

PRESS RELEASE

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New appointments

The South Wales Chamber of Commerce board has appointed a new President and Vice President.

Stuart Taylor, Head of External Relations for the Royal Mail Group Limited in Wales will take the position of President and James Emery, Managing Director of COS Group Ltd will take the position of Vice President.

Being appointed into these prestigious positions gives Stuart and James seats within the overall company board NGCCEI that provides strategic direction to the executive management team. NGCCEI trades under two brands - the South Wales Chamber of Commerce (SWCC) and Centre for Business (CFB).

Also moving up within the NGCCEI board is David Ludlow, who replaces Andrew Wilkinson as the new Chairman.

David Ludlow, Chairman of NGCCEI said of his new position: "I am confident that the company will continue to secure new contracts and look for new opportunities to develop and grow and in these activities they will receive my full support and backing.

"I have every confidence that we will see NGCCEI maintain its position as a quality provider of services supporting the economy of South Wales."

Stuart Taylor, President of the SWCC Board, said: "Having played a key role in realising a single Chamber for South and West Wales, it is both an honour and privilege to be asked to serve as President of South Wales Chamber in the year ahead.

"I look forward to working with colleagues to ensure that members across the whole of South Wales receive the very best support, advice and services to help their business grow. Our efforts to realise, for the first time, one accredited Chamber movement from Chepstow to Fishguard, really does take member services and representation to a new level. I look forward to members experiencing those benefits for themselves over the coming months."

James Emery, Vice President of the SWCC Board, said: "I'm delighted to step into the role of Vice President of the South Wales Chamber of Commerce at such an exciting time for the organisation. With memberships growing daily and retentions at a high, it suggests the hard work of my council colleagues and the team at the Chamber have been worthwhile and resulted in a positive start to our new South Wales Chamber. I look forward to representing the businesses of South Wales in my new capacity."

David Russ, Managing Director of NGCCEI, said of the movement: "Movement within any company, particularly at board level always opens new doors for the visions and direction of a company. Our past representatives have gotten us to

this stage in success and we will now strive forward to ensure we stay ahead of the game.

“At a time when there is uncertainty about the economy and our new coalition government, it is an absolute must that as a leading business provider in Wales we continue to provide a voice and support to the ever-growing business community.”

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Notes for editors

Photo captions:

SWCC Board 1 - from left David Russ Managing Director of SWCC and C4B, Stuart Taylor President of SWCC, James Emery Vice President of SWCC and Graham Morgan Director of SWCC

Stuart Taylor – President of SWCC

James Emery – Vice President of SWCC

SWCC

South Wales Chamber of Commerce is the ultimate business network in South Wales and now incorporates the West Wales Chamber of Commerce. The chamber exists to provide a regional voice and offer support to businesses pan South Wales.

Since merging with the West Wales Chamber of Commerce, the South Wales Chamber of Commerce now represents over 1000 businesses and 100,000 employees.

CFB

Centre for Business has been providing outstanding business advice, training and premises since 1982.

One of the longest-established business support organisations in South Wales, the last two decades have seen the business grow in size, knowledge and experience.

Through the highly skilled and experienced team of business professionals, advisors and consultants Centre for Business delivers an unparalleled range of business support services in terms of range, flexibility and expertise.

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