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**OVER 1,600
BUSINESSES**

in Lancashire count on the North & Western Lancashire Chamber of Commerce to help their business.

Our members range from start-up and early stage businesses to fast growth, large corporations.

The North & Western Lancashire Chamber of Commerce is part of the British Chambers of Commerce (BCC) which represents 75,000 businesses in the UK, employing over five million people.

We're also part of a global network of Chambers operating in all major industrial nations.

Membership is a great way to tap into the experience, skills and practical support you need to develop strategies, adopt best practice and help you find the right people to drive your business forward.

Whatever your business needs, you can count on the Chamber for trusted support.

Join today and reap the benefits.



BUSINESS START-UP

Making that step to start your own business is exciting yet challenging.

And with the right support, your new venture can make a positive launch and be built for success.

You can count on the Chamber to help you:

- Access free workshops
- Access business start-up programmes
- Comply with regulations
- Get the right company structure in place
- Market your business
- Meet new customers
- Put the right funding and financial systems in place



BUSINESS GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

Our ambitious members see the Chamber as a key partner in attracting new customers and achieving their growth plans.

You can count on the Chamber to help you:

- Access growth funding
- Access mailing lists and company data
- Access new markets
- Be aware of new tenders
- Make introductions to other members and major businesses in Lancashire
- Meet new contacts through our events
- Promote your business through our widely read magazine, website and social media channels



BUSINESS PROTECTION AND RESPONSE

Through the Chamber, we can make your business more resilient by having the correct systems and processes in place.

And if a problem does happen (and it could!), you can count on our service and team to help.

You can count on the Chamber to help you:

Access over 700 downloadable employment, health and safety, and legal documents

Credit check current and potential customers

Deal with HR, tax, health and safety, and legal issues with our dedicated corporate helpline available all year round

Insure your business against employment tribunals, HMRC enquiries, and health and safety prosecutions

Insure your business against property disputes, data protection, licence protection, criminal prosecution plus jury service

Insure your employees for personal injury, motor disputes and wrongful arrest defence

Speak to a local Chamber adviser to help on general business issues from equipment failures to information requests



BUSINESS TRAINING

Knowledge is power. And with the Chamber we have a vast programme of training courses and workshops to help make your people the best they can be.

We host training events at our Lancashire training centre but can also offer bespoke courses on your premises.

You can count on the Chamber to provide training on:

Accounting and finance

Business operations

HR and personnel

IT and tech

Leadership and management

Legal

Legislation and regulation

Sales, marketing and digital



BUSINESS INTERNATIONAL

The Chamber is a trusted brand worldwide, helping shape UK exporting policy.

Chambers of Commerce operate in all major industrial nations and through the international Chamber of Commerce have observer status at the United Nations.

We are also a trusted partner to many of Lancashire's exporting and importing businesses.

You can count on the Chamber to help you with:

Accessing new overseas markets

Accessing export market research

Agents and distributors

Attending exporting seminars and training

Documentation, logistics and shipments support

Government support and funding

International trade enquiries and translations

Managing Customs declarations

Networking with other exporting businesses

Overseas credit checks

Overseas visits and trade missions

Post-Brexit integration



BUSINESS REPRESENTATION

Members that have a local, national or international government or political issue can turn to the Chamber to help influence decisions that could have a major impact on their bottom line.

Our influence and reputation with national Government is emphasised by the fact that our Quarterly Economic Survey helps shape national interest rates, which is set by the Bank of England's Monetary Policy Committee.

You can count on the Chamber to represent you on issues such as:

Complex regeneration projects

Entry into the Lancashire economy

Local authority regeneration plans

Major environmental issues

National Budget policy and decisions

National business support programmes

Planning applications

Raising your views with local authorities, MPs and government

Sector regulation

Shaping legislation in emerging sectors and markets

Transport problems



BUSINESS EVENTS

The Chamber has a formidable calendar of events that can help you build intelligence, learn, meet new people and create new opportunities.

These events range from local networking events to sector-specific masterclasses.

We also host events of national importance inviting Government ministers and business leaders to inform and inspire our members.

We connect thousands of businesses every year.

You can count on the Chamber events to help you:

- Build knowledge
- Develop sector strengths
- Inspire your team
- Meet new contacts
- Raise your profile
- Shape national policy
- Understand new opportunities
- Win awards

BIBAs



Our signature event is the annual BIBAs (Be Inspired Business Awards), which is Lancashire's largest and longest running business awards event.

It's a star-studded affair that has attracted guests such as Eamonn Holmes, Stephanie Beacham and Simon Callow, while entertainment has been provided by Russell Watson, Peter Andre, The Overtones, Westlife, Boyzone and Lulu.

To find out about the BIBAs, visit www.thebibas.co.uk

▶▶ The one they all want to win





LOW CARBON BUSINESSES

We run a dedicated programme with East Lancashire Chamber of Commerce, Businesswise Solutions Ltd and Boost; Lancashire's Business Growth Hub to support Lancashire businesses in saving money and reducing their carbon footprint.

This £2m European funded programme is committed to the provision of a free suite of services aimed at helping businesses improve energy and environmental efficiencies.

You can count on this programme to help you:

Bring a low carbon innovation/technology product to market

Find funding to support low carbon installations

Improve efficiency in your office/shop floor

Install solar, wind and other energy generation on site

Reduce waste produced

Reduce water used on site

Reduce your energy bills

Reduce your greenhouse gas emissions

Use CSR to access new markets



BUSINESS PARTNERS

We have partnerships with a number of external businesses to bring some exclusive and beneficial offers to our members.

Through our partners, you can count on the Chamber to access the following:

Discounted business breakdown cover

50% off data lists

Exclusive currency and exchange rates



Reduced international shipping costs

Reduced Utility Bills

Discounted health cover for your employee



Exclusive credit insurance

Specialist business insurance



OUR MEMBERSHIP PACKAGES START FROM £99 PER YEAR

We also have the prestigious Patron membership which gives members a bespoke membership package tailored to their commercial goals.

This could range from entering the Lancashire market for the first time, targeting specific sectors, running a lobbying campaign or helping put your brand on the map.

If you would like one of our team to visit you and discuss your options, contact us today. To find out more about the Chamber, visit our website or connect with us on LinkedIn or Twitter.

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