



South London Business News

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Happy New Year from all the team at South London Business!

South London Business Events Programme 2004

Welcome to Issue 11 of our electronic newsletter! Now that the holidays are over and we are all settling into the 2004 working year, we thought it would be a good opportunity to update you on our exciting 2004 events schedule.

On the 21st of January, we are holding our first official event of 2004 – Skills for Business, from 6pm in the Waterloo Room of the Institute of Directors (116 Pall Mall) with guest speaker **Ivan Lewis MP** – Minister for Skills. This is a unique opportunity for businesses in South London to share their views with the Minister. We will also be launching our innovative 'Learning Brokers' service which we are operating with Business Link for London and the London South Learning & Skills Council.

In partnership with Innovate South London, we will be launching our Innovation Strategy for the sub-region on 19th February at the Aerodrome Hotel, Purley Way, Croydon. We are delighted to confirm that **Sir Robin Young**, Permanent Secretary to the DTI - who will be on a weeks 'work experience' with South London businesses - will be our guest speaker. The event will also mark the opening of our first innovation centre in the adjacent Airport House. Tea and coffee will be served on arrival at 6pm, followed by drinks and canapés after the launch.

In April we will be holding our Second Annual South London Business Dinner. **Simon Hughes MP** – Liberal Democrat Mayoral Candidate - has agreed to be our guest speaker. We are still confirming a date and a venue and invitations will be sent out shortly. In May, we are delighted to be sponsoring the 'Young Enterprise South London' awards on May 7th at Croydon Town Hall.

The second half of the year will be just as busy with **Martina King**, Managing Director - Yahoo.co.uk; **Julia Cleverden**, Business in the Community; **Honor Chapman**, Chairman – London Development Agency, and **Rod Eddington**, Chief Executive – British Airways, all confirmed as guest speakers! BT have also offered us the BT Tower and we will certainly be making use of this fascinating venue.

During 2004 we will also be sponsoring the Local Business Awards across South London in Kingston, Richmond, Merton, Croydon, Bromley and Wandsworth as well as Business First – the business show for South London.

We hope very much to see you at one (or all) of our events!

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