



Birmingham Areas Focused Associations ‘China Board’

Background

The Birmingham China board is made up of private and public sector representatives that have an interest in promoting better business and cultural connections between Birmingham and the Peoples Republic of China. The scope of the board also includes the area designated as Far East Asia but it is recognized that the majority of current activity is China focused.

The board was established following the publication of Birmingham City Council’s European and International Strategy, which was passed by the city cabinet in the summer of 2013. The strategy calls for four areas focused associations [‘Boards’] to be established; North America, Europe, Commonwealth and Countries of Origin and China. Birmingham city council will provide the secretariat for the board and help build content.

The current representatives appointed to the board are listed below. They include a cross section of sectors and interests with an interest in China but are not exclusive to the work between Birmingham and China.

Current board members. An asterisk denotes they are attending the 19th December meeting .

Gordon Harris, Wragge & Co* <i>Interim Chair</i>	Mike Loftus, News From the Future*
Brian Yipp, wing Yip Group	James Ng, JN Legal*
Paul Mountan SGH Martineau*	Bill Glew, Aston University*
Clive Benford, Midlands 48 Group	Paul Forrest, West Midlands Economic Forum* <i>[Spencer Terry will attend in absentia]</i>
Anjum Cave, Bournville College	Professor Colin Gale, Birmingham City University
Peter Clack, University of Birmingham*	Jon Bloomfield, Innovation Birmingham
David Houghton, RBS	Rhian Dobbs, Newman University*
Louise Rowland, JLR	Justin Benson, KPMG
Peter Laybourn, International-Synergies*	John Rider, Institute of Directors*
Mark Dyer, Deloitte	Steven Maddock, CBSO
Kim Vaughan Birmingham Metropolitan College* <i>[Shuo Shi Harrison will be attending in absentia]</i>	Christopher Barron, Birmingham Royal Ballet
Jim Simpson, Big Bear Music	John Morris, Birmingham Airport