



IWIRC London Network Newsletter Spring 2026

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

In this Spring 2026 edition, we report on:

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

Happy reading!

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Co-chairs Update

Welcome to the IWIRC London Spring 2026 Newsletter. We have had an exciting start to the year following the election in December of our new IWIRC London co-chair Kelly Rothwell, Partner at CMS. Huge thanks to the outgoing co-chair, Luci Mitchell-Fry, Partner at Dentons who has seen IWIRC London go from strength to strength under her leadership. Nominations will open shortly for the second co-chair position and current and former co-chairs would welcome the opportunity to speak to anyone who may be considering putting themselves forward.

We are delighted to announce that since our last newsletter IWIRC UK was successful in winning the Contribution to Diversity in Restructuring Award at the GRR Awards 2025. A table of London SteerCo members attended the event and it was a joy to have so many members in the room to collect the award and cheer on this well-deserved recognition for everyone who is part of the network. Many a toast was raised to celebrate this achievement and all of the year's successes at the Christmas Party at Engel in December, attended by over 100 members.

We have already had a fantastic start to 2026, with a programme designed to bring our wonderful members (and guests) together to Be Inspired, Be Connected and Be Informed—creating space for learning, conversation and community at every career stage.

We kicked off the year on the right foot with “Start Your Day Right: Yoga & Networking” in January. This was followed by our annual charity quiz in January which raised over £4,000 for Smart Works, a brilliant charity that supports unemployed women seeking to enter the workforce.

In February, we held our first Be Inspired event aimed at apprentices with “Be Inspired: Finding Your Voice”; a brilliant panel session particularly for our more junior colleagues and graduates looking to build confidence, expand networks and find their voice within the industry.

The wonderful Great Returners programme has also commenced for its third year and we would warmly encourage any member who has returned to work after any career break to check out the programme and either sign up for the rest of the programme or dip into the sessions that feel most relevant, led by our fantastic external coaches.

Looking ahead, we are excited for our next Mentoring event on 17 March “Ways to lead your career on your own terms”, our Easter Wreath Making on 25 March and our IWIRC @ INSOL2026 breakfast and exhibition visit on 23 April 2026. If events are sold out, please do sign up for the waiting

list as we will seek to release further tickets if possible.

As always, a heartfelt thank you to our committee members, sponsors, speakers, hosts and volunteers who make this programme possible, and to every member who attends events, welcomes new faces, and champions IWIRC London in the market. If you are interested in getting more involved (committee support, hosting, sponsorship, or ad hoc help), we would love to hear from you.

Hannah Aynsley (Teneo) & Kelly Rothwell (CMS)

IWIRC London Co-Chairs

Members' News

Congratulations to FTI Consulting employees: Olivia Lock who has been promoted to Senior Director; Pratiksha Kandoi and Maham Khan who were both promoted to Senior Consultant; and Maya Andrews and Zuza Tomsia who were both promoted to Consultant. All with effect from 1 April 2026.

Articles & Papers

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

- [Pinnacle: Navigating the private credit landscape](#) – this has lots of articles on private credit and includes an article from Kelly Rothwell and Tamara Djurovic on [The role of private credit in distressed debt](#)
- [The new UAE Central Bank law: Early intervention and resolution regime](#) – an article on the new banking law in the UAE and how it has aligned with international standards for intervention and management of distress in the financial sector.

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!

New Crew Committee Spotlight



At IWIRC London, supporting early career professionals is a key part of strengthening our network and investing in the future of the restructuring and insolvency community. That mission sits at the heart of London NewCrew.

Who we are

NewCrew operates as a branch of the Events Committee, with a dedicated focus on junior professionals who are taking their first steps in the industry. Recognising that networking can often feel intimidating in the early years of a career, the NewCrew team is made up of young professionals themselves, people who understand first-hand the challenges, uncertainties, and opportunities that come with entering the profession.

