



## INDEPENDENCE DAY - Event Contacts

<b>ORGANISERS</b>
<p><b>Warrington Business Exchange</b> – Event organiser &amp; panellist</p> <p><a href="https://www.wbex.co.uk">https://www.wbex.co.uk</a></p> <p>The Business Exchange is a membership-based organisation run by Warrington &amp; Co. It organises a varied programme of events each year and maintains a list of other business networking events in Warrington.</p>
<p><b>Colony Networking</b> - Event organiser</p> <p><a href="https://www.colonymarketing.co.uk">https://www.colonymarketing.co.uk</a></p> <p>Colony runs networking events in Lymm, Warrington, Newton, Liverpool and Chester. It also manages Lymm Business Centre and co-hosts LinkedInLocal in Manchester and Warrington. Its owner, Kirsty James provides start-up services, marketing consultancy, networking strategy, skills training, and business development support and events.</p>
<b>SPONSORS &amp; EVENT PARTNERS</b>
<p><b>Culture Warrington</b> - Event host</p> <p><a href="https://culturewarrington.org/">https://culturewarrington.org/</a></p> <p>Formed in 2012, Culture Warrington manages three key cultural venues in the town, including Pyramid, Parr Hall, and Warrington Museum &amp; Art Gallery, as well as delivering the ever-popular Warrington Contemporary Arts Festival.</p>
<p><b>Opus / Carpe Diem</b> – Event host &amp; speaker</p> <p><a href="https://carpe-diem.co.uk">https://carpe-diem.co.uk</a>   <a href="https://opus-diem.co.uk/">https://opus-diem.co.uk/</a></p> <p>Carpe Diem is a consultancy led website and development agency based at Pyramid. It also runs Opus, a co-working and collaboration space for digital creatives and technologists.</p>
<p><b>Google #DigitalGarage</b> – Keynote speaker</p> <p><a href="https://learndigital.withgoogle.com/digitalgarage">https://learndigital.withgoogle.com/digitalgarage</a></p> <p>The Google Digital Garage is one of Google's flagship investment programmes in the UK, where anyone can come and learn free digital skills through a range of courses or 1:1 sessions. Since launching the Google Digital Garage in 2015, over 300,000 people have benefitted from Google's free face-to-face training on digital know-how across 500 locations in the UK</p>
<p><b>NatWest</b> – Event sponsor</p> <p><a href="https://www.business.natwest.com">https://www.business.natwest.com</a></p> <p>Business Banking   Business Growth Enablers   Business Events   Financial Healthchecks.</p> <p>With a UK focus, NatWest bank includes a wide array of market-leading customer and financial brands. NatWest provides a full portfolio of products and services and is committed to supporting entrepreneurial communities across the UK.</p>
<p><b>Sharples Group</b> – Event sponsor</p> <p><a href="https://sharplesgroup.com/">https://sharplesgroup.com/</a></p> <p>Established in 1977, Sharples Group is a successful, award winning, independent office equipment company based in the North West of England. Sharples Group specialises in Print and Electronic Document Management.</p>
<p><b>Creating Adventures</b> – Event beneficiary</p> <p><a href="http://creatingadventures.co.uk/">http://creatingadventures.co.uk/</a></p> <p>Creating Adventures is charity created to bring laughter, stimulation and enrichment to the lives of adults aged 18+ with Autism and additional needs. Donations can be made at: <a href="https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/9514">https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/9514</a></p>

**Jaspers Catering** - Event caterer

<http://www.jaspersonline.co.uk/catering-warrington-contact>

Catering providers covering Warrington and St Helens.

## EXHIBITORS & PANELISTS

**Chalis Property Investments and Management** - Panel host

<https://www.facebook.com/ChalisPartners>

**Warrington & Co** - Event exhibitor

<http://warringtonandco.com/>

Warrington & Co. brings together the private and public sector to promote economic development and physical regeneration in Warrington, under the guidance of a private sector-led board.

**Warrington Borough Council** - Event exhibitor

<https://www.warrington.gov.uk/>

**Warrington LEP** - Event exhibitor & panellist

<http://www.871candwep.co.uk/>

A private sector-led organisation responsible for speaking on behalf of businesses, championing important issues with government and ultimately driving the economic growth of our sub-region. Working in partnership with local government, businesses, educational institutes and other public, private and community sector organisations, we keep Cheshire and Warrington firmly on the map.

**Cheshire & Warrington Growth Hub** - Event exhibitor & panellist

<http://candwgrowthhub.co.uk/>

Cheshire and Warrington Growth Hub supports all businesses to grow across Cheshire and Warrington.

**Warrington BID** - Event exhibitor & panellist

<https://warringtonbid.co.uk/>

A group of private sector led retailers and companies planning a £1.8 million investment in additional promotion and marketing campaigns, better transport links, enhanced safety initiatives, bigger and better events along with improvements that will make Warrington town centre cleaner, greener and a better place to shop, work and spend leisure time.

**Growth Company Business Finance** - Event exhibitor & panellist

<https://www.growthco.uk/>

Established in 2002, a service providing alternative business finance options for growing businesses that have been unable to obtain funding through a mainstream lender

The Growth Company drives forward economic development within communities by boosting investment, skills, employment and enterprise to benefit everyone

**Northern Powerhouse Investment Fund** - Event exhibitor

<https://www.npif.co.uk/>

The Northern Powerhouse Investment Fund, supported by the European Regional Development Fund, provides commercially focussed finance through Microfinance, Debt and Equity Finance funds. These funds provide funding options are designed to plug common gaps in the provision of finance, giving your business access to the funding it needs to help it grow. NPIF is a collaboration between the British Business Bank and ten Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs) in the North West, Yorkshire, the Humber and Tees Valley.

**Clean Growth UK** - Event exhibitor

<https://www.clean-growth.uk/>

Clean Growth UK catalyses clean and green innovation through access to university expertise and facilities and commercialisation and investment support

**Low Carbon Eco Innovatory** - Event exhibitor

<https://www.ljmu.ac.uk/microsites/ecoinnovatory>

Low Carbon Eco-Innovatory creates innovative low carbon goods, processes and services, developed through collaborative partnerships between local companies in the Liverpool City Region and University researchers, students and academic staff.

**Manchester Met Uni (Centre for Enterprise)** - Event exhibitor & panellist

<https://www2.mmu.ac.uk/business-school/business/sme-support/>

Our Centre for Enterprise combines expert research and knowledge in growing micro, small and medium-sized enterprises. The Centre provides a wealth of business support services, including training and development specifically for SMEs based in the North West of England. MMU are a delivery partner of the Cheshire and Warrington Business Growth Programme and the SMART Cheshire Innovation programme

**Chester Business School at Warrington by University of Chester** - Event exhibitor

<https://www1.chester.ac.uk/chester-business-school/about/departments/chester-business-school-warrington> -

Chester Business School at Warrington offers a diverse range of high quality business programmes.

**The Cheshire & Warrington Business Growth Programme by University of Chester** - Event exhibitor & panellist

<https://www1.chester.ac.uk/business-growth/business-support-programmes/cheshire-and-warrington-business-growth-programme>

A delivery partner for the Business Growth Programme. With a £2.7m investment of European Regional Development Funding (ERDF), the Cheshire & Warrington Business Growth Programme offers 12 hours of fully funded support to: Pre-starts, New start-ups, SMEs.

**Thanks**

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