

Media Release

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IRLA encouraging graduates

IRLA has been working with The Brokerage Citylink, who provide opportunities for talented young Londoners who are interested in a career in the financial services sector. IRLA specifically engaged with the young professionals to discuss the employment opportunities within the London Market and reinsurance/legacy sector in particular.

With presentations by Deputy Chairman, Jenny Fair (Fidelis Consultants), Secretariat Leslie-Ann Giovnilli (AMS Outsourcing), Heather Russell (Hampden Group) and Margaret Ellis (Consultant) 11 students were invited for a chance to talk about their personal development in the market. An informal talk was planned for the young professionals to engage with 4 senior ladies who did not start their careers as graduates. The ladies explained how their paths led to a career in reinsurance which encouraged interaction and confidence in their own career choices.

Jenny Fair said: *“IRLA operates in a market of mainly older personnel and we are well aware that one of our roles for our members is to provide as much relevant communication with external organisations as we can to encourage interest in the legacy market. We were very excited by the high level of engagement from the students who attended but were not at all surprised by the overall intelligence and drive that they all displayed. We all felt that we would be very happy to employ any one of those present.”*

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EDITOR NOTES

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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