have also been introduced to a huge number of people that I would never have met before. Our professional development lectures are attended by up to 100 people and during the informal lunch which precedes each lecture, there is enough time to network and really get to know people. I feel that these opportunities have helped me grow in confidence and also expand my knowledge outside of the small area of insurance that I work in!”

Johanna Mulley, The Insurance Institute of Ipswich, Suffolk and North Essex

### Keep up to date on your local institute activities...

Your local institute will typically communicate by email, so make sure that the CII has an up to date email address for you and your data protection settings allow you to receive electronic communications. You can check and update your details online at [www.cii.co.uk/MyCII](http://www.cii.co.uk/MyCII)

To find out more about local institutes visit:  
[www.cii.co.uk/localinstitutes](http://www.cii.co.uk/localinstitutes)

## Make a difference and attend your local institute AGM

Local Institute	Date	Time	Venue Details
Aberdeen	Thu 20 Apr 2017	5.30pm	The Royal Northern & University Club, Aberdeen, AB1 1YE
Bedford & Milton Keynes	Thu 27 Apr 2017	tba	MIB, Milton Keynes, MK14 6XT
Birmingham	Thu 27 Apr 2017	5.45pm	Hotel du Vin & Bistro, Birmingham, B3 2NR
Blackburn and Burnley	Wed 5 Apr 2017	5.30pm	Turf Moor, Burnley, BB10 4BX
Bolton	Tue 28 Mar 2017	5.30pm	AXA, Horwich, BL6 4SD
Bournemouth	Wed 12 Apr 2017	tba	Best Western Royale Hotel, Bournemouth, BH1 3EQ
Bradford	Thu 16 Mar 2017	12.30pm	The Bradford Club, Bradford, BD1 1PJ
Bristol	Wed 12 Apr 2017	12.30pm	NFU Mutual, Bristol, BS1 6FL
Cambridge	Tue 25 Apr 2017	6.00pm	Quy Mill Hotel, Cambridge, CB25 9AF
Cardiff	Tue 11 Apr 2017	10.00am	Arthur J Gallagher, Llantrisant, CF72 8XL
Carlisle	Wed 26 Apr 2017	tba	tba
Chelmsford	Wed 3 May 2017	6.00pm	Atlantic Hotel, Chelmsford, CM1 1PP
Cheltenham & Gloucester	Thu 27 Apr 2017	12.30pm	Pro Insurance, Gloucester, GL1 1UB
Chester & North Wales	Thu 6 Apr 2017	5.30pm	Crowne Plaza, Chester, CH1 2BD
Coventry	Thu 27 Apr 2017	5.30pm	5 Sycamore Court, Coventry, CV5 9BA
Edinburgh	Wed 5 Apr 2017	12.30pm	RSA, Edinburgh, EH2 3BU
Exeter	Wed 5 Apr 2017	2.00pm	Exeter Golf and Country Club, Exeter, EX2 7AE
Folkestone, Canterbury and East Kent	Wed 19 Apr 2017	6.00pm	Swiss Re, Folkestone, CT20 2TF
Glasgow	Thu 21 Apr 2017	12.30pm	The Supper Club, Glasgow, G1 3AJ
Guernsey	Wed 26 April 2017	12.30pm	Moore's Hotel, St Peter Port, GY1 1WH
Guildford	Tue 16 May 2017	6.00pm	Mandolay Hotel, Guildford, GU1 2AE
Halifax	Mon 3 Apr 2017	6.00pm	Dirty Dicks Ale & Food Emporium, Halifax, HX1 2LH
