

Welcome

Dear Reader,

Welcome to the Autumn edition of Elements, we hope you had an enjoyable Summer. As we move into the Autumn, we take a look at what the team at Chemicals Northwest have been up to since the last edition of Elements.

We held a successful Regulation update event on the 15th June with a diverse range of speakers giving updates on regulation and the latest topical issues for industry. Our next meeting is planned for the 10th October with Ian Cranshaw covering Free Trade Agreements and CPTPP. A presenter from Dr Knoell will cover REACH Regulations from Korea, China and Taiwan. We will also be joined by a presenter from the Chemical Industries Association who will be giving an update on UK REACH policy and the latest from the Government. The Regulation event is open to all members of Chemicals Northwest and is a roundtable forum for helpful and informative discussions. Please contact Alex or visit the website for further details.

The September breakfast networking event is currently planned for the 28th September, slightly later in the month than normal. At the time of going to print we have the following speakers confirmed. Tom Haynes, Associate Partner, Interim and Permanent solutions from Page Executive who will be introducing Page Executive and sharing insight into the current hiring market and strategies for success. This will be followed by Charles Lynch who will introduce Keyser and Mackay NV, a respected speciality chemical distributor with over 125 years' experience in the field and a recent entry into the UK market. Our third speaking slot will be Holly Evans, Chemicals Team Leader and Liam Shannon, Pharmaceuticals Team Leader from Science Solutions Recruitment. They will be introducing Science Solutions Recruitment's chemical and pharmaceutical divisions, discussing market trends and where the wider chemical and pharmaceutical industry has had success and failure with recruitment, counter offers and time to hire.

We have our date confirmed for the 2024 Chemicals Northwest Awards as the 21st March, taking place once again at the Hilton Manchester Deansgate. We are delighted to be hosting the awards at this iconic venue once again, and after the tremendous success of the 2023 awards we hope to build on this to make 2024 a bigger celebration of achievements from our industry. We are currently working with sponsors and further details on the awards will follow in the next few weeks.

We are working with our members to bring some new events to the Chemicals Northwest membership for 2024 so please keep an eye out for further details.

As always please keep your good news stories, case studies and thought leadership articles coming in to be featured in the Elements. We look forward to working with all going forward and seeing you at some of our events in the near future.

Alex Abraitis - Member Services and Events Manager

About us...

Chemicals Northwest is an established business network wholly owned by the Chemical Industries Association.

With around 160 members we actively promote this important regional sector and our objective is to help membership to grow through;

- **facilitating** networking events, common interest groups and interactive workshops, all aimed at covering topical industry issues.
- **supporting** projects and programmes that identify and enhance business performance and generally support continuous improvement across the sector.
- **promoting** science and engineering based skills, helping to address the region's future needs.
- **improving** the image of the industry overall, including generating a positive reputation, through communicating achievements and success.
- **contributing** to the industry's strategic voice and the national growth agenda aligned to the work of the Chemical Industries Association.
- **connecting** the community of chemistry-using businesses and the vital supply chains here in the Northwest.

Chemicals Northwest really does bring people together! It is an essential feature of successful networking strategies used by many organisations. We coordinate a range of meetings and events to enable 'face to face' networking for the benefit of all members. Every successful business networking organisation also needs effective communications channels.

As a result of gradual development over recent years, getting messages across, promoting member companies and reporting news, Chemicals Northwest has reached new levels of topicality and quality.

