



IWIRC London Network Newsletter Autumn 2025

We are pleased to send you the IWIRC London Network newsletter.

In this edition, we report on:

- Co-Chairs Update
- Members' News
- Articles & papers - written by our members
- Communications Committee spotlight
- Upcoming Events
- Notes from Past Events

Happy reading!

The IWIRC London Network Communications Team:

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Co-chairs Update

We are delighted to share this Autumn 2025 edition of the IWIRC London Network newsletter — rounding off what has been one of our most vibrant and impactful years to date. As the year draws to a close, it's inspiring to see the continued energy and engagement across our network, as well as the depth of collaboration that has defined IWIRC London's events and initiatives this year.

2025 has seen a record number of members participate in our programmes — from our flagship *Great Returners* series to the mentoring and “Be Inspired” sessions — each designed to create space for learning, connection, and growth. Our annual conference, held in collaboration with Octus, was once again a sell-out event with over 200 delegates and a stand-out keynote from Caitlin Moran that had the room buzzing. It provided thought-provoking discussion, industry-leading insight, and a true sense of community. We are immensely grateful to all of our sponsors, speakers, and moderators for helping make it such a success.

Networking and collaboration remained key themes throughout the year. The *R&I Summer Soirée*, delivered in partnership with our friends at IFT, ILA, and TMA, was another standout event — testament to what can be achieved when networks come together. We also saw fantastic engagement with our “Be Connected” social events, including our Paint & Sip evening and the ever-popular Thursday Fizz gatherings.

At our annual summer party we were delighted to be able to recognise the achievements of our members at our annual awards and we would like to recognise the winners. Congratulations to Future Leader Award winner – Georgie Stuart, FTI Consulting; Champion Award winner – Kelly Rothwell, CMS; and Excellence Award winner – Juliet Schalker, Debenhams Ottaway.

Looking ahead, we are excited for our sold-out *Christmas Party* at the Royal Exchange on 2 December. We can't wait to see many of you there to celebrate our achievements and toast to the year ahead where we will continue our annual charity quiz in the new year, further mentoring initiatives, the returning Great Returners programme and a breadth of other Be Inspired, Be Informed and Be Connected events.

A special thank you goes to our dedicated committee members who work tirelessly to deliver an outstanding programme of events and communications, and to our members for your enthusiasm, ideas, and support. At our annual AGM in September, we voted in returning and new committee chairs and wanted to give our deep thanks to the retiring, returning and new chairs for their exceptional work to make IWIRC London the fantastic organisation that it is.

We're also incredibly proud that IWIRC has been shortlisted for the Contribution to Diversity in Restructuring Award at the GRR Awards 2025 — recognition that reflects the commitment and impact of our entire network.

As we plan for 2026, our focus remains on connection, empowerment, and inclusion. Whether you've been with IWIRC for years or have just joined, there's a place for everyone in this dynamic community. As we both reach the end of our two-year tenure as co-chairs of the IWIRC London network this is our last newsletter as co-chairs and we would like to give truly heartfelt thanks to the entire IWIRC London community. We look forward to handing the mantle onto a passionate team who will continue to take IWIRC London from strength to strength.

With our warmest wishes for the festive season — and many thanks for making IWIRC London a place where professional and personal growth go hand in hand.

[Hannah Aynsley](#) (Teneo) & [Luci Mitchell-Fry](#) (Dentons)
IWIRC Co-Chairs

IWIRC London News



**INTERNATIONAL
WOMEN'S INSOLVENCY &
RESTRUCTURING
CONFEDERATION
NETWORK**

We're pleased to announce that IWIRC has been shortlisted for the **Contribution to diversity in restructuring Award** at the [GRR Awards 2025](#), taking place on **20 November** at the **Plaisterers' Hall, London!**

Members' News

Congratulations to [Laura Capece-Galeota](#) on her promotion to Senior Associate from 1st July at RPC.

Are you someone who has played rugby but struggled to get back into the game post-partum? Are you a Mum who is looking for a new challenge? [Mums Who Play Rugby](#) has been set up to support you and tackle the barriers Mums face when returning to, or taking up, rugby. They want to raise awareness of the challenges players face with childcare, training, work and game day logistics. You can also find them on Instagram on the handle [@mumswhoplayrugby](#) or e-mail them at mumswhoplayrugby@gmail.com to find out more!

Articles & Papers

We're delighted to include reports from our members on these decisions and other areas of topical interest.

