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Tuesday 19 & Wednesday 20 January 2021

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Welcome to #BI21.1

Welcome for Business Insights Festival of Business and Innovation #BI21.1 with an international focus.

It's been a strange 12 months, this time last year we would never have thought that I would be welcoming you to a fully online, fully international festival, but that is where we find ourselves in January 2021.

We have a great line up for you covering brexit, brand, business besilience & bisk, climate emergency, placemaking, employment, skills, international procurement they are all very engaging and we have some great voices from all around the world comparing notes on how things are looking where they are. We have Forums with professional delegates and spaces you can book as observers "in the room" to ask questions, we have discussions facilitated with some experts and visitors in the event who want to understand more, and we have our LIVEstreams that will be via YouTube from a video conference discussion.

We have developed our online exhibition to a larger level for #BI21.1, it will be running until 12 February (when the #BI21.2 exhibition will take over) with a whole room dedicated to the festival line up where you can read about the events and click through to book events. We also have our Network Hub in the exhibition, a virtual venue that is open as a drop in every weekday between midday and 2:00pm with a great range of special events every week.

Do enjoy #BI21.1, we're looking forward to seeing you at one or more of the events.

Pete Allison, Director Business Insights #BI21.1



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Virtual Exhibition

Business insights #BI21.1 Virtual Exhibition is up and running and will be live until 12 February (when the #BI21.2 exhibition will take over).

It's a great opportunity to showcase businesses, products, and brands over an extended period in a space modelled on an art gallery where the businesses exhibiting can present themselves in a clean and efficient way.

We have opened a virtual network hub that gives a "coffee bar" type environment where you can meet colleagues, prospects and make new contacts. It runs each week day between midday and 2:00pm (UK time) to offer another opportunity for businesses to meet and explore new opportunities. To access the Network Hub, enter the exhibition at: https://bit.ly/The_Business_Insights_Exhibition

Instructions to access the network Hub: 1. Visit:

https://bit.ly/The_Business_Insights_Exhibition2. Click on the Network Hub (second room)3. Click the "Network Hub" link bottom right of your screen.

We're looking forward to seeing you in the #BI21.1 Virtual Exhibition...



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Tuesday 19 January, 10:45am Climate Change on the International platform

Climate Change is the most significant threat facing the planet today. The Global business community has a leading responsibility to address the impending crisis with investment, operating methodology and management priorities having an overriding effect on society's ability to engage the problem before we get beyond the point where it is possible to do so. Every scale of business is involved from the smallest owner managed micro business through to the largest multinational corporations, the issues and decisions are just of a different type. We bring together a cross section of Business from a range of countries to compare notes, discuss the alternatives and think out loud about how we can accelerate the discussion and planning that will make a difference.



Eoin McQuone

Eoin believes that building a profitable, future-proof business nowadays requires a change from the traditional model. It's not only about making a profit now, it's about creating a business that will continue to grow and flourish in a world of climate change and scarce resources. Eoin started "Go Climate Positive"

to help businesses understand and reduce their carbon footprint, ultimately becoming Climate Positive. He's a sustainability lead on the Cheltenham Economic Recovery Task Force and co-founder of the Gloucestershire Climate Commitment.

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Phil West - Continuity West

Tuesday 19 January, 2:30pm Risk & Resilience in International Trading

Business Risk & Resilience planning is an important, if sometimes difficult aspect of running a business. When it comes to resilience planning for international trading, Brexit has created a sharp focus. In 2020 the Covid pandemic became a huge risk area for business and over the last 5 years, the cyber threat landscape has become a well-established, sensitive and significantly under reported factor. The international trading opportunities have never been greater and SME business in particular have great opportunities to find new markets as we all become familiar with video conferencing. Our Panel considers the risks specifically around international trade operations and the resilience thinking that can help businesses grow their International trade in a secure and robust way.



Phil West

Philip developed his unique experience as a trainer with expertise in crisis management as well as major incident and event command during his career as a Police Inspector in England. He has commanded at major events like the G8 conference in Scotland, international football matches in Wales, Glastonbury

Music Festival in England as well as numerous spontaneous critical incidents. He retired in 2010 to form his own company in business continuity and now advises public sector and SME's on risk and resilience.

Lex Beckett – Squashed Robot Films Janina Neumann – Janina Neumann Design

Tuesday 19 January, 12:30pm Creating Brand – Cultural Relevance

Internationally speaking, our Brand can have unexpected connotations and implications. We design it as we review our business from our own business perspective and for the culture and markets that we are used to. But what happens when you project internationally? Do certain words have different meanings? How is colour perceived subconsciously in different cultures? How do you go about meeting new contacts, what is the norm for saying hello and getting to know people? Should you expect to fit completely into the culture you're approaching, or is there a sensible path where you meet in the middle and work on a mutual cultural understanding with your new international prospects?

Lex Beckett



Lex Beckett's business, Squashed Robot Films is a Films, Photography and Animation agency based in the heart of Cheltenham that has been making great content for businesses across the UK and internationally for a number of years now. In 2014 he

picked up a BAFTA nomination for his work on a short film. Lex is passionate about producing content which delivers results for their clients – no matter what their sector, industry or market share.