NewCrew is currently co-chaired by Tamara Djurovic (CMS Cameron McKenna Nabarro Olswang LLP) and Amy Ramshaw (Aurelius Finance Company), who are always keen to welcome new volunteers and fresh ideas.

What we do

NewCrew designs and delivers events that help build confidence, foster meaningful connections, and create a sense of community at the junior end of the profession. Our goals include:

- Hosting several dedicated NewCrew events each year, ranging from relaxed socials to skills focused activities
- Creating a welcoming, supportive environment where early career members can meet peers and build their network from day one
- Bridging the gap between junior and senior professionals, offering opportunities for informal mentoring, conversations, and knowledge sharing
- Helping new joiners feel at home within the wider IWIRC London network, so that attending larger events always comes with at least one familiar face

While NewCrew is tailored for professionals with around five years' experience or fewer, this is a guideline rather than a hard rule. Anyone who would benefit from junior-level networking is warmly welcome.

2025 Highlights: Pinot and Picasso

In November 2025, we hosted an evening of colour, creativity, and conversation at Pinot and Picasso. Attendees enjoyed a relaxed atmosphere where artistic skills were very much secondary to connecting with new IWIRC members, unwinding after work, and painting some impressively vibrant sunsets.

Looking ahead

NewCrew has an exciting year planned, with upcoming events designed to create fun, approachable entry points into the IWIRC London community. Among the sessions being developed are:

- A Thursday fizz networking evening - a relaxed social to bring new professionals together
- A wellness-themed meetup, such as a reformer class followed by coffee

More details will be announced soon.

A call to collaborate

If you like the sound of what NewCrew is doing, or if you have ideas for what we should be doing, we'd love to hear from you. Whether you're looking to join the subcommittee, volunteer at an event, or simply share your suggestions, NewCrew thrives on member involvement. Contact us at iwirclondon@yahoo.com / tamara.djurovic@cms-cmno.com / amy.ramshaw@aurelius-group.com for more information or to get involved.

Upcoming Events...
with more to come!



IWIRC London Network - Mentoring Series 2025/26

Ways to lead your career on your own terms -
creating a vision for success



Our speaker - Belinda Riley

17 March 2026

08:00 - 10:00

FTI Consulting, 200 Aldersgate,
Aldersgate Street, London,
EC1A 4HD

Ways to lead your career on your own terms - creating a vision for success

17 March 2026

This is the second plenary as part of the IWIRC Mentoring Series 2025-26, an initiative designed to empower women in the restructuring industry through structured mentoring, coaching and shared learning.

This session will be delivered by Belinda Riley, who will be well known to many of you for her engaging and insightful contributions at past IWIRC events, including our first plenary session in this series in September 2025, the August 2023 Global Leadership Summit and her session on imposter syndrome in November 2022.

Join us for an empowering discussion on how to take ownership of your career, clarify what success means to you, and create a personal vision that supports purposeful and sustainable career progression.



IWIRC London Easter Wreath Making



25 March 2026

18:00 - 21:00

GLAS
2nd Floor
10 Old Bailey
London
EC4M 7NG

Easter wreath making

25 March 2026

Join IWIRC London for a relaxed and creative Easter Wreath Making Evening at Glas Offices on 25th March from 6–9 pm.

In this hands-on workshop, you'll have the chance to design and create your own beautiful Easter wreath to take home. All materials will be provided, and while you craft, you can enjoy a selection of drinks and nibbles.

It's also a great opportunity to unwind, meet new people, and enjoy some informal networking in a friendly atmosphere. Whether you're a seasoned crafter or trying wreath making for the first time, everyone is welcome!

[Register here](#)

IWIRC@INSOL2026

23 April 2026

IWIRC London and INSOL International will be hosting IWIRC and INSOL members following the INSOL conference.

The event will be a networking breakfast followed by the *Queen Elizabeth II: Her Life in Style* exhibition at Kings Gallery, Buckingham Palace.

A standing breakfast will be served from 9:00 am, with exhibition viewings commencing at 10:00 am.

