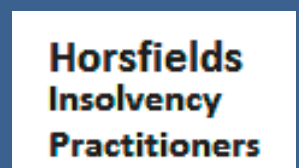


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Delegates at our recent Vulnerability seminar held at Shaw Hill. This was the first time the Association has used this venue for one of its events and proved popular with the delegates. The seminar attracted 33 delegates from the Public, Private and Voluntary Sector. Feedback was positive and included comments like. "Very Informative" "A must for anybody dealing with customers on the frontline"

*****STOP PRESS New Seminar Planned (see below)*****

Business Rates Workshop

Wednesday 10th September 2014 - Full Day Seminar

Business rates retention is resulting in business rates revenues being given more attention than has ever been the case before. It has therefore never been more important for those involved with business rates to understand how the system works and for billing authorities to ensure accurate billing and appropriate collection methods are in place.

At £100 per delegate the session is competitively priced. In addition the L & C Association is continuing to offer members of the Institute a generous 50% Discount.

The day will include an overview of valuation from David Grace Head of the North West Unit of the Valuation Office Agency as well as looking specifically at the topics of business rates retention, rateable occupation and reliefs and exemptions. Richard Kerr of Greenhalgh Kerr Solicitors will provide a review of empty rate avoidance tactics and Paul Kelly, Client Services Manager at Jacobs and former Association President, will look at enforcement options and the recent changes to the enforcement regulations. It will conclude with an overview of insolvency by Hemal Mistry from Horsfields.

Bookings close 27th August; contact Mike Harkins mharkins@rundles.org.uk

Congratulations to Lancashire & Cheshire Association Treasurer Mike Shang (Pictured) who has been elected President of Civil Enforcement Association (CIVEA).



Your Association Events		
Event	Date	Venue
Retired Members Lunch	Tuesday 2nd September	Liverpool -Contact Linda Price
Business Rate Seminar	Wednesday 10th September	Haigh Hall, Wigan
IRR National Conference	Tuesday 7th/8th/9th October	Telford International Conference Centre
Dealing With Vulnerability	Thursday 16th October	Shaw Hill Golf & Country Club
Collecting the Un-Collectable	TBC	TBC
L & C Association AGM	17th April 2015	Burnley Town Hall

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IRRV National Conference & Exhibition

Telford -

7th to 9th October 2014 -

Special Offers

- * Complimentary exhibition only passes now available*
- * 3 for 2 on all bookings (The lowest priced fee will be the complimentary pass. Delegates must be from the same organisation and made in the same booking).
- * Bespoke packages available to organisations sending 10+ delegates**

Day 1 will consist of plenary sessions.

Day 2 will break into three professional streams.

Day 3 sessions will be held at the Holiday Inn.

The Association wish a long and happy retirement to Arnold Dawes. Arnold leaves the post of Revenues Manager at Hyndburn in August.

Arnold has spent over 40 years working in Local Government



Hitting the Heights

Lancashire & Cheshire member Mark Barry is preparing to climb Mt Kilimanjaro in October this year in aid of the **Princes Trust**. Mark, Head of Revenues, Public Sector, with arvato UK is raising money for the Trust, the charity that helps

Mark says "Having spent a lifetime avoiding as much physical activity as possible what better way to get fit and raise money for a good cause. I now train five or six days a week to try and get in shape and have lost 3 stone in weight "

You can follow Mark's progress as he prepares for the challenge on his blog at <http://marksptc.blogspot.com>



or visit his Just Giving page to Donate at www.justgiving.com/Mark-Barry towards his target of £4000"



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