



IWIRC London Network Newsletter Spring 2025

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

In this edition, we report on:

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- Members' News
- Articles & papers - written by our members
- Sponsorship Committee update
- Upcoming Events
- Notes from Past Events

Happy reading!

The IWIRC London Network Communications Team:

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Co-chairs Update

As the days get longer and warmer, we are delighted to welcome you to the IWIRC London Spring 2025 newsletter. We have been busy with many exciting events to bring our wonderful members and guests together to Be Inspired, Be Connected, and Be Informed.

We remain dedicated to delivering diverse events and initiatives that support the growth and success of our members at all stages of their careers. Such events have recently included an insightful session on Managing Menopause in the Workplace and the first three sessions of our Great Returners programme.

The Great Returners is an amazing programme that provides six one-hour coach-facilitated small group sessions to anyone who is on a return-to-work journey, whether that be from parental leave, a sabbatical, or any other period of extended leave. It is free to members, and there are three more sessions to come. You can join as many or as few as you wish and it has had fantastic feedback from attendees. Please spread the word if you know someone who might find it relevant.

The Autumn also saw the next event in our mentoring programme: a mentoring panel discussion, expertly moderated by Dr. Liz Brown, emphasizing the pivotal role of mentorship in career progression. Our Mentoring Committee are busy planning the mentoring programme for 2025 – watch this space for further announcements regarding exciting mentoring and coaching sessions in the pipeline.

Our annual conference in collaboration with Octus was another sell out success, and planning for this year's conference is well underway. Save the date for 6 November 2025!

Our annual charity quiz in aid of Solace raised a wonderful £3,400 and our International Women's Day event with Caroline Criado-Perez was truly inspiring.

By the time this is published, we will have co-hosted an Evening with Lady Hale alongside our peers at IWIRC International in a truly global event with people joining from across the US, Europe and Asia.

We are looking forward to further collaboration with our colleagues across the country for a national Be Informed event on trading administrations with both in-person and virtual attendance in multiple locations. Details to come - keep your eyes peeled!

Other upcoming Be Connected events to look forward to are an Easter wreath-making event and a chocolate and wine pairing event. Plenty of creative and engaging networking opportunities for our members ahead.

We have been exploring opportunities to extend our membership and sponsorship base to include a wider array of participants in the insolvency and restructuring market. After all, it takes a village to navigate the complex world of insolvency, and we believe in strength in diversity.

The IWIRC London Network has submitted nominations for the 2025 IWIRC Woman of the Year in Restructuring (WOYR) Award and the Women in Restructuring Hall of Fame, recognizing the exceptional contributions of our members to the restructuring and insolvency profession.

We are committed to supporting and collaborating with other UK networks and are particularly proud to have supported in the establishment of the Wales & South West of England Network, formed in October 2024. Congratulations to the 58th network of IWIRC! We look forward to collaborating with them on events and initiatives to the benefit of IWIRC members across the UK networks.

As always, a huge thanks to our sponsors, members and supporters without whom this would not be possible. If you are interested in getting involved in a committee, or would like to know more about membership, sponsorship or how you can provide ad hoc support e.g. a venue or sponsorship for an individual event, please email iwirclondon@yahoo.com.

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

Members' News

Congratulations to [Maya Andrews](#), Associate at FTI Consulting who is now ACCA exam qualified and to [Pratiksha Kandoi](#), Consultant at FTI Consulting for recently passing her CFA level 3 exam.

[Jo Hewitt](#) has recently joined FTI Consulting's Corporate Finance & Restructuring team as Senior Managing Director. With more than 20 years of experience in UK and cross-border insolvencies, restructurings, restructuring plans and schemes of arrangement, Jo's arrival reinforces FTI Consulting's reputation for delivering ground-breaking schemes and insolvency solutions. Learn more about her appointment: <https://ftiamea.to/Jo-Hewitt>

[Juliet Schalker](#), Partner at Debenhams Ottoway Solicitors will be speaking at [ThoughtLeaders4Disputes "The Shareholder & Securities Disputes Forum"](#) on 29 April 2025.

