



## **Media Release**

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### **IRLA Announces New Academy Initiative**

The IRLA Academy produces CII accredited, high quality and cost effective technical training and has done so for a number of years. Benjamin Baker, Head of the IRLA Academy has announced plans to run a series of introductory courses in 2016 to encourage students to consider a career in the insurance market.

*Mr Baker said: "IRLA generated a financial surplus in 2015 and I am delighted that the board are keen to invest in the future work of the IRLA Academy. With an eye to the future and the opportunities available for those seeking an interesting and rewarding career in the insurance and related areas we have organised a number of introductory courses to the London Market. We are offering these free of charge as well as a number of places on other introductory courses. Students from The Brokerage have already attended our first session, which was held in February with the next scheduled for 18<sup>th</sup> March".*

Jenny Fair, Deputy Chairman of IRLA and Head of Communications commented, *"IRLA has a very active Young Professionals Group and we understand that they will be our replacements in time. However we are keen to ensure that the knowledge sharing extends beyond our young professionals and attracts even younger people to our industry who will benefit from the professionalism and encouragement of our members. "*

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## **EDITOR NOTES**

The Brokerage Citylink provides opportunities for talented young Londoners who are interested in a career in business, finance, professional services or corporate law. - See more at:  
<http://www.thebrokerage.org.uk/young-people#sthash.hYv9HUOi.dpuf>

IRLA is the UK-based market body for insurance and reinsurance legacy management professionals. IRLA is recognised as the voice of the legacy management sector by a wide range of government and market bodies, including the UK Financial Conduct Authority (FCA), the Prudential Regulation Authority (PRA), Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS), Employers Liability Tracing Office (ELTO) and the Department of Work and Pensions (DWP).

IRLA activities range from industry consultation with government to promotion of the sector's skills and expertise. In particular, the IRLA Academy provides top quality, competitively-priced training that is fully-accredited by the Chartered Insurance Institute, one of the world's premier professional training organisations for the general insurance industry. IRLA has also established a Young Professionals' Group and has its own Awards scheme, designed to promote and recognise excellence in legacy management each year.

With member companies spanning reinsurers and insurers with legacy business (both solvent and insolvent), service providers and associated professionals such as brokers, accountants and lawyers, over the past decade IRLA's membership has also grown and broadened to include companies from Continental Europe and the US. IRLA highlights and reflects the development of the legacy management sector globally.

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