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**Supporting Organisations:** 

## manufacturers' organisation















## BIG-Kent exhibits at Kent 2020 (2011).



The BIG-Kent network, alongside key business support organisations and member companies, recently exhibited at the Kent 2020 Exhibition in Detling. The event featured over 300 local exhibiting companies and had an estimated attendance of over three thousand business delegates.

The BIG-Kent stall was busy throughout, receiving enquiries from many visitors from a wide and varied cross section of almost every industry sector, attracting many new company delegates to join the BIG network. Alongside the University of Greenwich, Kloudpad exhibited under the BIG-Kent Umbrella, providing a deft demonstration of their latest technologically advanced tablet device.

# Upcoming BIG-Kent event aims to provide support for companies involved in the transport sector.

The BIG-Kent network will be hosting an event on the 17<sup>th</sup> of June 2011 to explore the emerging industry trends, challenges and opportunities for companies involved in aspects of the transport industry. The event will be a valuable opportunity to hear presentations from senior individuals working within the sector.

# **Upcoming BIG-Kent event explores Innovative Product** Development.

The BIG-Kent network will be hosting the "Industrial Workshop on Innovative Product Development" event on the 12th July 2011. The purpose of this workshop is to bring companies in Kent and the surrounding Southeast areas, to discuss and share experience in manufacturing engineering, focusing on strategic issues related to product development and lifecycle management.

The overarching goal is to form a long term interest group and partnership for collaborative research, development and training in the following areas: collaborative product development, product lifecycle management, maintenance and service management, sustainability, innovation and knowledge management, design methods and manufacturing solutions, and product evaluation/optimisation methods, and many more industry specific issue.

Senior industrial speakers are confirmed to talk and lead the workshop sessions, with an aim to highlight the main challenges, issues, recommendations and future R&D directions.

For more information on these events and BIG-Kent, please visit our website at

### www.big-kent.org.uk

Membership application form available [here].





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