[Luci Mitchell-Fry](#) spoke on a panel at the Legal Business Financial Regulatory and Disputes Summit on the topic of using schemes of arrangement as a tool to

implement regulatory redress.

[Luci](#) will also be speaking on a panel at the IWIRC Spring conference in DC in April on the topic of "Ethics in restructurings". Other panellists include Rakhee Patel – (Sidley Austin, Dallas) Jen McConnell – (AlixPartners, Chicago) and Hon. Mary Grace Diehl (US Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of Georgia).

Dentons' Restructuring & Insolvency team in London has strengthened its expertise over the past few months with the addition of four associates, [Bethan Griffith](#) (Senior Associate), [Felicity Jordan](#) (Senior Associate), [Jo Fernandes](#) (Associate) and [Christy Lee](#) (Associate).

Congratulations to [Kelly Rothwell](#) of CMS Law who is being promoted to Partner on 1 April 2025.

Congratulations to [Clare Tanner](#) of K&L Gates on her promotion to Partner.

[Huguette Craggs](#) (Associate) and [Rebecca Chapman](#) (Associate) have both recently joined Taylor Wessing's Restructuring & Insolvency team in London.

Finally, congratulations to all IWIRC London members who have passed the JIEB exams!

Articles & Papers

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

- [Huguette Craggs](#), associate at Taylor Wessing has written [an article on a recent judgment concerning a challenge to administrator's fees](#)
- Squire Patton Boggs has published an article on the '[Top 10 Predictions for 2025 in Restructuring and Insolvency](#)'.
- Debenhams Ottoway Solicitors have written the following articles
 - [Thames Water restructuring: Battle of bondholders over emergency loan](#)
 - [The so-called "Shareholder Rule": can a company assert privilege against their own shareholders?](#)
- Debenhams Ottoway's litigation team secure huge section 423 win in the Commercial Court. Read about their win [here](#).

- Luci Mitchell-Fry and Bethan Griffith, recently published an article titled, "Introduction of new sanctions reporting requirements for insolvency practitioners and new insolvency-related licensing ground". Read it [here](#).
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Sponsorship Committee Update

The Sponsorship Committee is comprised of Clare Tanner (K&L Gates), Juliana Leite de Barros (Linklaters) and recent new member Emma Thompson (Alvarez & Marsal).

There are many benefits of being an IWIRC (London) sponsor, which include:

- supporting diversity and women restructuring professionals in London;
- accessing the largest women's restructuring organisation worldwide; and
- gaining meaningful exposure to a large community of restructuring professionals (including private practice lawyers, in-house counsel, financial advisors, restructuring professionals, bankers and others at all levels of seniority).

Sponsor Benefits

The London Network offers the following sponsorship options:

Corporate Sponsorship - £3000 per annum

- Recognition as a corporate sponsor on all IWIRC London Network event materials.
- Recognition as a corporate sponsor on IWIRC London Network emails and on the IWIRC London Network website.
- 3 complimentary tickets for each IWIRC London Network event.
- 3 complimentary IWIRC London Network annual memberships.
- 1/4 A4 page advert or member/sponsor profile in 3 IWIRC London Network newsletters (published quarterly).
- The chance to host an exclusive event for IWIRC members enabling:
 - the sponsor to introduce the event or provide a short video clip to be played at the start of a hosted event.
 - sponsor recognition and links to the sponsor firm to be added to promotional materials/invites for hosted events.
 - ability to provide firm branded items and promotional materials at each hosted event.
 - sponsor recognition with hashtags and links after hosted event on all IWIRC social media platforms.
 - complimentary tickets 4 (in addition to those received as part of the corporate sponsorship package) for the sponsor for the hosted

event.

Event Sponsorship

- The event sponsor may contribute funds for a specific event in order to receive the benefit of advertising at the event and recognition in the event speech.