Breakfast venue: Timmy Green, 11 Sir Simon Milton Square, London SW1E 5DJ

Exhibition venue: The King's Gallery, Buckingham Palace, London SW1A 1AA

[Breakfast only tickets](#)



Be Connected

Great Returners Programme Session 2: Being Present 30 April 2026

Join us for an interactive and practical session on Being Present as a returner.

We will explore what it truly means to be present and what gets in the way, whether that's the pull of an overloaded inbox, the next case/matter on your mind, or the pressure to always be performing. Using a simple but powerful model, you will leave with at least three tools you can use straight away to achieve a higher quality of presence whether at home or at work.

As with session 1, session 2 will be a hybrid session, taking place at Squire Patton Boggs' offices for those able to attend in person, with lunch being served from 12pm, or via Zoom for those who prefer to dial in. The session will begin at 12:30pm.

For more information contact Becky Terrace (Rebecca.terrace@squirepb.com).

Tickets coming soon

Past Events...

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



NewCrew Paint and Sip 18 November 2025

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skills were very much secondary to connecting with new IWIRC members, unwinding after work, and painting some impressively vibrant sunsets.



**Christmas Party
2 December 2025**

A magical evening at our Christmas Party 2025 at the most fabulous of venues (Engel Bar, Royal Exchange).

It was wonderful to see so many in the profession for the end of year festivities, and to toast 2025's adventures. The gingerbread men went very quickly, which was no surprise.

It was lovely to celebrate the festive season with IWIRC members, colleagues and friends.



Start your day right yoga
28 January 2026

IWIRC members enjoyed 'Start Your Day Right: Yoga & Networking' on 28th January 2026 at Dentons, London. After a 50-minute yoga session to reconnect and unwind, delegates were able to network over a light breakfast and build meaningful professional relationships in a relaxed setting.



Charity Quiz in aid of SmartWorks

29 January 2026

We're delighted that our Quiz night on 29 January 2026 raised £4,020 for the amazing Smart Works Charity. A huge thank you to everyone who attended and donated!

Laura Hunt, Corporate Partnerships Executive at Smart Works said:

On behalf of the team here at Smart Works Charity, I want to send a heartfelt thank you to the International Women's Insolvency & Restructuring Confederation (IWIRC) for choosing Smart Works as your chosen charity for this year's quiz. With your generous donations, we can continue to empower women in disadvantaged circumstances with the confidence and practical skills to succeed at interview, secure employment and transform their lives.

The impact of our service is best demonstrated in the words of our clients themselves, such as our recent client, Andrea:

"By the time I came to Smart Works, I was running on empty. The first thing they did was make me feel seen. Not as someone unemployed, but as someone with something to offer. The outfit was lovely, but it was the conversation that changed me. Through coaching, I regained my self-belief and focus. Within weeks, I secured a new role. I'm thriving again, but I'm under no illusion about the system I survived. Without Smart Works, I might have given up."



Great Returners Programme Session 1: How to manage your life

10 February 2026

Thanks to everyone who attended our Great Returners Programme Session 1 on how to manage your life. Participants attended this facilitated and inclusive session focused on the topic of 'life management' as a returner in a high performing professional environment. Together delegates explored what things work, what things don't, and how to adjust to the inevitable unknown life events

that emerge each week. Delegates left the session with practical wisdom to put into practice straight away and peer support for their journey.



Finding Your Voice 11 February 2026

Thanks to all those who joined us for a very successful IWIRC London Network's Be Inspired, Finding Your Voice event. We had a fantastic turnout from apprentices, trainees, paralegals and graduates in the legal and financial world for our panel session followed by networking drinks.

With thanks to our fantastic guest speaker, Career Coach and Mentor, Kanika Kitchlu-Connolly for an insightful presentation. Thanks too to our brilliant expert panellists Sally Montague, Olivia Lock, Juliet Schalker, Susan Aryee, Emily R. and Evie Odiam for sharing their insights and experiences.

Huge thanks to Freshfields for kindly hosting and sponsoring the event.

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