

News Release

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FENSA Makes it easy

Over the last few months, FENSA has been hosting networking events for its Registered Businesses, as part of an on-going communications campaign. Surprisingly for British weather, the first two events, in Bournemouth and Bristol, have both been beautifully sunny evenings.

According to the Registered Businesses, these new events were very different to the technical seminars held when FENSA first started up. They are a chance for FENSA Registered Businesses to meet up, and build relationships, with members of the FENSA team, and each other, in a more informal way than before. The aim of the evenings has been to show how FENSA 'makes it easy' for its 9000 Registered Businesses. They are a chance to ask questions of the team, or find out about the future of FENSA while enjoying drinks and canapés.

FENSA is run by the industry, for the industry, and by getting people together we hope to identify what we can all do to improve the industry.

The first event was held at a large hotel, the Royal Bath, in Bournemouth on the 19th April. About 30 people attended the event, from a range of companies. The most recent event, on the 23rd May, was an intimate affair at a trendy bar in Bristol called the Riverstation. It had a lovely riverside terrace, in a prime location in the centre of Bristol.

At both events, there were plenty of quality conversations about important technical issues. Some of the talking points at Bristol included insurance; cowboy stoppers website (www.cowboystoppers.co.uk), and technical guidance notes.

One of the attendees at Bristol was Roy Bishop from Centurion Windows, a company that has been around for 27 years. He said of the event: "It is nice to meet a few faces that go with the names. It is good to share a few comments, moans, groans and suggestions, and hear answers straight from the horse's mouth as it were."

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Del Murray, from Del Mar Windows, attended the Bournemouth event and found it very different to the seminar events held when FENSA first started: *"I think that this event is a great idea. It is good to be able to ask the FENSA team questions in a relaxed and informal environment."* Dell Murray, Del Mar Windows.

Laura Pottle, Vogue Windows, was also at the Royal Bath: *"It is good to meet with fellow associates in pleasant surroundings and be able to get correct answers to the questions asked."*

As a thank you for attending, all guests had the chance to enter a prize draw for Dinner for 2, in the Riverstation Restaurant. The winner was Kevin Cole from City Glass. The winners at Bournemouth were Nina and Chris Stone from C. S Glazing, they won a meal at the Oscars restaurant at the Royal Bath.

FENSA will now be able to take the feedback from these events on board, and report back to the Registered Businesses with the next steps they plan to take, acting on this information.

Don't worry if you missed these events though. The next event is in July in Birmingham. If you are a Registered Business and would like to attend then please take a look at the registered businesses website www.fensaonline.com, or email sman@fensa.org.uk to find out more. If you would like to find out more about becoming a Registered Business with FENSA, please visit the website www.fensa.co.uk.

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