The London Network currently has 16 corporate sponsors with other firms expressing interest in becoming corporate sponsors. The Sponsorship team's responsibilities include managing the renewal / new sponsor process and dealing with other sponsorship related queries. The team offers corporate and event sponsors the opportunity to host /support particular events and liaises with Events, Treasury and others to offer sponsors a seamless experience.

Please do get in touch if your organisation would like to know more about sponsor benefits or is interested in becoming a sponsor!

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!

Upcoming Events...

with more to come!



Be Connected

Easter Wreath Making
3 April, 18:00 - 21:00

Join IWIRC for a creative and fun evening of Easter wreath-making, kindly sponsored by 4 Stone Buildings. The event will take place on 3 April at Lincoln's Inn, doors open from 6:00 pm, with the workshop starting promptly at 6:30 pm.

An Easter wreath is a beautiful, seasonal decoration crafted from spring foliage, flowers and festive touches. You will have an opportunity to create your own bespoke wreath, with everything provided and yours to take home. It's a perfect chance to unwind, get creative and network with peers across the industry.

[Join the waiting list](#)



Be Connected

Be Connected - Wine & Chocolate Pairing
7 May 2025, 18:30 - 22:00

This event offers a wonderful opportunity to explore the rich and complex flavours of wine and chocolate, learning how they enhance and complement each other. This event will be guided by a London Wine Tasting host and will include options for non-alcoholic wines.

[Register here](#)



Be Informed

SAVE THE DATE

Trading Administrations - in conjunction with IWRC Midlands and North of

England Network

14 May 2025

Save the date for our Trading Administrations event jointly organised with IWIRC Midlands and North of England Network. More information coming soon.



Be Connected

SAVE THE DATE

New Crew Pilates

28 May 2025

After the success of our New Crew yoga event, this time we're hosting a New Crew pilates session. A chance to network over coffee and a light breakfast before enjoying some pilates - what a great start to the day.



Be Connected

SAVE THE DATE

IWIRC Anniversary and Awards Party

8 July 2025

Save the date for our IWIRC London Anniversary Party and Awards Ceremony. One not to be missed! Further information coming soon.

Past Events...

