

In pictures

# Business West Key movers and shakers are brought together at impressive gathering



● Simon Prescott (Barton Wilmore), Richard Bonner (EC Harris), David Coombes, Stephen Robertson (Business West), and Adrian Wheale (Wheal Thomas Hodgins)



● Nadia Abdulla (Experience Factory), Andrew Garrad (Bristol 2015), Sue Turner (Bristol Port), and John Hirst of Destination Bristol



● Paul Nicholson (Sellafield), Ira Botsi (Magnox), Gareth Davies (Davies Nuclear Associates), and Ruby Lowe (Hydrock NMCL)

**B**USINESS West played host to over 200 key influential businesses from Bristol and beyond. The evening was an impressive gathering of decision makers and influencers who shape our region – the brightest stars from the local business community, public authorities and university communities, the Lord Lieutenant of Gloucestershire and all three of the region's Police and Crime Commissioners.

society, education, health, political leaders, media and beyond.

"Our members are an impressive mix of organisations, all of whom have a common interest in the success of our region."



"The evening was designed to gather together the key people who give this region its winning character and enable them to do some great networking."

Stephen Robertson, chairman of Business West, said: "Business is all about making connections and having dialogue and that is exactly what Business West is good at – connecting our business community with the pillars of civic

"There was a great buzz about the place; a sense of thinking big, thinking differently with ambition for our region. The wealth of animated discussions throughout the evening reinforced without a doubt that this gathering of peers are the key people who give this region its winning character."



● Mark Mason (Mubaloo), Stephen Robertson (Business West), Jackie Lewis (EDF), Amber Andrews (Concern Universal), Rebecca Tregarthen (IoD), and Mark Beard (Beard Construction)

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● Ben Heald (Sift), Councillor Felicity Baker (North Somerset Council) and James Durie, of Business West



### Business diary

**Bristol Distinguished Address Series:** Coats Group chairman and CMI president Mike Clasper CBE delivers the annual Bolland Lecture at UWE Exhibition and Conference Centre on September 30.

**The Essential Fifth Element Masterclass:** Designed to provide practical guidance to directors, senior managers and change leaders on how to transform their workplaces to create a combination of high performance and high quality of working life. At the Brunel Institute, 12.30pm, Friday October 2.

**Boost#6 - Using social media for success:** Imogen Woodford from Social-I covers the latest updates from all the networks and channels, what the current trends are, where the future of social is and case studies of using social media for success in small business. At the UniLit Club, Bristol, at 6pm, Tuesday, October 6. Book at [www.boostbristolorganisers.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.boostbristolorganisers.eventbrite.co.uk)

**Start-up Drinks:** Interested in start-ups and entrepreneurship? UWE Enterprise invites you to come along to drinks and informal networking evening at the Engine Shed. 6.30-8.30pm on October 6 at the Engine Shed, Bristol.

**Network for olderpreneurs:** Walk and talk considering healthy you, healthy business, running a business as an olderpreneur. Takes place on Thursday, October 15, gather Bristol Folk House at 9.15am for 10am start back by noon. Aimed at business people over 50. Cost £10, book via eventbrite.

**Preparing your business for sale:** Free half day seminar jointly hosted by ActionCOACH Bristol & North Somerset, Burton Sweet and the HR Dept. It's aimed at owners of businesses with sales between £250K-£30m who want the option of selling or creating a business that works without them. Leigh Court, 8.30am on Friday, October 16.

**Employers' pensions Seminar:** Punter Southall is hosting a pensions seminar on Wednesday October 21 for employers and pension scheme trustees. Former Pensions Minister Steve Webb, who was the architect of many of the recent changes to pensions, is guest speaker. Contact the events team on 0117 202 0449 or at [dcevents@puntersouthall.com](mailto:dcevents@puntersouthall.com).

**Natwest Legal Sector Conference:** Now in its fifth year, the conference will look at how law firms can exploit new channels to market, improve profitability and partner performance and deliver business strategy via alternative funding structures. Speakers include Dez Derry of mmadigital, Stephen Gold of Stephen Gold Consulting, Peter Scott of Peter Scott Consulting and Colum Smith from McMillan Williams Solicitors Limited. Wednesday, October 21 at Temple Quay, Bristol. To register visit <https://www.mmadigital.co.uk/natwest/>

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