

CIPFA Midlands Student Society Relaunch

The CIPFA Midlands Student Society (CMSS) is relaunching in November. The new chair of CMSS is Carl Ford, who is a Business Analyst at Birmingham City Council, working in the Children's, Young People and Families directorate. Carl has worked for Birmingham City Council for nearly 3 years, he is fully AAT qualified and is currently studying at Diploma level of CIPFA.

Rizwan Dhanani is Vice-Chair, Rizwan is CIPFA Student at Birmingham City Council, Rizwan has been at Birmingham City Council for 7 years, he has BSc in Economics from the London School of Economics, AAT and is currently studying CIPFA Case Study.

Steve Vaughan is the Honorary Secretary. Steve has worked for Birmingham City Council for 24 Years and works as a Business Analyst in the Adults and Communities directorate, Steve is AAT qualified and currently studying Certificate level CIPFA.

The relaunch event is being held on Monday 2nd November at CIPFA Education & Training Centre (CETC) in Birmingham, it is a full day event consisting of an Introduction to Professional Development Scheme workshop and a very timely Exam Tips workshop. After the two workshop events there will be a networking social event for everyone to get acquainted. Lunch is provided free of charge.

The agenda for the day is:

- 10.00 Coffee / Introduction
- 10.30 Exam Tips Workshop
- 12.30 Lunch
- 13.30 IPDS Workshop (15.30 refreshments)
- 17.00 Finish / Vote of Thanks
- 17.30 Networking

CMSS also has a group set up on social networking site Facebook to enable students to communicate with each other, swap hints and tips for exams, and create study groups.

After the Launch Event on 2nd November the 1st meeting planned is for January, and then every 3 months thereafter. In between these meetings CMSS plan to hold various events, including CV writing tips and much more. More details on these events will be released nearer the time.

Information on the Launch Event will be emailed out very shortly and places will be strictly limited to a first come, first served basis.



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