

Welcome

Dear Reader,

Welcome to the Spring edition of Elements which features a full roundup of our 2024 Awards and winners.

We were delighted to celebrate the Chemicals Northwest Awards on the 21st March at the Hilton Manchester Deansgate hotel. Jimmy McGhie hosted the evening brilliantly with his comedy lines and kept the flow of the awards running smoothly. Feedback from guests and sponsors has been extremely positive. A special “Thank You” goes to all sponsors without whom the event would not have been possible. The Chemicals Northwest team and expert judging panel were once again delighted at the exceptional standard and high number of award entries. Our sincere congratulations to all winners but also thanks and admiration to all who submitted an entry, you have all got positive news stories to share and all citations were gratefully received. Read more about our special evening on the inside pages and view the image gallery here - https://www.cia.org.uk/chemicalsnorthwest/awards_2024

Looking ahead CNW are looking forward to participating at CHEMUK 2024 in Birmingham on the 15th and 16th May. We are proud to be a “headline partner” for this impressive event, come and say hello to the CNW team on Stand N114. The expo promises to be bigger and better than ever with 500+ specialist exhibitors and 150+ expert speakers split between four major show zones:

- Chemical Industries Supply Chain
- Chemical, Process & Plant Engineering
- CHEMLAB – Laboratory & Innovation
- NEW FOR 2024: Chemical, Process & Plant Safety

The team at Chemicals Northwest have been busy in the run up to the awards with some new and varied events taking place. We hosted our Regulation and Trade updates on the 17th January with Paul Wright, European Industry Business Sector Leader from SLR who gave an update on Environmental Permits, Climate Change Adaptation Planning and Risk Assessment into management systems. He was joined by Ian Cranshaw from the Chemical Industries Association and Chemicals Northwest giving an update on Free Trade Agreements and CIA Trade Activity for 2024. Silvia Segna from the Chemical Industries Association gave an update on UK REACH policy and other updates from Government. Our next Regulation event is planned for the 24th April. Further details can be found on the website.

The IChemE hosted an insightful case study at the Chemicals Northwest offices in Daresbury on the 28th February. The topic was “Chemical plant – inherently safer design.” Our presenter, Craig Wright from the IChemE safety centre, guided users through the principles of inherently safer design and their applications. The event received excellent feedback and we hope to work with the IChemE on future events.

We hosted our 7th March breakfast event at Catalyst Science Discovery Centre with presentations from Nikki Burton, CEO, of Catalyst, who give an overview of Catalyst. Ged Moran, Sales Engineer, Atlas Copco Specialty Rental UK gave a company overview. Glyn Horner, Global Head Business Development – Laboratory Services for Scymaris gave a comprehensive company overview and Stephen Slater from the GM Business Growth Hub, gave an overview of The GM Innovation Ecosystem. Our next breakfast event is 20th June, further details to follow.

As always, please keep your good news stories, case studies and thought leadership articles coming in to be featured in Elements.

Further details of our events can be found here - <https://www.cia.org.uk/chemicalsnorthwest/CNW-Events>

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About us...

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

With around 130 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.