



NORTHERN CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT STUDENTS' SOCIETY

Newsletter- Autumn 2009

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NCASS Newsletter

Welcome to the fourth NCASS members newsletter.

We welcome any feedback on the newsletter. Please send any comments to Ellen Thomson, e.a.j.thomson@ncl.ac.uk

Welcome from NCASS Chair



Gemma Rigby, NCASS Chair

Following the recent NCASS AGM I would like to welcome all our new committee members and also congratulate the new as well as the re-elected NCASS office holders.

The committee have been very busy planning the NCASS events calendar and have selected the events for the year

based on your feedback and suggestions. I would like to thank you all for your feedback and support of our previous events and hope this continues so we have another successful year! The events are organised around your exam timetable to allow you to socialise and unwind in between exams.

Well done to all students who have had exam success, keep up the hard work and good luck to all those sitting exams over the coming months.

National Student Council

The National Student Council (NSC) has recently its changed name. The new name is ICAEW Student Council (ISC) which reflects the increasingly global make up of the Institute's student body.

It brings together student representatives from around the world, providing a voice and a feedback mechanism for you and your thousands of fellow training students.

What does it do?

The student council meets quarterly across the UK and communicates with all areas of the ICAEW. The council is often asked to feed back their

opinions of recent exams, and often are given first hand information about changes prior to any other students. In addition the chair also sits on the ICAEW's governing council ensuring students have a voice at the very top of the Institute.

ISC Chair & Vice-chair

The ICAEW Student Council (ISC) has elected its new leaders for 2009/10. The new chair is James Bulloss of the Leeds Student Society (LCASS) and vice chair, Richard Hopkins-Burton from the Birmingham Student Society (BCASS).

Student Community now on line



ACA and Certificate in Finance, Accounting and Business (CFAB) students are now benefiting from an innovative new resource which launched in August 2009.

The ICAEW online student community provides a range of support functions, including a forum to discuss industry news and developments and the opportunity to network with peers.

Through the use of blogs, articles and discussion the community offers

information, advice and guidance on relevant topics to students during their studies.

The community offers an easy way for students to keep abreast of the activities of their local student societies and networks. The student societies and networks host a variety of practical seminars, careers guidance events or social gatherings which enables their members to reap the maximum possible benefit from their time studying.

Research undertaken last year among ACA students suggested that there is strong support for the idea of a global online community, especially among those based outside of the UK. As the ICAEW expands internationally, a greater proportion of its students are now resident abroad. The online network acts as an additional channel for the ICAEW to communicate with this diverse constituency and as a means of bringing them together and supporting them as they progress with their training and wider career ambitions.

Support for members in Teesside

Members based in Teesside are encouraged to support NCASS events. NCASS has always had a strong presence on Teesside and the committee is delighted that we currently have three committee members from the region. If you have any suggestions for events in the Teesside/ Darlington area please contact one of the following reps:

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Look out for details of forthcoming events on our website.

Student Deals

The Institute continues to improve its offers for students and members, which are accessible by logging onto the website and don't forget if you are still in your training contract you can apply for an NUS Associate card, which is fantastic for student discounts and can pay for itself in no time.

Recent NCASS Events

Night at the Dogs 7th May 2009

On the 7 May 2009 NCASS and NEYCAG joined up for a Night at the Dogs, where over 80 accountants met up at Brough Park, Newcastle. The event was supported by NRG and the event offered great value for money for £5 you received entrance, programme, pie and pea supper as well as a free drink!



Teesside Annual Dinner 8th May 2009



The Teesside Annual Dinner returned to the Riverside Stadium on the 8 May 2009. The event was well supported by firms with over 90 people in attendance. This was the first time the Dinner has raised money for a charity and guests gave generously to raise £288 for Grace House. Another big thank you goes to the Teesside Dinner Committee for all their efforts to ensure the event was a success.

For further information on Grace House, please visit:

www.gracehouse.co.uk/

New Starters Drinks 23rd September 2009



In September we held our New Students Evening which has always proven to be a great way to get new starters together to introduce them to NCASS and allow them to have an opportunity to meet up with fellow students. We returned to Mr Lynch in

Jesmond which once again showed to be a popular choice amongst the students.



Teesside Football Tournament 1st October 2009

The NCASS Teesside football tournament took place at Powerleague, Stockton. The event was well attended with 6 teams from Chipchase Manners, Tindle's, Clive Owen, Anderson Barrowcliff and Vantis.

The tournament began with fiercely competitive league games of 9 minutes each. When all teams had played the league was totted up and the top two teams made it through to the final – Chipchase Manners and Vantis B team. The final was a mixture of emotions for both teams with near misses and spectacular goals from both sides and after a gruelling 15 minutes play Chipchase Manners were crowned this years football champions. Both teams received individual trophies and the Chipchase Manners were awarded the Champions Trophy 2009.

NCASS have also been involved in a number of pan-professionals networking and social events including a Ceilidh in June.

Forthcoming NCASS Events

14th January 2010
Frock Swap in aid of Grace House

23rd January 2010
Football tournament

25th February 2010
Charity Quiz

Please keep checking our web site for details of other events.

SAVE THE DATES!!

**Newcastle Annual Dinner
Fri 9th April
Teesside Annual Dinner
Fri 21st May**

And finally....

If you would like to join the NCASS committee or if you have suggestions as to an event you would like us to organise then please do not hesitate to get in touch with via our web site www.ncass.co.uk .

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