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Sandra Baer – Personal Cities

PersonalCities

Tuesday 19 January, 4:30pm Solution Storming: "How can Placemaking Help Set a Path toward an Inclusive Recovery?"

A facilitated discussion will follow the Question Storming event. We will tackle the most revealing questions and expand the dialogue toward potential solutions. With complex issues, enduring solutions will require more time, conversation, analysis and work. This process can however invoke some immediate insights, new ideas, & outside-the-box solutions that had never come to mind before.

There are no definitive answers about "how" to accomplish effective placemaking; every place is unique. Yet the questions developed from the earlier Question Storming will create new thinking about the drivers and priorities for next steps. Our panel picks up the discussion from the difficult questions and looks for conclusions and recommendations to better create the places we call will home for decades to come.



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Wednesday 20 January, 10:00am **The Global Visitor Economy – recovering from a catastrophic year**

To say that 2020 has been a disastrous year for the visitor economy – wherever you look on the planet – would be an understatement, we all hope that 2021 will bring a way forward and options for recovery that will be very welcome. But what does that mean? How have the businesses weathered the tough times? What has changed, what can be recovered and what new thinking has emerged that will bring whole new ways of doing things? Our panel of professionals involved in the visitor economy from across different countries and continents share their thinking and discuss how the different cultures and communities that have been impacted in very different ways are looking at 2021 and what they are doing to encourage the best recovery they can.



Steve Gardner-Collins

Steve is an experienced and highly motivated tourism & hospitality Sales Director with the drive, passion and enthusiasm to inspire and lead others. He enjoys leading a sales culture throughout business and is a marketer with experience across design, digital and social platforms in multifaceted environments

in local, domestic and international markets. Steve describes himself as an Organiser, a team player and a champion for well-being, diversity and inclusivity.

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Sam Holliday - FSB John Hewitt Jones - Euromoney Institutional Investor PLC Andrew Merrell - Raikes Journal Lois Cooper - Journalism Student, University of Gloucestershire

Wednesday 20 January, 4:00pm The Changing Faces of Media

Journalism, the press, and media in general has changed beyond recognition over the last two decades. The arrival or the digital age with lighting fast communications, social media, fake news, and the move away from hard copy press media has created some real challenges for Journalists looking to get accurate reporting of important stories out in a relevant and accurate way. How has this changed the way we absorb business news? And where does the future lie when it comes to independent, reliable, and accurate journalism? Join us for this international discussion as we look at the changing face of journalism from different parts of the world.



Sam Holliday

Having spent over 25 years in the regional media – 15 of which was as an editor and director at amazing newspaper groups in the Midlands (Tamworth) and the South West (Bath) – Sam became a Development Manager for Britain's biggest and most successful business representation group the Federation of

Small Businesses (FSB) in March 2013. Sam works to help and support the thousands of FSB members who run small businesses, are self-employed or have that entrepreneurial spirit throughout the Gloucestershire and the West of England area.



Roger Mackrill – Sabre UK Ltd



Wednesday 20 January, 12:00 midday **The Brexit Story... the fallout, the opportunities**

Brexit has been a long and hard journey for us all. On 1st January this year, the final position came into force. We bring together some of those who have been thinking about Brexit for years now and working with Businesses to make the most of continuing existing business and developing new. So what are the Brexit headlines now that its down? What will be the downside now that we have "The Deal" and what are the opportunities that open up? A LIVEtalk discussion from our International Trade team which will help answer some of those questions.



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corporations, including GM, Rolls Royce, SKF, ISMT India, Kalyani Group India and Changan Group China, Roger is an experienced professional guiding clients through strategic direction and planning to enter and establish presence in Asian markets.

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Tuesday 19 January, 10:30am #BI21.1 International Trade Forum

Development of International trading opportunities comprises one of the most important routes to building a strong economy in any county. Our International Trade Forum brings together professional advisors and businesses involved in international trading from across different countries and continents. Understanding culture, language, protocol and local custom is vitally important to developing lasting international trade relationships and our forums discuss, help understand and underpin trading relationships that will build on opportunities to do business across boundaries. An agenda based discussion between international trade professionals, we also invite other interested business people to join and help explore how we can grow this important area.



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Steve Ackroyd - The Job Guru



Wednesday 20 January, 10:30am #BI21.1 Employment & Skills Forum

Employment and Skills in business are crucial areas of thinking on a national or international level. Understanding that businesses across the globe face similar issues and looking at how the different countries and cultures are thinking about it is important as we think about the sector. In a Globally connected age, with digital communications we can look beyond national boundaries for businesses to fill skills gaps and for candidates to build careers. Brexit in the UK and international political thinking is constantly changing the employment landscape for both employers and candidates. Our International Employment Forum, thinks about opportunities for businesses and job seekers and how we can look beyond the normal boundaries we think about



Steve Ackroyd

Steve passionately feels that employers and job seekers suffer from a lack of knowledge about how recruitment works. Jobseekers are not taught how to find a job and employers are not taught how to find a new employee, it's amazing anyone gets hired! A recruitment professional with 2 successful

recruitment business, a member of REC – the Recruitment Federation and an Enterprise Advisor, Steve uses his experience and knowledge to help give employers and job seekers the knowledge they need to find each other. Steve Bates - Auditel



Tuesday 19 January, 3:00pm #BI21.1 International Procurement Forum

Procurement can account for over two thirds of spend for a Company. Understanding how to access supply chains can be a significant lead to revenue for businesses who have goods and services that apply to a sector nationally or internationally. Private and public sector procurement carry and overhead cost in time and resource to pursue, so the decision to commit to procurement processes can be a difficult one.

