

Northamptonshire Logistics Forum



▶ More than twice the national average
of logistics sector jobs

Northamptonshire Logistics Forum March Newsletter 2017

Welcome to the February newsletter from the Northamptonshire Logistics Forum. Topics include

- Launch of Northamptonshire Logistics Awards 2017 & website
- 28th March Northamptonshire Logistics Forum
- Big Bang @ Saints Event
- Events Update – including Apprenticeship Levy Event
- Support for Business

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 and the website. Email charlotte.patrick@northampton.ac.uk

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE LOGISTICS FORUM - THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY!



With the Northamptonshire Logistics Awards evening only 8 weeks away it's time to get nominations in, closing date for nominations Thursday 20th April. Don't miss this fantastic opportunity to celebrate yours and your team's success and achievements. We will cover this and other topical points at the next Northamptonshire Logistics Forum meeting on Tuesday 28th March. A full agenda can be found in this newsletter but join in on the exciting new development of the new website by registering for the meeting, or nominating in an award category, at: www.northantslogisticsforum.com

To register your interest for the Forum on the 28th March please email charlotte.patrick@northampton.ac.uk

Tony Bellott, Chair, Northamptonshire Logistics Forum

Join the Next Forum

Northamptonshire Logistics Forum

28th March 2017, 8.30am – 10.30am, 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. At this Forum there will be updates on the following:

- Presentation on Rail Freight in Northamptonshire – Where next? by Rupert Dyer, The Rail Logistics Company
- Updates on Northamptonshire Road Infrastructure – by Northamptonshire County Council
- Updates on Big Bang Careers Fair, the awards dinner, website and the driver accreditation scheme progress
- Round table discussions

To register your interest to attend or further details please email charlotte.patrick@northampton.ac.uk

Northamptonshire Logistics Awards – Now Open!

Friday 10th March saw the launch of the 2nd Northamptonshire Logistics Awards by Tony Bellott, Chair of the Northamptonshire Logistics Forum via a live media stream (available to view via the website

www.northantslogisticsforum.com or our twitter account -@logistics_forum

The Awards Dinner will be held on Friday 12th May at Franklins Gardens in Northampton, we have a bigger venue and more capacity this year. Similar to last year we will be creating a bursary fund through ticket sales – details on how to apply available after the awards.

There are 9 awards to enter this year:

- Young Person of the Year
- Inspiring in schools & Community
- Team of the year
- Innovation Award
- Large Company of the year
- SME Company of the year
- HGV Driver of the year
- Achiever of the year
- Logistics Temporary Staff Agency of the Year



You can enter more than one category and finalists receive a ticket to the awards dinner.

For full details please visit www.northantslogisticsforum.com for entry forums and full details of categories. Tickets are £65 per VAT and also available to purchase via the website. We will be doing regular live streaming with our awards sponsors to highlight the categories in the coming weeks along with special awards dinner newsletters. Closing date for the awards is Thursday 20th April at 9am.

We still have a number of categories left to sponsor so if you are interested then please email charlotte.patrick@northampton.ac.uk

Diary Dates

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, details below along with a number of other events in the area.

- **28th March – Northamptonshire Logistics Forum**
- **29th March– Northamptonshire Health, Safety & Wellbeing Forum**, Rushden
- **30th March – Apprenticeship Levy Event – see later for further details**

For more details and to register interest please email charlotte.patrick@northampton.ac.uk

Cyber Security & Corporate Immunity

Free Breakfast Event

22nd March 2017 8.30-10.30am

With the increased use of technology comes the increased risk of cyber-attack. Whilst 69% of businesses state that cyber security is high priority for the business just 29% have formal policies in place. *(DCMS Cyber Security Survey 2016)

The University of Northampton would like to invite you to a breakfast seminar to update on cyber security issues, cyber security and GDPR legislation (which becomes enforceable in May 2018) as well as enable you to examine your cyber risk and development of preventative strategies towards cyber security breach and attack.

To register please email

Louise.atkinson@northampton.ac.uk

Brackmills breakfast event - security, safety, support

Friday 24th March 8.30am

Join the Brackmills BID for this free networking and information event - specifically for staff and businesses based on Brackmills Industrial Estate. This event, organised by the estate's Business Improvement District (BID) team, will include two keynote speeches from: Stephen Mold, Police and Crime Commissioner for Northamptonshire - talking about safety and security on the estate, in particular the dramatic reduction of crime on Brackmills. Malcolm Johnston Head of Enterprise, Northamptonshire Growth Hub talking about the support available for companies in Northamptonshire, specifically via two new projects called Innovate & Ready2Grow

To book please visit

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/brackmills-breakfast-event-security-safety-support-tickets-32811499077>

FIND OUT HOW THE APPRENTICESHIP LEVY WILL AFFECT YOUR BUSINESS

The new Apprenticeship Levy comes into effect on 6 April 2017 with first payments due to be taken through the PAYE system in May. Whether you choose to spend the levy on your existing employees or take on new apprentices, you will need to make changes in your business that involve:

- Employment law – learn the rules for employing apprentices
- Finance – find out how to pay the levy and spend the voucher
- Organisational development – advice on staff development, succession planning, and training design.

