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BIG-Kent at Kent 2020 Vision 2012

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Top-Left: Mary McKinlay (Mary McKinlay Associates/Institute of Directors Kent) and Dr Pal Kulandaivel (Project Coordinator, BIG-Kent). **Top-Middle:** Jo James (Chief executive, Kent Invicta Chamber of Commerce) and Sezen Zeki (Kent Invicta Chamber of Commerce/ReGen Offices). **Bottom-Left:** Paul Winter (Managing Director, Wirebelt Company Ltd.) **Bottom-Right:** Steve Gallagher (Managing Director, Charis Technology Ltd.).

Members from the BIG-Kent network recently exhibited at Kent 2020 Vision 2012, the largest business to business exhibition in the South East. The event hosted nearly 300 exhibitors and attracted nearly 4000 visitors, with an aim to building mutually beneficial relationships between customers and suppliers within the South East region.

Organising members of the BIG-Kent Network from the University of Greenwich manned the BIG-Kent stall and were delighted to meet a large cross section of Kent businesses and elaborate on the benefits the network can provide to those within manufacturing and engineering sectors and those who service these sectors.

Staff members from BIG-Kent Network were also proud to showcase the engineering capabilities of the BIG Kent member company the MJ Allen group. On display was the casing for the CountyTrac four wheel drive system for the Ford Transit (by the MJ Allen Group), as well as models demonstrating the engineering prototyping and research capabilities of the University of Greenwich, School of Engineering.



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Upcoming Events...

Short Courses from the Manufacturing Engineering Research Group (MERG) at the University of Greenwich

BIG STEM program will be running two short courses in Electronics Manufacturing and Reliability Engineering on the 20th and 21st of June at the Medway Campus. The price to register for a single course is £150 + VAT, or registration for both courses together is £250 + VAT.

- **Course 1 - Theory and Practices in Reliability Engineering**
- **Course 2 - Lead-Free Soldering for Electronics Packaging**

The courses are recommended for production managers, product development engineers, R&D engineers, and personnel involved in operations, production, maintenance and quality. Knowledge gained from the course would help individuals to reduce assembly defects and hence to increase the production yield. The course may also benefit material, equipment suppliers to have a better understanding of the issues and interactions of materials and process parameters in the assembly process.

An Additional Opportunity to Undertake the Renewable Energy Generation Short Course

Following the success of this course during the first series in April, the University of Greenwich is to repeat this course. The Case for Renewable Energy is a two-day course dealing with the science behind climate change and practical measures anyone could take to lower their personal environmental impact and to save money. The course will provide an overview of renewable energy technologies currently in use and their suitability for a range of domestic and industrial situations. The course will be held on the University of Greenwich Medway Campus on the 12th and 13th of June, and the fee is £250.

BIG-STEM Annual Event on the 25th July 2012

Members of the BIG-Kent network are invited to attend the free STEM event. This dissemination event will feature a series of presentations from senior industrial and academic speakers on issues that are key to science, technology, engineering and manufacturing (STEM) related industries. Among the topic that will be explored are research and developments tax credits for companies and venture capital investment.