

## entrepreneur networks in Birmingham

### ***Advantage West Midlands***

Advantage West Midlands is the Regional Development Agency for the UK's industrial, commercial and agricultural heartland. It is one of eight English Regional Development Agencies that were established by the UK Government in April 1999. Advantage West Midlands' focus is on "sustainable economic regeneration".

[www.advantagemw.co.uk](http://www.advantagemw.co.uk)

### ***Birmingham Chamber of Commerce & Industry***

Birmingham Chamber of Commerce is one of the leading business support services in the UK. The Chamber is an independent organisation serving and representing the business interests of nearly 5,000 small to large companies, from all industry sectors in the heart of the Midlands. Founded in 1783, Birmingham Chamber is the oldest and largest Chamber of Commerce.

[www.birmingham-chamber.com](http://www.birmingham-chamber.com)

### ***Birmingham Forward***

Birmingham Forward is a private sector independent membership organisation. Employing 90,000 people, its mission is to promote strength, range and depth of the professional, financial and business support services in the Birmingham area and to achieve recognition for the quality of those skills both nationally and in world markets.

[www.birminghamforward.co.uk](http://www.birminghamforward.co.uk)

### ***Birmingham Future***

Birmingham Future provides networking opportunities and develops the leadership of Birmingham's young

professionals. Birmingham Future represents the 25-35 year old employees within Birmingham Forward member firms. The organisation was established in 1993 with 270 members, promoting the city as a thriving and dynamic international business centre.

[www.birmingham-future.co.uk](http://www.birmingham-future.co.uk)

### ***Breakfast Connection***

The Breakfast Connection is the networking event for senior West Midlands business people. It is a bi-monthly club with approximately 300 members. The club allows members and guests to network before and during breakfast. The club is distinguished by the high calibre of guest speakers, addressing topics relevant to all businesses.

[www.breakfastconnection.co.uk](http://www.breakfastconnection.co.uk)

### ***Confederation of British Industry***

The CBI has been the UK business' most powerful lobbying organisation since 1965. The CBI is a vital source of expert advice and information and a forum for the generation of ideas, best practice exchange and high-powered networking.

[www.cbi.org.uk](http://www.cbi.org.uk)

### ***Institute of Directors***

The Institute of Directors is a worldwide association which provides a network that reaches into every corner of the business community. Memberships span from the largest public companies to the smallest private firms. Membership is individual, each joining in his or her capacity as a director.

[www.iod.co.uk](http://www.iod.co.uk)