

Networking Groups in Bedford Borough

Name of Networking Group	Details
<p>Business to Business – A relaxed networking group with no restrictions on who attends. A light supper will be provided to all at no extra charge.</p>	<p>Meets: First Tuesday of every month Location: Bedford Athletic Rugby Club, Wentworth Drive, Bedford Price: £10 Refreshments: Light supper Contact: Lyn Jones 07971 236914 Email: lyn.s.jones@btinternet.com</p>
<p>Women In Business - A friendly, pro-active and successful network of women in business with over 800 members nationwide and a membership that is growing all the time. Each woman present will learn about you, your company and what type of clients or specific referrals you're seeking.</p>	<p>Meets: First Wednesday of every month, 12noon to 2pm Location: Barns Hotel, Bedford Price: £24 Refreshments: Lunch Contact: Emily Heale 0845 5213286 Email: emily@wibn.co.uk</p>
<p>Mazars Executive Lunch – A 15 year long running networking group. Sessions are informal with no restrictions on who attends. There is a chance to meet some of the Bedford Blues Rugby players and show your support through advertising around the ground and various sponsorship opportunities. Informal networking hosted by Mazars in conjunction with Bedford Blues.</p>	<p>Meets: Second Wednesday of each month, 12.30 pm to 2.15 pm Location: Members Lounge, Bedford Rugby Club Price: £15 Refreshments: Lunch Contact: Lorraine Connolly 01908 257139 Email: lorraine.connolly@mazars.co.uk</p>
<p>Bedford Beacon Breakfast & Seminar - The clubs are open to any local business without any restrictions. They are targeted towards SMEs. The club meetings are a relaxed and an informal way of meeting new contacts with no forced referrals and no joining fees. Networking and a speaker.</p>	<p>Meets: Second Friday of the month from 7am to 9am Location: Bedford Swan Hotel, Bedford Price: £12 Refreshments: Breakfast Contact: Pam Woods 07515 282755 Email: pam@businessbeacon.co.uk Website: www.businessbeacon.co.uk</p>



<p>Bedford Breakfast Club - Provided is a choice of English or fruit based breakfast, with an interesting speaker on topics ranging from Sue Ryder Care, advice on the recession from HSBC's Chief Economist, advance driver training and top tax tips.</p>	<p>Meets: Every 17th of the month Location: Bedfordshire Golf Club, Bedford Price: £15 Refreshments: Breakfast Contact: Wendy Bedford 01234 244105 Email: wendy.bedford@mazars.co.uk Website: www.bedfordbreakfastclub.co.uk</p>
<p>Business For Breakfast - Each meeting is designed to be fun, informative and productive. By being part of the team, you will have a unique opportunity to brief your colleagues every 2 weeks about your products, services and the type of clients you want to be referred to. As a private business club, Business For Breakfast specialise in working with professionals, decision makers and business people who want to develop each others businesses.</p>	<p>Meets: Fortnightly on a Tuesday Location: The Swan Hotel, Bedford Refreshments: Breakfast Contact: Ryan Tobias 0845 8038336 Email: ryan@bforb.co.uk Website: www.bforb.com</p>
<p>Bedford Improvement Group (BIG) - At each meeting every member and guest, presents something about their business. Depending on the numbers of members or visitors this will be either in a conversational style, or to a fixed time slot. Members are local businesses with one aim to sustain their business in these difficult times.</p>	<p>Meets: Fortnightly on a Wednesday Location: The Shakespeare Hotel, Shakespeare Road, Bedford Refreshments: Breakfast Contact: 01234 822443 Email: Robert.u@businessimprovementsystems.co.uk Website: www.big-networking.co.uk</p>
<p>Enterprise Bedford BNI - Informal chats start from 6.45am, followed by breakfast at 7.00am. Every member and guest has a 1 minute opportunity to educate the room on who they are, what they do, how they add value and what new business opportunities they are looking for. A dedicated time to pass qualified business referrals at the end. The formal meeting closes at 8.30am but there is a further chance to continue more informal networking with more coffee.</p>	<p>Meets: Weekly on a Thursday Location: Stagsden Golf Club, Spring Lane, Bedford Refreshments: Breakfast Contact: Tim Murphy 01234 345161 Email: tommurphy52@hotmail.com Website: www.bnibedford.co.uk</p>



