



## QUEENSFERRY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

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Dear Business Colleague,

### **QBA Wine Reception for Members and Guests Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2011, Dakota Hotel, 7pm**

We are delighted to invite you to our first networking gathering for 2011. This is a free event and will be a time to enjoy a glass of wine and meet other local business people.

Over the next six years many opportunities for new business will come from the scores of companies associated with the multi-million pound Forth Replacement Crossing (FRC) project. It is the biggest infrastructure project in Scotland and is being constructed right on our doorstep.

QBA has invited a consultant to speak at the event, about these business opportunities. You will hear how a small business can be helped to submit government contract tenders; a daunting experience for those who have never applied before.

South Queensferry will have the biggest of three large construction sites associated with the FRC. There may be up to 500 sub contractors and suppliers working for the successful consortium. A wide range of services, supplies, accommodation and catering will be needed for this sizeable temporary workforce. QBA is ideally placed to help you get a slice of the action and this event will get the ball rolling for some of you.

This is an open reception; you do not need to be a member, but to ensure you are kept in the loop of news and opportunities you may wish to consider joining us.

### **QBA Joins the West Lothian Chamber of Commerce**

An added benefit for your modest subscription of £45 is to be linked into the wider network of small businesses in West Lothian. The West Lothian Chamber has close links with Midlothian and East Lothian and there are often joint events.

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## **QBA Membership**

Following the recent committee meeting it was decided to make 1<sup>st</sup> May 2011 the date on which members will pay their annual subscription to the QBA. In the past, members paid on the anniversary of their joining and this has made for a complicated and time-consuming process so we hope that having one payment date a year will simplify the process.

We would therefore be grateful if you could set up a standing order / direct debit for this and subsequent 1<sup>st</sup> May, for **£45**.

Our bank details are:

QBA South Queensferry Branch, Sort Code 82-68-00, Account no. 10185114

If you have paid your subscription in the past 11 months, please contact Fiona Grant (0131-331 1296; [fionaegrant@aol.com](mailto:fionaegrant@aol.com)) to arrange a refund of the difference.

If you cannot pay by bank transfer, then a cheque can be sent to either Fiona Grant, JW Physiotherapy, 27 High Street, South Queensferry EH30 9PP or Moira Cunningham, Ravenous Beasties, 15 West Terrace, South Queensferry EH30 9LL. Receipts will be issued when payment has been received.

These are challenging economic times but the upcoming year presents businesses in South Queensferry with real opportunities to make the best of the six years of construction for the Forth Replacement Crossing by the Scottish Government. QBA will continue to work on your behalf.

If you have not been a member before, or your membership has lapsed, then you can join a local association that helps you network, provide a website listing (there are plans to upgrade the website in 2011), and receive news of local events and business updates.

QBA lobbies on your behalf with the City of Edinburgh Council on a range of issues, and we work closely with our friends in the Queensferry and District Community Council and other local bodies.

We look forward to seeing you at the Dakota on April 27<sup>th</sup>.

Best wishes,

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