

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Industrial Workshop - Manufacturing SME's role in Collaborative Innovation

**“If you have identified challenges but have limited time to tackle it come and speak to us and listen to Cummins Power Generation, BAE Systems and Ford Motor Company”**

**Date:** 24 June 2015

**Venue:** Queen Anne Court, Room QA120, Old Royal Naval College, Park Row, London SE10 9LS



University of Greenwich is pleased to invite you to the next Industrial Workshop co-ordinated by the Centre for Innovative Product Development and Manufacturing (CiPDM) held at the University of Greenwich on Wednesday 24th June 2015 in conjunction with the international conference on computer aided design and applications (CAD&A 2015). The Workshop will this time focus on funding and innovative collaborative opportunities available to Manufacturing SMEs. If you have identified potential opportunities within your organisation but have limited time and resources available to address them then CiPDM may be able to help. During the workshop, there will be presentations on examples of European Commission funded projects

involving SMEs, and introduction of some of the funding available to drive innovation in SMEs. There are interactive discussion sessions to discuss your specific business issues, challenges, requirements and potential opportunities with national and international experts. We will explore how companies can make use of EPSRC/University funded PhD studentships to solve industrial problems, and also how UK/EU funding can provide additional resources and opportunities within the organisation for research and innovation.

CiPDM continues to run projects with **Cummins Power Generation**, **BAE Systems** and **Ford Motor Company**, as well as our European project being conducted with CESi University in Rouen, France. Future work is already planned to include increased collaborative work with Manufacturing SMEs. Following the Workshop, CiPDM will produce a summary of the key outcomes and areas for future work. CiPDM will of course be mindful of the Confidentiality and Security of information as required by delegates, and will follow up with interested parties for future collaborative opportunities. We would like to welcome representatives from your organisation to the Workshop and would appreciate your early interest. To register your interest in attending please contact [info@big-kent.org.uk](mailto:info@big-kent.org.uk) or Tel **01634 883 912**

### Food & Drinks Event – Jointly organised by Natural Resources Institute (UoG) and Kent Invicta Chamber

**Date:** July 2015

The University of Greenwich together with the Kent Invicta Chamber of Commerce will be organising a food & Drinks industry event to bring together professionals and businesses in food manufacturing, food service, public health, research and retail to explore challenges, opportunities and solutions for food and health industry. The July event will be a launch pad for a follow on major event to be scheduled for later in the year.



## KEiBA – Kent Excellence in Business Awards

**Date:** 25 June 2015

**Venue:** Kent Event Centre, Maidstone

BIG/UoG is co-sponsoring this year's Manufacturing Award at KEiBA alongside asb law. KEiBA is an awards scheme staged and produced by Kent County Council and KM Media Group to recognise and reward excellence in Kent's businesses. There are four areas of business excellence recognised through the KEiBA scheme: **General Business, Sector Specific, Business Operations and People.**

The manufacturing category in its second year since inception was open to any business or organisation, irrespective of size and attracted high quality entries from Kent based manufacturing companies. The organisations all demonstrated outstanding performance in a number of aspects relating to their manufacturing operations including commercial success and evidence of growth, delivery of innovation and continuous process/business improvements, environmental credentials, enhanced supplier relationships and supply chain development. The winners and finalists would be announced at the gala dinner on the 25<sup>th</sup> June at Kent Event Centre.

Category Judges: Shaun Kelly, Consultant, asb law & Dr Pal Kulandaivel, Network Director, BIG-Kent Network, University of Greenwich

For more details visit <http://www.keiba.co.uk/>



## manufacturing & electronics

expo 2015

## The Manufacturing & Electronics Expo 2015

**Date:** 7 October 2015

**Venue:** Kent Event Centre, Maidstone

The Manufacturing and Electronics Expo is an inspirational business-to-business show that has been designed to support and showcase everything that is great about the manufacturing and electronics sector. BIG continues its active role in promoting the show and supporting the planning and organisation of the event.

This year's show features key note presentations from Lord Digby Jones, Sir Ranulph Fiennes and Anthony Eastwood (Rolls-Royce Motor Cars). The show in its 3<sup>rd</sup> year grown in quality and success and attracts key industry professionals in and around Kent, wider South East and internationally.

For more details please visit, <http://www.manufacturingandengineeringexpo.co.uk>



## NEWS UPDATES and ARTICLES

### 13 May 2015 - Kent 2020

BIG-Kent supported and exhibited for the sixth year in series at the Kent 2020 Vision LIVE which is the South East's premier B2B exhibition and largest regional event of its kind in the UK. The event was attended by over 3,200 buyers, suppliers, partners and the whole Kent business community. Over the past nine years, Kent 2020 Vision LIVE has grown to become the largest regional business event in the UK, bringing together emerging technologies, new markets and new partners.

