

CIPFA North West Society

Presidents Blog – February



Brrrrrr, here it comes, snowy February. But a great opportunity for me to wear my furry snow boots, one of my best purchases ever.

Health Integration

I was invited to attend the North West NHS Skills and Development Network this month to talk about what we do here in the North West and see if any merit in us hosting a joint event with the NHS or at least sharing our details and agendas. It went down very well and we even touched on a potential scheme for secondments across health and social care finance teams to learn a bit about each other's functions. I'm keeping in touch with Di Ormandy from the NHS North West so hopefully will be able to develop something further in the future.

AGM Speakers Announced

Our AGM will be held on 31 March in St George's Hall in Liverpool and will see Vice-President Mike Thomas take over the Presidential role. It's a morning event and we have 3 super speakers lined up for the event also:

- Andy Burns – Vice President of CIPFA
- Joe Rafferty – Chief Executive of Merseycare
- Ed Cox – Director of IPPR

The event commences at 9.30 for refreshments with the AGM starting at 10am. The speakers will start around 10.30am and it finishes with lunch at 1pm. There is then an opportunity to take a short guided tour around the building if you so wish. The venue also has the benefit of being right opposite Lime Street Station. If you would like to book a FREE place, please email cipfanwnw@cipfa.org

Manchester Met Student Fair

We usually attend the careers and student fairs in the universities in the North West on behalf of CIPFA but this month Society Council members Stephanie Donaldson and Andrew Buck also hosted a question and answer session with students at Manchester Metropolitan University. It was an excellent turnout and they received some great engagement which will hopefully lead to some new students in the future.



Dates for your diaries

As ever we have been busy event planning for 2017. Events coming up for the first half of the year are:

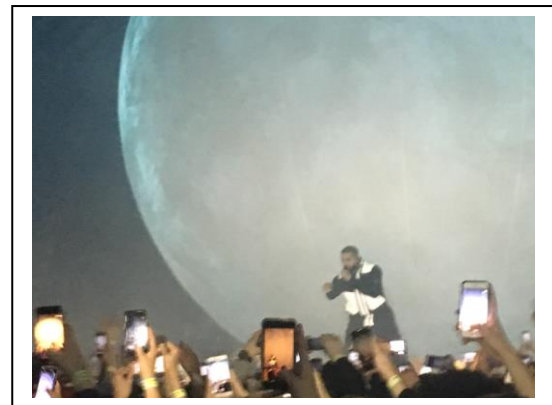
- 10 – 12 March - Audit, Risk and Governances Group Weekend, Chester
- 26 April – Retired Members Social, Lancaster Castle
- 19 May – Southern Section half day seminar, Manchester
- 30 June – Northern Section full day seminar, Lancashire Constabulary, Preston

Booking will be available for these events as they approach and you can book on any event by following the link: <http://www.cipfa.org/training?tab=region&filters={0D139099-541C-482B-AFAE-2B9C1B866EB3}#filters>

And finally.....the start of the month was Time to Talk day which was an opportunity to talk and get to more about mental health. I attended a very candid and emotional presentation from former Rugby League player Dan Sculthorpe who almost took his own life before he decided to open up and talk about his issues. It certainly put things in perspective.

To make sure I looked after my own mental wellbeing I thought I'd better partake in some fun and relaxation. So in true Honey G style I went to see one of favourite acts, Drake, he was amazing but I was by far the oldest person there 😊

And just to make sure I was totally refreshed, I went on my hols and saw some right cheeky monkeys



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