On the International stage, procurement across national and continental boundaries has a whole other set of agendas. How do businesses thinking about supplying internationally approach international procurement issues, what are the hot topics? How to manage unfamiliar culture and languages and with international trade, how does environmental awareness and ethics fit in?



Steve Bates

Steve is a strategic procurement specialist based in Calne, Wiltshire, UK who helps businesses to improve profits and cash. He also helps business owners and financial directors to free up time so they can focus on running their businesses.

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Tuesday 19 January, 2:30pm International Trade – Any Questions?

Following our International Trade Forum discussion, we bring together a number of international specialists to take questions around building business development though trading internationally. Brexit has created both opportunity and vulnerabilities, the current pandemic has exponentially increased the use of online communications that have made it so much easier to reach out internationally and build new business relationships. Culture, language and the simple interpretation or brand, graphics and body language are all areas of discussion and our panel will be looking to understand business concerns and uncertainties around how to build new international business.

You can submit questions via the event registration process, or on our dedicated email address: BI21.1@business-shows.co.uk



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Eva Túnez Salvador - Genuine Translations Janina Neumann – Janina Neumann Design

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Local to Global – Cultural Awareness

Exporting into a new market can be daunting if you don't speak the language or you haven't experienced the culture before. These are critical success factors when exporting your products or services to other countries. These are key factors influencing the exporter's decision of entering a particular market. We will explain what it means to be culturally aware and analyse the Asian and South American cultures based on eight culture scales. There will be an opportunity to learn about different ways of doing business in different markets; from communication and organisation to leadership and etiquette. There will also be an opportunity to discuss and learn from incidents involving cultural misunderstandings, and we will share some tips on how to work effectively in multicultural teams.



Janina Neumann

Janina Neumann is a bilingual (German/English) graphic designer, intercultural management trainer, and business owner of Janina Neumann Design. JND is a bilingual design company, helping clients create a social impact in the UK and abroad. The bilingual focus ensures clients can communicate

their message equally effectively across different languages and cultures. Janina is also the Co-Founder of Local to Global, a gateway to fulfil all exporters' cultural, linguistic and branding requirements.



Eva Túnez Salvador

Eva is a Spanish translator who is passionate about international trade and the cultural and linguistic challenges. linked to it. Her multilingual translation company, Genuine Translations, helps businesses that are exporting to foreign language markets with all their marketing, legal and technical

translation requirements. Eva is also the Co-Founder of Local to Global, a gateway to fulfill all exporters' cultural, linguistic and branding requirements.

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Sandra Baer - President, Personal Cities

PersonalCities

Tuesday 19 January, 2:30pm **Question Storming: "How can** Placemaking Help Set a Path Toward an Inclusive Recovery?"

Today, among the convergence of crises facing our world, Placemaking really matters. From supporting our local economies, to attracting business investment, attracting tourism, providing cultural opportunities, encouraging volunteerism, reducing crime and improving public safety and mobility, and improving public health and the environment - all are a part of an attractive place to live and work. Never has there been a more important time to design and re-shape urban space. If we are smart, we will leverage the talent and resources of our business community. We will work collaboratively to understand new paths toward an inclusive society and an inclusive recovery with thriving businesses and prosperous cities.

To understand Question Storming better: http://bit.ly/Question_Storming



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Richard Holling - Dales Finance Roger Mackrill – Sabre UK Ltd Callum Wade – Ebury Edward Booth - Bibby Financial Services



Wednesday 20 January, 10:30am

Access to Finance: Financing International Trade

Access to finance, is a key business function and fast-changing, whether a sole trader or an established significant business. Having good finance in place is critical to facilitate international trade. Hear how finance companies can fund setting up overseas supply chains for importing goods into the UK. The supply of UK good overseas markets and Investment into the start-up costs of international trade. Our Access to Finance Forum will be looking at the state of the funding landscape, types of lending/criteria, costs of finance. The discussion is held as a virtual boardroom discussion of professionals. 20 observer seats are available for those who have an interest in understanding the industry sector. The Chair will invite input from the observers during the forum discussion.



Richard Holling

An experienced business executive with 30 years of business and financial services experience. Richard has worked as a consultant, sales executive and manager for several major international companies. In 2018 he changed focus and started to work with start-ups and SMEs. In 2019 he formed Berkshire

Dales, which offers SMEs advice on getting the right business finance, and other consulting services.

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