### 30 April 2015 – National Maritime Connect Events

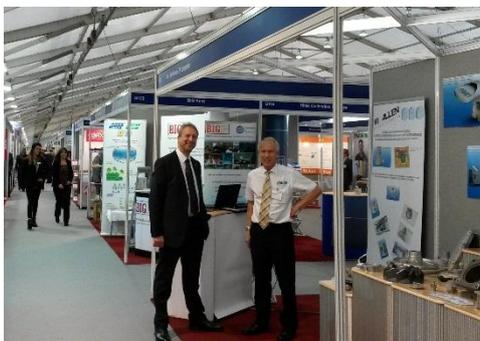
BIG-Kent hosted the National Maritime Group business breakfast and the follow on Maritime Connect event at the University of Greenwich, Greenwich Maritime. The event featured keynote presentations from Sean Collins, Chief Exec of MBNA Thames Clippers who talked about "PUTNEY TO ROYAL ARSENAL – Investing in the future of the Thames" and Prof Dotun Adebajo from University of Greenwich who talked about "Transport Operations and Supply Chain Management". The event attracted over 35 guests that participated in the lively debates and business networking. The Maritime Connect Event featured over a dozen key organisations including Thames Tideway Tunnel, Thames Clippers and Royal Navy.

### 15 April 2015 - EEF Future Manufacturing Awards 2014/15

EEF Future Manufacturing Awards highlight the resilience, determination and ingenuity of the UK's manufacturing community. Naylor Drainage Ltd won the prestigious Winner of Winners 2014 award amongst other national winners of the Future Manufacturing Awards. Dr Pal Kulandaivel, a judge of the awards committee said "this year's entries pushed the awards even higher and the competition was fierce. Entering the EEF Future Manufacturing Awards gives you the opportunity to shout about your achievements and your innovation and attract talented staff and right business partners". The entry for EEF Future Manufacturing Awards for 2015 are now open and are judged regionally across the UK and winners announced at celebration regional events.

### 10 to 12 February 2015 – Southern Manufacturing Event

BIG-Kent exhibited for the fifth year in series and supported one of the UK's largest manufacturing, electronics and subcontracting event on 10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> February 2015 at Farnborough International. MJ Allen and RVL were among key BIG members that exhibited at the show. There were 600 plus top suppliers from top electronics production, electronics sub-contract manufacturing, automation and robotics, electronic components, control and motion engineering, fastening and adhesives and other industry leaders.



Industry Advisory  
Group:

**MJ ALLEN**  
Group Of Companies

**BAE SYSTEMS**



**CIRCATRON**  
precision electronics



**wirebelt.**



**Texcel Technology** Electronic Manufacturing Solutions

## 24 February 2015 – NMDG Business Breakfast Event

University of Greenwich hosted the business breakfast event on 24<sup>th</sup> February at the Chatham Maritime campus. Professor Mike Bradley presented the capabilities of the newly formed Greenwich Manufacturing Group at the University of Greenwich and Tim Simms of Institute of Marine Engineering, Science & Technology (IMarEST) presented how IMarEST plays a key role globally for the Marine professionals. The Greenwich Manufacturing Group brings together around one hundred academic staff from all three faculties at the University of Greenwich. With this critical mass and annual research funding grants amounting to around £5 million, the Greenwich Manufacturing Group represents one of the largest groups of university-based manufacturing expertise in the South East of the UK. This expertise in high-value manufacturing covers four main areas: Computational modelling and simulation, Industrial processing, Digital design and manufacturing informatics and Supply chain management and logistics. The main focus of the event was to share common technologies, skills, experience and to provide information on how the staff of world leading research centre at the School of Engineering have solved some of the world's most challenging multidisciplinary problems.

## Research and Development Tax Credits (R&D) – How to Maximise Your Business Ideas



BIG-Kent has partnered with the RIFT Group a leading expert organisation in advising and securing R&D Tax credits to add value to the member companies. Are you a company that is forward thinking, that looks at ways to improve efficiencies in your methods, processes, functions? Is your company involved in designing, making, constructing, manufacturing or bringing into existence products or systems? If so chances are you are entitled to claim R&D tax credits. Under the SME scheme, you could claim back up to £46 of every £100 you spend.

If you are loss making as many start-ups can be you can also claim a more immediate actual cash refund of some of your spend. **Please visit our website for the full article.** If you wish to discuss please contact us.

*"BIG-Kent established in 2009, is the umbrella network in Kent for Manufacturing, Engineering and Technology sectors. It is a platform for peer-peer learning and collaborating aimed at private and public sector opportunities, supply chain, funding, partnerships, innovation and growth. BIG, led by the local Manufacturing industry community is promoted jointly by the University of Greenwich at Medway in Kent, the Kent Invicta Chamber of Commerce, Enterprise Europe Network (south east), EEF-The Manufacturers Organisation, Archant KOS Media, the Institute of Directors Kent, The Bridge Nucleus, The Medway Innovation Centre, National Maritime Development Group, Manufacturing Advisory Service (MAS) and SEMTA. The Key Manufacturers like Premier Foods, Circatron Ltd, MJ Allen Group, Wirebelt Ltd, MEP Ltd and BAE Systems, Texcel Technology and RVL form the Industry Board Advisory Group; they represent the wider interests of the business community, gauge relevance of activities set-out to promote the BIG members' interests and support the activities. BIG-Kent partners with equivalent networks in London and South East making the **London and South East Regional Manufacturing Alliance** ([www.london-made.com](http://www.london-made.com))."* For more details please visit [www.big-kent.org.uk](http://www.big-kent.org.uk)

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