

CHAIRMAN'S SECOND QUARTER REPORT, SEPTEMBER 2022

Adam Onyett, Chairman, CECA NW

I am pleased to provide the following report of the second quarter, in my second year as Chair of CECA NW, together with details of plans for the rest of the year. I am grateful to my fellow members of the CECA NW Executive Committee for electing me Chair for a second year.

This summer has seen the relocation of the CECA NW office to The Innovation Centre Sci-Tech Daresbury, Keckwick Lane, Daresbury Warrington WA4 4FS. Space is available for members to hold meetings, as well as ad hoc hot desk facilities.

In June, we held the annual CECA NW/CICES Golf Day. Congratulations to Geoterra for winning the Team trophy, and to James Price for winning the Mark Fairclough cup. And thanks, as ever, to Chris Jackson and Falcon Golf for organising the event, and ensuring perfect weather!

In addition to another excellent commercial and legal seminar from Geraldine Fleming of Driver Trett, we ran three workshops on Facebook advertising, LinkedIn advertising and on public speaking.

The CECA NW Foundations group arranged two successful events over the summer - a Day at the Races, Haydock Park in July; and an interprofessional event with members of the CIHT in August. A programme for the remainder of the year has been produced, and we look forward to more opportunities for younger members to meet and develop their own networks.

I would like to draw your attention to the new CECA NW flyer, showcasing over a dozen excellent projects by members. As ever, if you have case studies for us to include in the next edition, please forward them to us.

With skills shortages a growing priority for all of us, Jacqueline Vail has prepared two CECA NW briefings - one on Skills & Training, the other on the role of the NW Local Economic Partnerships and their role in skills development and funding. Chris Jackson has supplemented the important work he does on pipeline research with an analysis of infrastructure works within the region's Levelling Up-funded bids.

The new CECA NW team is here to assist you: Alison Shea looks after regional operations; Jacqueline Vail is our first point of contact with the NW's five Local Economic Partnerships (LEPs) and looks after liaison with schools, colleges and universities; Joe Fitzgibbon leads on support for SMEs and mentoring; Chris Jackson continues to lead on transport initiatives and research into the pipeline of workloads; and Guy Lawson looks after supporting members with tenders, market intelligence and public affairs.

Your participation is essential to ensure we remain member-focused. After all, CECA NW is your Association and we rely on members to let us know what CECA's priorities should be. I would urge you to contact me or the CECA NW team with suggestions for us to implement on your behalf.

Thank you for your continued support.

Adam Onyett, Chairman, CECA NW, September 2022.
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