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

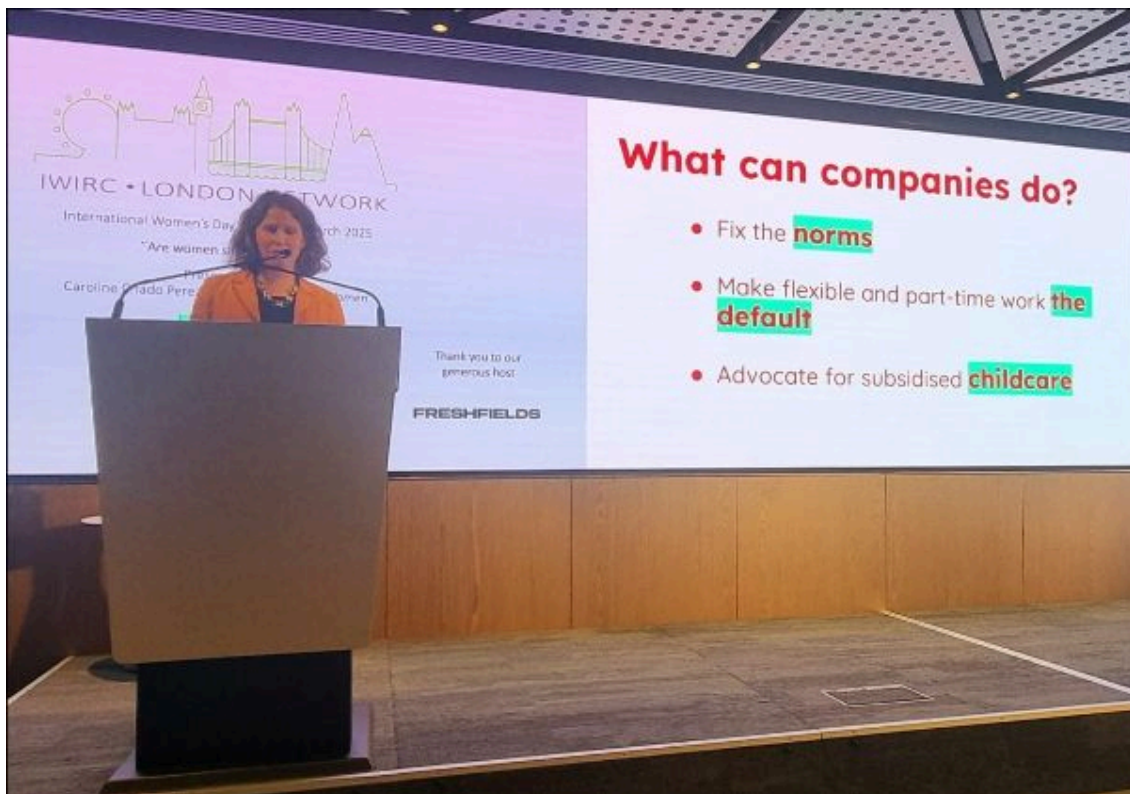


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IWIRC The Great Returners Programme Session 3

18 March 2025

The third session of our Great Returners Programme was titled, **Speaking Out**, where we explored how and when it's appropriate to speak out, speak up or speak together when you are a returner. We consider scenarios and provided participants with a selection of tools to build their awareness and confidence on this topic.



International Women's Day: Are Women Still Invisible?

13 March 2025

A fantastic evening celebrating International Women's Day, with insightful thoughts from Caroline Criado Perez on gender gaps and equality. It was great

to see so many meaningful connections being made. A huge thank you to South Square for sponsoring this event and to Freshfields for hosting.



IWIRC London Charity Quiz
5 February 2025

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us at the annual IWIRC London Charity Quiz on 5 February 2025 in aid of Solace Women's Aid. Congratulations to Gordon Sisters for finishing first at the quiz and to the lucky winners of the raffle!

We raised over £3,400 on the night, which will go a long way in supporting women and their children as they move from a refuge into their own home - providing them with security and the opportunity to start a new life.

A special thank you to RPC for generously providing the venue and helping make the evening such a success.

If you are interested in finding out more about Solace and the wonderful work they do, please visit: <https://www.solacewomensaid.org/>



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IWIRC The Great Returners Programme Session 2

28 January 2025

The second session of our Great Returners Programme, **From Perceptions to Reality**, explored how perceptions shape your view of yourself, others, and your work environment. The aim of this session was that through hands-on exercises, participants had the opportunity to spot their own thinking patterns and learn practical ways to move beyond perception to reality. In this session participants enjoyed networking over breakfast.



IWIRC London Managing Menopause in the Workplace
16 January 2025

Thanks to all those who attended the IWIRC London Network Managing Menopause in the Workplace event kindly hosted by K&L Gates. Executive coach, Anna Allerton explained why the effect of menopause in the workplace is important and, based on her own experience as a former journalist and TV Producer, shared tips on how women can support their careers alongside the menopause. Thanks to Anna for her helpful advice and insight and to our event organisers for an excellent Be Inspired event!



IWIRC London Christmas Party 2024
3 December 2024

Thanks to all those that joined us for the IWIRC London Network Christmas Party 2024 on 3 December! It was lovely to see so many of our wonderful members and friends and celebrate the festive season in style at the Ned!



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IWIRC London Great Returners Programme Session 1
21 November 2024

Following super feedback, we were thrilled to kick off the second Great Returners Programme with our first session which focussed on ***Being Present In and Outside of Work***: We discussed how often are we really present in meetings? How often are we really present for our family members or children? We uncovered what stops us from being present more often than not and attendees took away some practical ways to support them.

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