- [Luci Mitchell-Fry](#) co-authored an article for the August 2025 issue of Journal of International Banking and Finance Law on the topic "Schemes, redress and litigation: approaches to dealing with mass consumer liability events" which considered different mechanisms for consumer redress including schemes of arrangement, Financial Conduct Authority redress schemes and redress via the courts and the extent to which they achieve finality for a corporate party. You can read the article [here](#).
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Share your news with us!

- Have you **written an article** which you would like us to publish? (If already published you must have permission for republication.)
- Have you recently been, or will you be, **involved in any panels** (speaking or moderating)? Let us know more!
- Do you have any **entries for our Members' News section**? For example, have you won an award, moved jobs, had a promotion?

If you have something to submit, please email us at iwirclondon@yahoo.com with "Newsletter Submission" in the subject matter to be featured in our next newsletter!

Communication Committee Spotlight

At the heart of IWIRC London's connective power lies the **Communications Committee** — a dedicated team whose work helps drive awareness of events, and keep members informed and engaged.

Who we are

The Communications Committee works closely with our Events, Membership, and Sponsorship Committees to ensure that the energy, expertise, and opportunities of our network reach every corner of the profession.

What we do

Here's a look at the Committee's core responsibilities:

Promote events

Every month, IWIRC London hosts sessions across three defining pillars:

- **Be Inspired** – motivational speakers sharing leadership journeys, impact stories, or personal insights
- **Be Informed** – technical updates, case studies, trend analyses in restructuring and insolvency
- **Be Connected** – networking-focused gatherings, panels, informal “meet & greet” sessions

Circulate email invitations & newsletters

One of the Committee's staple tasks is generating and distributing engaging email campaigns:

- **Event invitations** — announcing upcoming sessions with all the necessary registration links, speaker bios, and logistics.
- **Quarterly newsletters** — spotlighting past events, member news, opportunities, and relevant industry developments.
- **Special announcements** — urgent or high-profile notices (e.g. sponsorship calls, deadlines, collaboration opportunities)

Manage sponsor adverts & recognition

Sponsors play a vital role in sustaining IWIRC London's programming and reach. The Communications team ensures that sponsors receive proper acknowledgement, exposure, and alignment with the brand.

Oversee social media & digital channels

To broaden IWIRC London's reach — beyond current members to prospective ones — the Committee stewards our social media presence. This includes:

- Maintaining and curating content on LinkedIn
- Sharing event announcements, highlights, and recaps - posting photos and video clips

A call to collaborate

If you like what you hear and want to get more involved — the Communications Committee would love your input. Contact us on iwirclondon@yahoo.com for more information.

Upcoming Events...

with more to come!



Women in FIRE presents: Asset Recovery in Action 27 November 2025

We're proud to be partnering with TL4 FIRE for Women in FIRE presents: Asset Recovery in Action, on 27th November 2025 at the historic Carpenter's Hall in London.

A one-day women led conference focusing on Fraud, Insolvency, Recovery and Enforcement (FIRE), this event offers a unique platform for female practitioners to share their experiences - openly, honestly and insightfully. Expect more than just theory. Speakers will deliver first hand accounts of navigating complex cases, managing risk and demonstrating resilience - offering the kind of practical insights rarely shared but always valuable. Make no mistake: this is a technical, content-rich conference focused on what matters most - asset recovery, cross-border litigation, contentious insolvency, and the evolving of legal technology.

Use our exclusive code **IWIRCWIF15** to receive 15% off your registration.

You can book your spot here: <https://thoughtleaders4.com/fire/fire-event/women-in-fire-conference/booking>

We look forward to seeing you there. Allies of all genders are warmly welcome!

[Register here](#)



IWIRC London Christmas Party 2025

A circular inset photograph showing the interior of Engel Bar, featuring red velvet chairs, wooden tables, and a bar area in the background.

2 December 2025
6:30 pm - 11 pm

**Engel, The Mezzanine,
Royal Exchange, London,
EC3V 3LQ**

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IWIRC London Christmas Party 2025 **2 December 2025**

The IWIRC London Christmas Party will be held at Engel Bar at the beautiful Royal Exchange, offering an elegant setting to celebrate the festive season with drinks, light refreshments and nibbles. This event provides an excellent opportunity for networking, collaboration, and enjoying the holiday spirit among peers. This event is now sold out. To register on the waitlist click below.

[Register here](#)

Past Events...

In case you missed them - read a snapshot from recent events.



**IWIRC London Conference in collaboration with Octus
6 November 2025**

The IWIRC London network was delighted to host our sixth conference once again this year in collaboration with Octus. The half day conference featured four topical sessions with panellists drawn from the judiciary, legal and advisory sectors and was followed by a drink reception. This sell-out event attracted over 200 delegates!

