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# Welcome

Where has the time gone since I was elected President of the Insurance Institute of Leeds in March 2019!

The privilege of representing the Institute as it's President in 2019 has not diminished at all throughout the year. Attending so many Institute related events, witnessing Council volunteers at work and seeing our membership fully engaged has given me so much pleasure throughout my time in office.

Building relationships with local schools, colleges and universities to engage with young people about careers in the Insurance industry was my principle aspiration when I became President. As such, I am so pleased that the Institute now has regular dialogue with a number of education establishments providing careers days, inspirational talks and training. I would like to thank all those on Council who have assisted in providing this support.

Our Charity work has resulted in the Insurance Institute of Leeds Institute being awarded (jointly with Dublin's Institute) The Centenary Charity Shield in recognition of our significant contribution to publicity of The Insurance Charity's work

and the fundraising we carry out for them throughout the year. This rewards the superb effort from our Charity team lead by Michelle Gilmore and of course all our membership who are so generous in supporting these worthy causes. The shield will be presented at our AGM on 10 March 2020 by Annali-Joy Thornicroft, The Insurance Charities CEO.

The highlight of the year was of course "The Greatest Show" - our Annual Dinner - with the early fire alarm certainly settling my nerves before appearing on stage! Feedback from the Dinner has been extremely positive. Tradition is extremely important to me but so is keeping our activities modern and relevant for our members and I felt we got the blend right on the night. My thanks again to Council members for their support with special mention going, of course, to Bernard Thornton (our excellent Dinner Secretary) and Karen Fothergill (our Regional Membership Executive) who were both truly awesome in delivering the event.

I would also like to put in print my thanks to Peter Moran who has been my mentor throughout my Presidential Year. Those who were not at the Dinner will no doubt endorse the standing ovation given to Peter when he received his "Lifetime Achievement Award" at the Dinner. Thank you, Peter for all that you have contributed.

The Institute is all about our membership and what we as an Institute can provide for you. I am so fortunate to have had a team around me who inspire, engage and motivate others. That the Insurance Institute of Leeds continues to be seen as a leading light by the CII is down to this group of people - perhaps this is something that you would like to join in going forwards.

**Chris Lockwood Cert CII**  
President  
The Insurance Institute of Leeds



# CII Lifetime Achievement Award

## Peter Moran ACII, Chartered Insurance Broker

At our annual Dinner, Peter Moran was presented with the CII Lifetime Achievement Award. This was a richly deserved award for a very popular IIL Council member who has served 4 different institutes over the last 55 years. Here Peter reflects on his time as a CII member.



I have served as a Council member of the Institutes of Guildford (twice), Croydon and Leeds. My time with Leeds is by far the longest and 2020 will be my twentieth year on the IIL Council and fifty-fifth year as a CII member having worked for 4 different institutes.

I can honestly say that I have enjoyed every minute of the 55 years I have served on Councils across the country. During my time I have met many interesting and dedicated insurance professionals, many of whom I consider to be close friends. Over the years I have been given wise counsel by many and it pleases me immensely that I can pass on what I have learned to others.

This article gives me the opportunity to thank all Leeds council members for this award, it means so much to me.

Thank you one and all.

**Peter Moran ACII,**  
Chartered Insurance Broker

It came as a complete surprise to me when I was awarded a Lifetime Achievement Award at the recent Insurance Institute of Leeds Annual Dinner. I feel honoured and proud to be recognised by my peers for my involvement in Institute affairs and this got me thinking back over my time as a CII member.

It all started for me in 1965 when I joined the local Institute in Newcastle Upon Tyne. Like most starting a career in insurance the only reason I had for joining the CII was to reduce the cost of my examination entries!

Soon however I was persuaded to become a member of Council and was appointed head of the young members section

organising social and sports events for young members. This I did for 5 years until a promotion took me to Bournemouth.

Having transferred my CII membership, I was asked to join their local institute which helped me to settle into my new location. After 3 years I became President elect but a further promotion to my company's head office in Guildford meant I was unable to fulfil the office of President. This was the closest I ever came to hold this office as pressure of work made me decide to politely decline a number of offers from the various other Institute Councils I served on.

