



Good morning to all IRLA Members

In our fourth week of lockdown I hope you are all well and have adjusted to “the new normal”, whatever that may mean for you. We look forward to meeting up again at one of the many events that IRLA has planned for this coming year, once Covid-19 is behind us. You will by now have heard that our annual Congress in Brighton has been moved to 23 - 25 November and those of you who have already registered will have been advised that your booking has been transferred.

As your Membership Director, I have undertaken to make personal contact with all of our member companies before the end of April. Many of you have already spoken with me and it has been uplifting to hear some of your stories about coping with WFH. What is very apparent is that many of us are missing the face to face interaction we have always enjoyed, with our colleagues and friends in the marketplace, albeit tools such as Microsoft Teams and Zoom have helped. If you or any of your colleagues feel disconnected and would like to use this time to tap into the valuable resources that IRLA is able to provide I would encourage you to do so. YPG is reaching out to its members with reminders about the IRLA mentoring scheme, where our mentors remain accessible by telephone or video call during the lockdown weeks and you may have the time to reach out and explore the technical, career and market advice they are able to provide. There are also learning materials, videos and breakfast briefings on the [website](#) which you and your colleagues may wish to review from home.

I would like to thank you all for your continued support of the Association and as we move towards another year of renewals, I hope that it won't be too long before we are able to meet up again in person at one of our events.

Stay safe and well.

Kindest regards

Jenny Fair  
Membership Director