<p>Network In Beds - Each member of the group gives a 1 minute speech to the other members of the group about the work they do. The key point is members get to share about referrals and recommendations that have been passed during the week. Also, a selected member is allocated 10 minutes to give a case study of work their business has undertaken.</p>	<p>Meets: Fortnightly on a Thursday Location: The White Horse, Newham Avenue, Bedford Refreshments: Breakfast Contact: Tim Atkinson sales@printhouseanddesign.co.uk Website: www.nibeds.co.uk</p>
<p>Mum's The Boss - Mum's The Boss was founded to celebrate the twin achievements of motherhood and business. The aim is to keep all meetings as informal as possible. Meetings are small, friendly, have no compulsory '3 minute speech' and do not operate a 'one per profession' rule. The group strives to be as child-friendly, supportive and low cost as possible.</p>	<p>Meets: Monthly Location: Bedford International Athletics Stadium, Bedford Refreshments: Breakfast or Lunch Contact: Helen Website: www.mumstheboss.co.uk</p>
<p>Bedfordshire Businesswomen - A not-for-profit networking organisation for women who live and/or have business interests in the county. The group currently have upwards of 50 members in industries as diverse as importing & shipping, health screening, training, travel planning, banking and telecoms.</p>	<p>Meets: Monthly Location: Woodlands Manor Hotel Price: £22 (Members) £27 (Non-members) Refreshments: Lunch Contact: Jenny Tomsett 01462 812898 Email: jtomsett.unipalm@zen.co.uk Website: www.beds-businesswomen.org</p>
<p>The Probus Club of Bedford for Retired Professional and Businessmen - One of some 160 clubs in the UK, formed to provide a social environment for retired and semi retired people mainly from the ranks of professional and business people. At the monthly meeting the group partake in a lunch followed by entertainment in the form of a guest speaker.</p>	<p>Meets: First Monday of each month Location: The Addison Centre, Kempston Price: Annual Membership fee £25, monthly luncheon cost £12 Refreshments: Lunch Contact: Mike Evans 01234 296755 Email: Michael.evan@ntlworld.com</p>



<p>Bedford New Business Network – Non-profit making business network club open to men and women and specifically designed for start-up and small businesses. The aim is to provide a vibrant environment with professional speakers, business clinics and a relaxed, friendly atmosphere in which to promote business with like minded people.</p>	<p>Meets: Every second Monday of the month, 7.15pm for 7.30pm Location: Holiday Inn Express, Bedford Price: £30 Annual Membership, £5.00 per meeting Refreshments: Lunch Contact: Alison 07746-900848, Tim 07794-603134 or Bev 07905-577383 Email: ali@bedsnewbusinessnetwork.co.uk, tim@bedsnewbusinessnetwork.co.uk, bev@bedsnewbusinessnetwork.co.uk Website: www.bedsnewbusinessnetwork.co.uk</p>
<p>netLinked Bedford group - netLinked is a concept based on UK business lead generation combining face-to-face business networking with gaining expertise in how to exploit the business networking website LinkedIn. Relaxed networking is undertaken over breakfast and coffee.</p>	<p>Meets: Every second Wednesday of the month Location: The White Horse, 84 Newnham Avenue, Bedford Price: £10 Refreshments: Breakfast Email: sales@netlinked.co.uk Website: www.netlinked.co.uk</p>
<p>The Business Club Bedford - The Business Club, founded in 1992 are experts in creating business opportunities for local businesses. Members enjoy a business environment focused on success and growth and is suited to business owners and decision makers of companies who want to maximise their opportunities through forming strategic alliances, networking with like minded people, developing and sharing their business skills, whilst raising their profile within the local business community.</p>	<p>Meets: Fortnightly, 6 - 8:45pm Location: The Bedford Golf Club, Carnoustie Drive, Bedford, MK40 4FF Contact: Debbie Reynolds 01733 513003 or 07813 882336 Email: Debbie@the-businessclub.org Website: www.the-businessclub.org</p>

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