



Greater Birmingham
Chambers
of Commerce

Membership Benefits.

Connect. Support. Grow.

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Welcome
aboard.



Welcome to Chamber membership. Over the next few pages we will explain more about the many benefits your organisation now has access to, starting with member events. As a member, you can enjoy access to over 50 complimentary events per year across Greater Birmingham. For example, if you are a Solihull member, you are entitled to attend events across the group.

These events range from speaker breakfasts and social networking to large-scale exhibitions and conferences. Whether attending an event as a buyer or seller, our events team will always be on hand to introduce you to new business connections.



Save over £1000



Over 90% of delegates
rate our events as good
or very good



Over 7500 delegates
at Chamber events
last year



To view the most up to date event calendar and book onto an upcoming event, please visit: **www.greaterbirminghamchambers.com/events**

Raise your profile

Over
250,000
visitors
per year



Over 50,000 followers

24,000
Chamberlink
magazine
readership

As a member, we want to connect you to the right businesses in our network to raise your profile and support your business growth.

Below are some of the ways in which we can help raise your profile

- ✓ Feature your business news in Chamberlink Magazine or the daily e-newsletter
- ✓ Submit a Member Spotlight blog
- ✓ Buy and sell via the Member Marketplace
- ✓ Listing in Member Directory
- ✓ Exemplar visits and speaker opportunities (Premier and 1813 Club members only)
- ✓ Personal introductions (1813 Club members only)
- ✓ Network at over 200 Chamber events across the group each year



To take advantage of any of these member offers please call the membership team on 0845 603 6650 or email: **membership@birmingham-chamber.com**

Raise your
profile

Representation

Campaigning
for over **2,700**
members and
175,000 local
employees

The GBCC has represented and lobbied on behalf of local businesses since 1813. Today, members can access policy discussions, briefing documents and reports.

Chamber Council and Divisional Committees

Chamber Council acts as a sounding board for the GBCC's lobbying and campaigning, voting on key activities and raising awareness of business issues. All GBCC members will have the opportunity to nominate themselves for election to Chamber Council at the next elections: Autumn 2019. Members can also apply to join their local Chamber committee to contribute to their specific objectives. For more information contact membership@birmingham-chamber.com. Please note: you must be a member of that division (e.g. ABCC) to sit on that committee board.



Greater Birmingham Quarterly Business Report

The Quarterly Business Report offers an up to date snapshot of the performance of the Greater Birmingham business community. It is based on a quarterly survey tracking key business metrics. Each quarter, members can access a summary report and are invited to attend a report launch event.

Manifesto

Each year the GBCC produces a manifesto detailing the hot topics and business community priorities for year ahead.



To download a copy of the manifesto or for more details on any of the above, please visit:

www.greaterbirminghamchambers.com/representation

Support & Grow

Growth Hub

The GBSLEP Growth Hub is a single point of contact, signposting service open to all businesses in the Greater Birmingham & Solihull area.

Our expert Growth Hub advisers will listen to and discuss your business aspirations and barriers to growth and then signpost you to appropriate business support.



European Union
European Regional
Development Fund

Other benefits of the Growth Hub are:

- Free face to face business information, advice and guidance
- Access to grants and finance (subject to eligibility)
- Access to a large portfolio of providers who can help you grow your business
- Access to an online portal containing business support information
- Monthly business newsletter
To find out more call 0800 032 3488
or email: info@gb slepgrowthhub.co.uk
Funding & Finance

As delivery partners for Birmingham City Council's Business Growth Programme, the GBCC will contact members when new grants and funding becomes available. For more details visit: **www.greaterbirminghamchambers.com**

Chamber House

The GBCC is headquartered at Chamber of Commerce House, 75 Harborne Road, Edgbaston. As a member, you can a meeting room for up to four delegates for two hours twice per month, including free parking. Members can also enjoy discounted rates on office lettings and conference facilities at Chamber House.

Event Management Service

With extensive knowledge and experience of all types and size of events, the GBCC Events team can help you put on a high quality event to meet the needs and objectives of your organisation no matter how large or small.

Affiliate Offers

GBCC membership is inclusive of a number additional benefits from the below affiliate partners. To find out more about these benefits, please call 0845 603 6650



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International Business Hub

Overview

The International Business Hub is a one-stop-shop for all importers and exporters, from established businesses to those who are considering trading internationally for the first time. As well as being able to tap into the expertise of international trade advisers, businesses can seek assistance with export documentation, market information and contacts, language and translation services and foreign currency exchange.

Export Documentation

To minimise costs and delays, it is essential that all exporters have accurate export documentation ready prior to exporting. This includes freight forwarders and agents.

For any documentation requirements, including blank stationery requests, please call 0121 454 6171 or email documentation@birmingham-chamber.comUK

Enterprise Europe Network

Enterprise Europe Network Midlands (EEN) provides free of charge services to help SMEs develop cross border activities in the fields of Business, Innovation and Research. EEN is a key instrument in the EU's strategy to boost growth and jobs and brings together around 600 business support organisations from more than 60 countries, to help small companies seize the unparalleled business opportunities in the EU Single Market and beyond. To find out more please contact EEN West Midlands on 0121 607 1800

Trade and Investment

UK Trade & Investment Dept. for International Trade is the Government Department that helps UK-based companies succeed in the global economy. A team of International Trade Advisers provide expert trade advice and practical support to Greater Birmingham based companies who want to grow their business overseas.

Looking for help exporting? The DIT team at Greater Birmingham Chambers of Commerce is here to help. Dept. For International Trade is the Government department that helps UK companies to succeed in the global economy. This Chamber holds a contract to deliver DIT services to businesses (members and non-members of the Chamber) based in the Greater Birmingham area. Our team of experienced International Trade Advisers provide local businesses, of any size or export experience, with FREE of charge advice and access range of Government backed services to help.

For free export advice call us on 0121 450 4205 or email ukti@birmingham-chamber.com

Language and Translation Services

The GBCC offers translation and interpreting services for over 120 different language combinations as well as language training and desktop publishing (DTP) services. For more details call 0121 450 4230.



Greater Birmingham International Business Hub

Overseas Missions & Trade Fairs

For full details on the Greater Birmingham International Business Hub, visit www.greaterbirminghamchambers.com

EXPORTING IS GREAT



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Plus you can view our full schedule of events for members and
non-members by visiting www.greaterbirminghamchambers.com/events

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