



## Newsflash—TalkTalk join BIA:NW

We are delighted to announce that TalkTalk Technology is our newest corporate member. The Irlam-based company will use BIA:NW's management volunteering programmes to develop staff and enhance its CSR delivery. Look out for a full feature in our January newsletter.

## Calling All Chairs

Don't miss our course especially for Chairs which is being run on Saturday 23 January—highly recommended for all Chairs of cultural organisations, as well as Chairs designate. Viv Tyler, BIA:NW's Manager, will be running the course. Here are some comments from past participants:

- *It matched my most optimistic expectation.*
- *Very effective, confidence building, motivating.*
- *I've got clarity and direction now!*
- *Very impressed with the way the day was structured and organised.*
- *The time flew – plenty of variety. Succeeded in keeping my interest throughout.*
- *I think the course is amazing ...the best, most interesting trainer/speaker I've ever had the pleasure of listening to.*

The Role of the Chair is excellent value at only £95 (VAT exempt) for a full day's training including materials and refreshments. The venue is Room Four Conference Venue, Golborne, near Wigan—described by one participant as “unexpected but absolutely spot on for swift access from all parts”. Room Four is a really welcoming, friendly space which provides the ideal environment for a day packed with information and ideas.

Get the New Year off to a good start and book a place. Chief Executives: please pass on the information to your Chairs.

Contact BIA:NW on 0151-709 8780 or e-mail [all@bianw.demon.co.uk](mailto:all@bianw.demon.co.uk) and we will send you further details and a booking form.

## Bravo!

The Bravo Awards are coming. Not to be confused with any other Awards you may have read about, these will be held in the North West in Spring 2010. We will present an award to an outstanding volunteer in each of our programmes—Skills Bank, Board Bank and Mentoring, at a special event next year which will not only recognise the contribution that our volunteers make to the cultural life of the region, but also celebrate BIA:NW's twentieth birthday.

## Staff Changes

Congratulations to our Administrator, Michelle Doig, who now has a son, Aiden. Whilst Michelle is on maternity leave **Paul Dawson** is our part-time Administrator.

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