

Professional Liverpool - Design and Construction Group

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Professional Liverpool is a membership organization that provides a collective voice for the financial and professional services community in Liverpool and its wider economic area. It has three principal activities:

- Networking
- Professional development
- Representation

Through these activities its aim is to connect its members to help improve business and personal relationships, promote professional excellence to its members and collaborators and become a critical friend to the City and City Region decision makers.

It will work in collaboration with other membership organizations such as Liverpool Chamber of Commerce and Forum for the Built Environment, coordinating events and acting collectively, when appropriate, for the greater good of the City and City Region.

The Design and Construction Group will:

1. Organise a number of high quality networking events during the year for its current members and potential new members. The group will coordinate with the events team and other PL groups. It must raise the profile of PL in the Design and Construction sector and boost membership from this sector across the City and City Region. Frequency of events is to be determined by the group and fund raising to support these will be critical.
2. Organise a small number of talks or workshops where high profile speakers are invited to talk about, and debate with the audience, key strategic issues affecting the design and construction industry either locally or nationally. From these sessions the group will create 'thought pieces' that can be shared on the web site for reference and presented to relevant influencers in the City and City Region whenever appropriate.
3. Build up its reputation such that a strategic level of engagement is achieved with key public and private sector organisations so that the aspirations and challenges of the City and City Region are accurately articulated to PL members and relevant and strategic feedback, as well as appropriate support, is provided thus fulfilling the role of a trusted critical friend. In fulfilling this role PL will coordinate, when appropriate, with the City and City Region leaders to provide public commentary on strategic and relevant issues raised in the media.

The Design and Construction Group will champion sustainable development in all of its activities and will promote best practice to its members. It will provide appropriate support and advocacy of the Mayoral Development Zones and four growth areas in the City and City Region through collaboration with the LEP, Liverpool Vision, the City and Mayoral Development Corporation.

Membership of the group will widen and this will be the responsibility of the initial team.