Subsequently, as work took me to other parts of the UK,

# Annual Dinner Had Everything!

There was plenty of entertainment, both planned and otherwise, for Leeds Institute members and their guests to enjoy at the 2019 Annual Dinner, held at the Royal Armouries.

Returning to the Armouries after an excellent debut event there last year, we enjoyed another very successful evening. Once again, the meal was excellent, our after-dinner speaker, Patrick Monahan, was in great form and the music went on late into the night, courtesy of the Deadbeats.

Around £3,000 was raised for Insurance Charities and Change, inspired by a moving address on the night from Stacey Roadnight a local institute member whose family has benefited from the charity.



President Chris Lockwood caught everyone by surprise with his grand entrance as The Greatest Showman. As far as anyone can recall, Chris is the first dancing President Leeds have ever had and his performance certainly set the tone for a fun evening.



Several presentations were made by Chris, including one to Tom Storer, for the remarkable achievement of winning a national CII Education prize for the second year running. This year it was for The Kenneth Griffiths Prize Winner in Advanced Claims.



The Institute was delighted to welcome the CII's National President, Nick Turner, as our guest. Nick kept us up to date with developments within the CII and outlined his plans and objectives for the rest of his year in office.

One of the high spots in an excellent evening, was when our long serving Vice-President and Education Secretary, Peter Moran, was presented with the CII's Lifetime Achievement Award, one of the CII's highest honours. This reflects Peter's contribution to the CII over many years in various locations throughout the UK. We hope to have the benefit of Peter's services for many years to come and his award is richly deserved.

One spectacle we had not bargained for, but much appreciated by the ladies, was the arrival of a posse of fire fighters and 3 appliances as our pre-dinner entertainment was hastily curtailed by an alarm going off due to a faulty light fitting! Fortunately, the Dinner itself takes place in a separate building, meaning that disruption and delay was kept to a minimum. Our thanks go to the Armouries staff for their speedy and professional response and indeed, for the overall organisation of the event, which was first class.



All in all this was another a memorable night for Leeds Institute and one which will certainly be repeated next year.

# Engagement with Schools and Universities

Focussing on initiatives to promote roles within the Insurance, Risk and Personal Finance Sector to the next generation has formed a major aim for President Chris Lockwood in his Presidential year.

Looking for the next generation coming into our market and changing the image of our industry with the Millennials is key if we want to bring new talent and life into the industry.

As well as building connections with careers departments across the city, the Insurance Institute of Leeds has been directly involved in many events since the start of the year as part of Chris' initiative. In January 2019, a group of volunteers ran Discover Risk with all of the Lower Sixth Form at Abbey Grange. Subsequently, IIL Council members attended a careers evening at Ripon Grammar and Chris recently hosted a speed-dating style careers event at Leeds West Academy.

Reaching out to the University Generation in conjunction with Vivine Cameron from

the CII, members of the Council and our Emerging Insurance Professionals group ran a Careers Seminar with Maths, Economics and Psychology Students at the University of Leeds and also took part in a similar event with Business and Accounting students from Leeds Beckett University.

There are already plans to continue working with schools into the New Year with members offering to help with a school interview practice session and invites to our next leadership event going out to select schools. We are also working with Independent Appointments on a programme to build school leavers skills entering the workplace. We look forward to continuing this great programme in 2020 and if anyone would like to volunteer to help at events please contact us for more details.



# Forthcoming Events

Date/Time	Event	Speaker	Venue
Tue 14th January	Interactive Leadership Half Day Seminar	Rob Northfield	Horizon, Leeds
Tue 21st January	CPD Lecture: Indemnity periods and business recovery	Mike Bond, Sedgwick International UK	The Carriageworks
Wed 5th February	Climate Change Day	Various	Deloitte UK
Tue 10th March	AGM plus lecture		East Parade Social

For further details and bookings visit:  
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## Save the date: Leeds Annual Dinner 2020

We are delighted to confirm the date for the Leeds Annual Dinner will be Friday 30th October 2020.

This year's event will be taking place at the New Dock Hall, Royal Armouries again and plans are underway for another glamorous evening.

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