We kicked off the day with an inspiring fireside chat with Caitlin Moran, moderated by [Liz Osborne](#) and kindly sponsored by Paul, Weiss. After a networking lunch (kindly sponsored by Akin), the second session featured “Confidence in a crisis: Controlling the narrative in a financial storm,” an interactive, dynamic scenario exploring how fast-moving media stories can impact companies under pressure with panel members Emma Woollcott of Mishcon de Reya and Fiona Micallef-Eynaud of Brunswick Group (sponsored by Mishcon de Reya).

The third session of the day featured “Views from the bench”, an insightful panel discussion with Lord Justice Snowden, Court of Appeal, England and Wales, United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Southern District of New York Lisa Beckerman and Insolvency and Companies Court Judge Raquel Agnello KC (kindly sponsored by Kirkland and Ellis) and moderated by Kate Stephenson.

Coffee was sponsored by Freshfields and the conference concluded with “Hot Topics in Contentious Cases,” a lively, forward-looking discussion on the issues shaping the market. Moderator [Shan Qureshi](#) (Octus) led panellists [Clare Tanner](#) (K&L Gates), [Kristina Kicks](#) (Interpath) and Ashley Brickles (FTI Consulting) through practical insights and real-world perspectives. A huge thank you to our moderator, panellists and sponsor, K&L Gates, for an engaging and thought-provoking discussion

Post conference drinks (sponsored by Octus) at The Tokenhouse rounded off the success of the conference.

Thank you to all our conference sponsors Paul, Weiss, [Kirkland and Ellis](#), Mishcon de Reya, K&L Gates, [Akin Gump](#), Freshfields, [Allen Overy Shearman Sterling](#), [Baker McKenzie](#), [Clifford Chance](#), [Carey Olsen](#), [CMS](#), [FTI](#), [Grant Thornton](#), Simpson Thacher & Bartlet, [South Square](#) and without which such a conference would not be possible year on year.

If you have any feedback or would like to be involved in the planning committee for next year's conference please get in touch. Look out for social media posts with photos from the event!



Thursday Fizz
16 October 2025

It was wonderful to catch up with many IWIRC members and to meet new members over a glass of fizz at Harry's bar on 16 October.



**Navigating Workplaces as Women — Leveraging DEI for Success in
Disruptive Times ... Like Now!
22 September 2025**

The IWIRC Mentoring series for 2025 is aimed at empowering women in the restructuring industry through structured mentoring and coaching. As part of this initiative, we hosted the first of two plenary sessions expertly delivered by Belinda Riley, CEO and Founder of *Beyond the Barriers Academy* and a global thought leader in Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI) beyondthebarriersacademy.com and a keynote speaker on DEI. During this session, we explored themes for navigating workplaces as women, in particular how DEI can be leveraged for success in disruptive times. We also established coaching circles consisting of 4-5 participants, each led by a Senior Leader in the industry to foster continuous professional development and relationship building.

Plans for the second plenary are under way where Belinda will discuss ways to lead your career on your own terms – creating a vision for success. This will be held early next year so look out for details coming soon!

Look out for details of session 2 coming soon!



Be Connected

Great Returners Session 6 - Your Future 18 September 2025

In the final session of the current series of the Great Returners Programme, participants focused on the question: 'what do you want for your future?' Using a tool called the circle of life we discussed various dimensions of our lives and identified two big break areas we wanted to invite change into.

Thanks to our coaches for delivering such insightful sessions over the course of this programme. Thanks also to all our participants for joining us.



Paint & Sip 17 July 2025

A big thank you to everyone who joined us for our Paint and Sip event. It was a wonderful evening of creativity, connection and conversation.



Anniversary & Awards Party 8 July 2025

A fantastic evening kindly hosted by [Squire Patton Boggs](#), complete with old-fashioned fairground games, bags of sweets (lollies), good company, canapés, and vino. A wonderful gathering to celebrate our colleagues in the profession.

With thanks to this year's judges, [Kristina Kicks](#) ([Interpath](#)) and [Priyanka Usmani](#) ([Baker McKenzie](#)):

Future Leader Award

Huge congratulations to [Georgie Stuart](#) of [FTI Consulting](#) - the recipient of this year's Future Leader Award!

Champion Award

Huge congratulations to [Kelly Rothwell](#) of [CMS UK](#) - the recipient of the 2025 Champion Award!

Excellence Award

Huge congratulations to [Juliet Schalker](#) of [Debenhams Ottaway](#) - the recipient of this year's Excellence Award!



Great Returners Session 5 - From Networking to Networking 8 July 2025

Thanks to all those that joined us for session 5 of our Great Returners Session 5.

