

Northamptonshire Logistics Forum



▶ More than twice the national average
of logistics sector jobs

Northamptonshire Logistics Forum December Newsletter 2017

Welcome to the first newsletter from the Northamptonshire Logistics Forum, this is the first in regular communications to the Logistics Sector in Northamptonshire. Topics in this month's newsletter include

- Welcome from the Northamptonshire Logistics Forum Chair, Tony Bellott
- Update on 2017 Northamptonshire Logistics Forum Awards
- Funding & Support for SME's in the sector – Innovate Northamptonshire
- Details of BIG Bang Careers Event in Northampton – the first to include Logistics in the UK

We will be circulating regular newsletters to you to update you on the NLF activity. Please email in with your news and items to be included in the newsletters. Email charlotte.patrick@northampton.ac.uk

Join the Next Forum

Northamptonshire Logistics Forum

18th January 2017, 8.30am, Northampton

This is an industry led forum and the opportunity for you to raise and collaborate with others to resolve issues. Come along and find out more. We will circulate the details of the agenda in January via the newsletter.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE LOGISTICS FORUM - THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY!

With the logistics sector accounting for more than 11% of employment in the South-East Midlands area it matters a lot that you are involved. Not only does Northamptonshire offer strategic advantage in the UK; forming the national 'Golden Triangle' for logistics with access to a population of 45.8 million people within a 4.5 hour drive, it is also key to supporting accelerated growth and success in a multichannel world. Through the forum we bring topics to the table that affect most logistic businesses on an almost daily basis to provide a structure for support and solutions that drive us to be more efficient.



To support growth aspirations we need to keep young people at the heart of everything we do while continuing to invest in our teams' knowledge and many years of experience. With close ties to both Northampton's college and university the opportunity is very much alive and our objectives very clear and focused to promote the sector, invest in skills and raise the profile of logistics in schools.

The highlight of the year will undoubtedly be the Northamptonshire Logistics Awards in May 2017 where we take the opportunity to celebrate key areas of the sector, make sure you get your team acknowledged in the county.

This is your opportunity to contribute so please give us feedback and ideas for us all to drive progress. Our next meeting is in Northampton on Wednesday 18th January at 8.30am – email charlotte.patrick@northampton.ac.uk for more details.

Tony Bellott
Chair, Northamptonshire Logistics Forum

Dates for your Diary

There are a number of industry led forums in the county (alongside logistics) to enable companies to share best practice and collaborate on topical issues. January Forum dates include:

- **12th January – Northamptonshire HR Forum** – topics include, apprenticeship levy, collaboration on employment schemes and adaptable public transport to sites.
- **25th January – Northamptonshire Health, Safety & Wellbeing Forum**,

Topics include, Interactive Presentation 'Warehouse & Workstation Warmup'- Jonathon Pittman – Mind Body Consulting and Octigo Health Assessment – Interactive Presentation from Jenna Parton First for Wellbeing

For more details please email charlotte.patrick@northampton.ac.uk

Northamptonshire Logistics Awards 2017 – Coming Soon!

April 2016 saw the first Northamptonshire Logistics Awards, devised and implemented by the Northamptonshire Logistics Forum. Celebrated as the best ever Logistics Awards Event, 2017 will see the second awards event at a bigger venue and more awards. Details to be announced at the end of January. There will be 10 categories including

- Young Person of the Year
- Inspiring in schools & Community
- Student of the year
- Team of the year
- Innovation Award
- Large Company of the year
- SME Company of the year



Entries to the awards are free and those shortlisted receive complimentary tickets to the Awards Dinner Evening – an event not to be missed.

If you are interested in sponsoring an award category please email charlotte.patrick@northampton.ac.uk

Funding for Northamptonshire Logistics companies – Innovate Northamptonshire

The Innovate Northamptonshire project aims to promote research and innovation within SME's. The project offers a combination of workshops, advice, demonstrator visits and financial assistance depending upon the innovation need of your company.

Are you ready to innovate?

Innovate Northamptonshire is about inspiring innovation. It's about bringing together ideas with experts. It's about new products, new ways of doing things, new services. It's about competitive edge. It's about growth.

Are you ready to take the next step? Are you ready to innovate?

A comprehensive package of support - targeted workshops, financial assistance and specialist expertise - is available now to enable SMEs in Northamptonshire to achieve their innovation ambitions.

Don't stand still... Innovate!

Delivered by the Northamptonshire Growth Hub partnership.

To find out more contact the Northamptonshire Growth Hub on 01604 212696 or IN@northamptonshiregrowthhub.co.uk

European Union European Regional Development Fund

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There are many reasons to introduce innovation into your business whether it's achieving cost savings through streamlined processes, being able to offer a new product or service to your customers or introducing something brand new to the market to give you that competitive edge. However as an SME it's often difficult to know where to start and who to go to for expert advice.

Innovate Northamptonshire aims to provide you with the support you need to help you identify the growth potential of your business, develop an innovation action plan and seek the expert advice or financial assistance required to take your plan forward.

As a participant in Innovate Northamptonshire you will have access to:

- A series of four half-day workshops designed to address the key building blocks of innovation
- Ongoing adviser support for the duration of the project and specifically to support the development of an innovation plan
- A tailored package of support for each business including, where appropriate, grant or voucher funding to enable expert collaboration.

For more details visit www.northamptonshiregrowthhub.co.uk or to register your interest email IN@northamptonshiregrowthhub.co.uk

We are inviting you to a Big Bang @ event.

The University of Northampton and Aspire Northamptonshire invite you to exhibit at ...



A fantastic new Big Bang Near Me event that will open up the world of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths (STEAM) landscape around Northamptonshire.

As a first for the county and for the UK to involve Logistics as an area for a Big Bang near me event, the University will be promoting this to all of its 300 Primary and Secondary Schools and Colleges. The event is also open to Special Schools as well as home educators and families and will provide a great learning experience for children and young people from 9 to 19 years old.

WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT?

- 1000+ young people and general visitors
- An exciting platform to outreach to the community
- Opportunities to exhibit, provide workshops or interactive presentations

We are looking for...

Interactive STEAM-based stands, workshops and presentation /shows. If you are looking for a platform to raise awareness, engage with the community and raise aspirations in young people around Northampton this is the event for you!!

'Big Bang on the Move'

Date and Venue:

1st March 2017, 10am-2pm
Northampton Saints Rugby Club
Woodon Road
Northampton
NN5 5BG

WHAT ARE THE COSTS?

In the inaugural event, there will be NO CHARGE for space as we aim to get the event established in 2017. There may be a small charge for furniture or power for larger providers but this will be at cost.

HOW DO I GET INVOLVED?

Simply contact the Big Bang Near Me Midlands team and book your space now!

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BIG Bang Careers Event around Science Technology, Engineering, Arts & Maths & Logistics

This a first for the county and the first in the UK to involve logistics. The university will be promoting this event to all 300 Primary, , Secondary schools and colleges in Northamptonshire. Would you like to come along exhibit, provide workshops or interactive presentations? **If you are looking for a platform to raise awareness, engage with the community and raise aspirations in young people around Northampton this is the event for you.** As this is the inaugural event there will be no charge for the space as the event is established. Want to get involved? Either email charlotte.patrick@northampton.ac.uk or jamesilcox@bydesign-group.co.uk to book your space