We are pleased to invite you to a free workshop to explore these issues with keynote speakers from levy-payer John Lewis, accountancy giants Grant Thornton, legal experts Howes Percival, experienced Apprenticeships provider, Northampton College and higher level skills champions, the University of Northampton.

The workshop will take place on:

**Thursday, 30 March 2017, 8.30am till 12
From 8.30am to 12 noon**

At

**John Lewis, Grange Park, Cheaney Drive, Northampton
NN4 5FB**

There will be a chance to discuss live issues as part of the workshop and this event is suitable for colleagues who lead on HR, training and professional development, and finance so we welcome multiple delegates from your organisation. Click [here](#) for more information on the Apprenticeship Levy Places are limited so order your online ticket today.



[Book your place here](#)

Big Bang On The Move – Northampton 1st March

The 1st March saw Northampton Saints host the first Big Bang on the Move in Northampton, which over 1,800 young people from over 300 primary and secondary schools attended. The logistics sector had a large presence at the event with XPO, Action Express, CILT, Kuehne & Nagel and John Lewis just some of the local companies promoting logistics as a career to the young attendees. The HGV's brought to the event were a great success! The young people took part in workshops, presentations and receiving wide range of career information from both local and national employers. The young people had the opportunity to learn how the science of podiatry, engineering and technology go hand-in-hand with fashion, media, creative theatre, music and fine art.



Fun-filled shows, hands-on exhibits and interactive workshops were all part of the '[Big Bang on the Move event](#)' that gave hundreds of young people 9-19 across Northamptonshire the chance to learn more about science, technology, engineering, arts and maths. The event was a first for the county. The day focused on how the arts can play a crucial role in more commonly talked about STEM careers. Logistics was also a key part of the event, as Northamptonshire strives to recruit young apprentices and graduates.



For more details visit <https://www.northampton.ac.uk/news/big-bang-event-saints-2017/>
Next years event is being confirmed so please watch this space!

Question Time Style Event to Examine BREXIT'S Impact on County's Economy **Tuesday March 21st, 6-8pm, County Hall, George Row**

With the UK government poised to trigger Article 50 at any moment, the people of Northamptonshire are invited to a special event which will focus on the future of jobs and the economy of the county after the UK leaves the EU. Open to all, the event, entitled '**Brexit: Jobs and Prosperity – The Voice of Northants**', will see a panel of experts and the audience share their issues, concerns, hopes and ideas surrounding Britain's exit from the European Union.

The evening will include a Question Time-style session, with the audience interacting with the panel, which will include SEMLEP's Chief Executive **Stephen Catchpole**, Policy Executive at Northamptonshire Chamber of Commerce, **Simon Dishman**, the European & International Officer of the Community-TU trade union **Rob Sneddon** as well as the University of Northampton's **Professor Janet Wilson** and Leader of the Northamptonshire County Council **Clr Heather Smith**. There will be time for informal networking with refreshments from 5.30pm, with a chance to submit questions for the panel prior to the event. This event is free to attend but attendees must register in advance <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/voice-of-northampton-brexit-business-forum-tickets-31963051347>.

Supporting Northamptonshire Businesses – Innovate Northamptonshire

Innovate Northamptonshire aims to promote research and innovation within the small and medium sized enterprises across Northamptonshire.

Running until February 2019, the project offers a combination of workshops, advice, demonstrator visits and financial assistance depending upon the innovation need of each SME. The project will support SMEs across the county with a particular focus on the four priority sectors Logistics. As part of the Innovate Project there will be four workshops: Intellectual Property, Creating an Innovative Culture, Innovation in Products, Processes and Supply Chain and Investment for Innovation. Companies are able to apply for funds ranging from an initial £4,000 grant through to vouchers to exchange for expert support up to £20,000, and additional support for Knowledge Transfer Partnerships. For more information please email charlotte.patrick@northampton.ac.uk

Innovate Northamptonshire is delivered by the Northamptonshire Growth Hub and is part funded by the European Regional Development Fund.