For a returner, networking may feel like an additional burden you don't need. In this interactive and in-person session, we explored networking - particularly reframing the traditional concept of networking to networking - what do you see as worthwhile in professional relationships? Participants learnt how to create genuine connections that work both ways and sharing wisdom on how to make networking feel natural and valuable.



R&I Summer Soiree
5 June 2025

We enjoyed a wonderful Summer's evening catching up with members of the restructuring and insolvency profession. Thanks to the networks [Institute for Turnaround \(IFT\)](#), [Insolvency Lawyers Association \(ILA\)](#), [IWIRC](#) and [Turnaround Management Association \(TMA\)](#) for coming together to collaborate once again to deliver the ultimate networking opportunity.



Be Connected

New Crew Spring Stretch: Pilates & Connect
28 May 2025

We really enjoyed our sold-out "New Crew" Spring Stretch: Pilates & Connect" event, kindly hosted by [Dentons](#) which enabled us to connect and promote New Crew members and more junior restructuring and insolvency professionals.



Be Connected

Great Returners Session 4 - Head to Heart
20 May 2025

In our fourth session of the Great Returners Programme, **Head to heart:** participants discovered how their experiences as a returner uniquely positioned them to foster more heart-led interactions within the workplace.



Trading Administrations 14 May 2025

A big thank you to everyone who attended our IWIRC London Network Be Informed event last week – 'Trading Administrations: Lessons learned from the frontlines'!

Your engagement with the Q&A discussion made this event truly memorable, and it was great to host another joint event, this time with the [IWIRC Midlands & North of England Network](#).

A special thank you to our excellent panel of speakers ([Isabelle \(Issy\) Gross](#), [Sarah Collins](#), [Sarah Foster](#), [Jane Steer](#) and [Samantha Taylor CMgr FCFI](#) Taylor) and [PwC](#) for hosting across four locations and remotely, and for helping make the evening such a success.



Be Connected

Wine and Chocolate Pairing 7 May 2025

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us at our Be Connected - Wine & Chocolate Pairing event. We enjoyed a wonderful evening exploring the rich and complex flavours of wine and chocolate, learning how they enhance and complement each other.

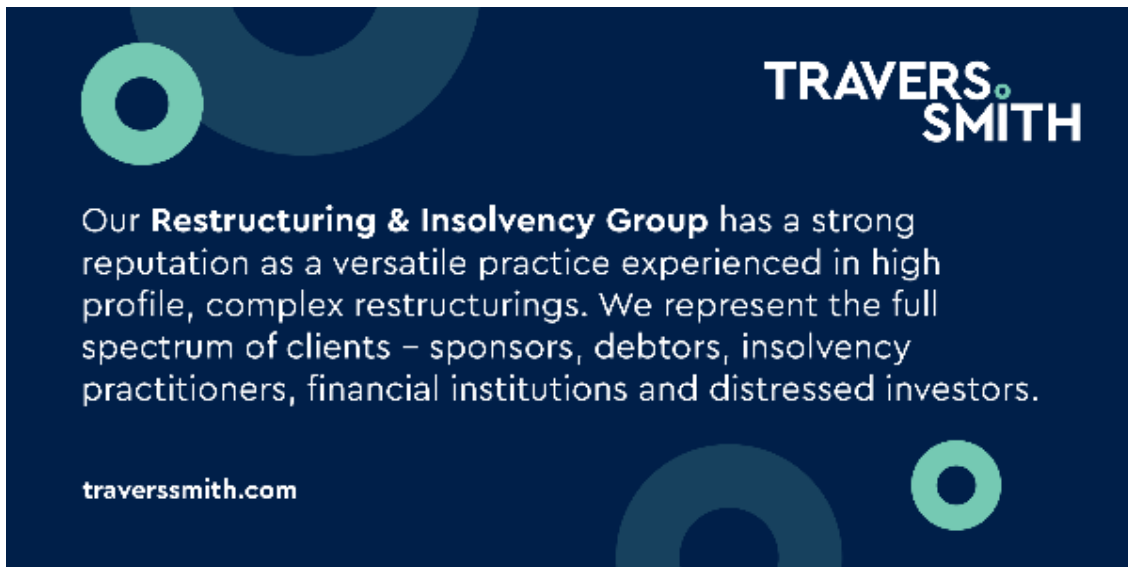


Easter Wreath Making 3 April 2025

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us at the Easter wreath-making

event. We had a lovely evening, testing our inner florists and putting our creative skills into practice. It was wonderful to see so many of you there!

A special thank you to [4 Stone Buildings](#) for generously providing the catering and venue , and for helping make the evening such a success.



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