Hull	Mon 24 Apr 2017	5.30pm	Village Hotel, Hull, HU4 7DY
Inverness	Fri 21 Apr 2017	12.30pm	Clark Thomson House, Inverness, IV2 6AA
Ipswich	Mon 24 Apr 2017	6.00pm	The Ipswich & Suffolk Club, Ipswich, IP1 3BX
Isle of Man	Thu 27 Apr 2017	12.30pm	British Hotel, Douglas, IM1 4LB
Jersey	Wed 12 Apr 2017	6.00pm	St Helier Town Hall, Jersey, JE4 8PA
Kendal	Thu 4 May 2017	6.30pm	Netherwood Hotel, Grange-over-Sands, LA11 6ET
Leeds	Tue 7 Mar 2017	6.00pm	Leeds Town Hall, Leeds, LS1 3AD
Leicester	Tue 25 Apr 2017	6.00pm	Regency Hotel, Leicester, LE2 2PL
Lincoln	Mon 24 Apr 2017	5.45pm	The Woodcocks, Lincoln, LN1 2BE
Liverpool	Tue 18 Apr 2017	5.15pm	Hard Days Night Hotel, Liverpool, L2 6RR
London	Mon 25 Sep 2017	12.45pm	The Insurance Hall, London, EC2V 7HY
Luton & St Albans	Wed 19 Apr 2017	6.30pm	The Sun Hotel, Hitchin, SG5 1AF
Manchester	Thu 27 Apr 2017	12.00pm	Manchester city centre, venue tba
Mid Kent	Mon 10 Apr 2017	5.30pm	Allianz Insurance, Maidstone, ME7 2BQ
Middlesbrough	Thu 13 Apr 2017	6.00pm	Teesside University, Middlesbrough, TS1 3BA
Newcastle	Mon 24 Apr 2017	5.30pm	Tescobank, Longbenton, NE12 8BU
North Downs	Mon 3 Apr 2017	6.00pm	Zurich Insurance, Croydon, CR0 2AP
Northampton	Wed 19 Apr 2017	6.30pm	Old Northamptonians RFC, Northampton, NN1 5RX
Northern Ireland	Thu 13 Apr 2017	12.30pm	Allianz, Belfast, BT7 2JD
Norwich	Tue 11 Apr 2017	5.30pm	Marsh, Norwich, NR1 3QQ
Nottingham	Thu 18 May 2017	6.15pm	The Cross Keys pub, Nottingham, NG1 2GJ
Perth & Dundee	Mon 13 Mar 2017	3.00pm	Aviva, Perth, PH2 0NH
Peterborough	Thu 27 Apr 2017	6.00pm	ABAX Stadium, Peterborough, PE2 8AL
Plymouth & Cornwall	Tue 4 Apr 2017	6.00pm	Duke of Cornwall, Plymouth, PL1 3LG
Preston & Blackpool	Thu 20 Apr 2017	5.30pm	Holiday Inn, Preston, PR1 3AU
Reading	Thu 4 May 2017	5.30pm	Reading Town Hall, Reading, RG1 1QH
Royal Tunbridge Wells	Mon 24 Apr 2017	7.00pm	Casa Vecchia, Royal Tunbridge Wells, TN2 5TW
Sheffield	Mon 6 Mar 2017	6.00pm	AMP Technology Centre, Catcliffe, S60 5WG
Shropshire & Mid Wales	Thu 27 Apr 2017	6.00pm	The Coach & Horses, Shrewsbury, SY1 1NF
Southampton	Wed 5 Apr 2017	12.30pm	Ageas Bowl, Southampton, SO30 3XH
Stoke-on-Trent	Tue 25 Apr 2017	12.30pm	Best Western Moat House, Stoke on Trent, ST1 5BQ
Stratford-upon-Avon	Wed 12 Apr 2017	5.00pm	NFU Mutual Conference Room, Stratford upon Avon, CV37 7BJ
Sussex	Wed 26 Apr 2017	6.00pm	The Birch Hotel, Haywards Heath, RH17 7SF
Swansea & West Wales	Wed 03 May 2017	6.00pm	The Village Hotel, Swansea, SA1 8QY
Watford	Mon 17 Apr 2017	6.00pm	Jurys Inn, Watford, WD17 1DS
York	Wed 25 Apr 2017	6.00pm	Novotel, York, YO10 4FD

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