

Women in Business NI Ltd



Established in October 2002, Women in Business NI Ltd is the largest and fastest growing network for business women in Northern Ireland.

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Women in Business support and empower new and established women-owned businesses and women in management positions, by providing information, ideas and business connections.

A Belfast-based body with members throughout Northern Ireland and links to sister networks throughout Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland, it is a not-for-profit organisation with a written constitution and a Board of Directors of 10 women. The network is supported by Invest Northern Ireland and the Department for Employment and Learning (DEL).

The key aim of Women in Business is to support networking, promote local role models, encouraging best practice and links with other small business organisations.

Women in Business NI Ltd, currently has over 250 members from the public, private and voluntary sectors and is growing year on year and continues to deliver real benefits and value for money to its members.

The network came about when 10 business women met on a training programme. Christine Boyle, the Chair of Women in Business explains: "We bonded immediately and benefited greatly from sharing business experiences and ideas together and agreed that it would be beneficial to continue to meet on occasion, as we all valued the support network. We subsequently discovered that there was the possibility of funding available from DEL through the EU Building Sustainable Prosperity Programme and Invest NI, to grow the network and Women in Business was subsequently launched."

Pictured left to right are: Christine Boyle, chair of Women in Business NI Ltd, Rachel Lomax, Deputy Governor of Monetary Policy at the Bank of England, Mary-Jo Lynch from Barclays Bank



Women in Business offers female entrepreneurs and those considering self-employment a forum for networking via regular seminars and workshops on business topics, learning and exchanging business contacts and provides regular communications on issues and opportunities that may be of interest. ►