

Next Generation **NED Network**

Support for aspiring and existing non-executive directors

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The Next Generation NED Network

The Next Generation NED Network is aimed at a select group of senior executives of leading businesses who are considering becoming non-executive directors (NEDs) in the private, public or not-for-profit sector, as well as existing NEDs who wish to keep up to speed with the latest issues affecting boardrooms today.

Given the challenging global economic and financial environment, demand for high quality NEDs is increasing

Initiated by Simmons & Simmons, the Network, which currently has over 1,000 members, brings together leading service providers with experienced directors from industry, finance and a wide range of other sectors, who are looking to develop their careers.

'Moving Up', 'Moving Across' as a NED

People seeking a portfolio of NED roles often want to broaden the types of NED roles they take on so as to bring a diversity of experience and perspective to their career. And, obtaining a NED role in one sector, e.g. in the public or not-for-profit sector, may help lead to a role as a listed company NED, or vice versa (moving across) or to obtain more senior NED roles in the same or another sector (moving up).

About the Network

The Network is an informal, but structured, collaboration between professional services organisations with expertise in a range of areas from recruitment through to advising on legal, accounting, communications, commercial and other responsibilities.

The Network runs a regular series of interactive talks on a range of governance and compliance issues. Not only do the attendees benefit from insight with breadth and depth but they also have the chance to network with like-minded peers on a regular basis.

There is no cost for participating in the Network. It is open to both those actively seeking NED roles and those who are already NEDs but are seeking more guidance.

Importantly, we hope that participation in the Network may lead some who may not otherwise have committed to a NED role actively to pursue things further. In doing this, we hope the Network will play a role in developing the next generation of NEDs.

World-class partner organisations

The Network is actively supported and run by seven world-class organisations:

- Simmons & Simmons, a leading international law firm
- KPMG, a global provider of audit, tax and risk advisory services
- Barclays, the global financial services provider
- Brunswick, a leading corporate relations and communications consultancy
- Odgers Berndtson, leaders in executive search
- Independent Audit, a leading governance consultancy firm
- The Leadership Institute, London Business School
- The Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators (ICSA), a leading global authority on corporate governance.

Website

We've got a new website where you can find more information about the Network on the NED and you can access it here. This includes our data protection policy about Network members' personal information. Details of recent events including videos and presentations can be found by logging onto the secure members' area of the website here.

The Story so far

17 February 2010: "Risk and fraud awareness"

24 June 2010: "How to create balance on a board"

Keynote speakers: Baroness Virginia Bottomley, Chair of the Board Practice at Odgers Berndtson, and Sir Peter Gershon, Chairman of Tate & Lyle

28 January 2015: "Maximising the value of the Company Secretary to NEDs"

Keynote speaker: Andrew Kakabadse, Professor of Governance and Leadership, Henley Business School

16 November 2010: "What the market expects of NEDs"

Keynote speakers: Richard Plackett (Blackrock), and Marc Jobling, ABI

23 February 2011: "Public Sector NED Appointments: Opportunities in the New World"

Keynote speakers: Dame Janet Gaymer DBE QC, Piers White MBE and Jonathan Cohen, IDDAS

18 May 2011: "Personal liability: every NED's worst nightmare and how to avoid it"

27 September 2011: "Strategic Treasury Management"

Keynote speaker: Michael Pavia, NED at Thames Water

29 November 2011: "Corporate risk and reputation: narrative reporting"

22 February 2012: "Social media: reputational risk and business opportunities"

12 September 2012: "Board Effectiveness Evaluation"

25 February 2013: "Remuneration: the NEDs' role in rewarding long term success"

Keynote speakers: David Ellis, Head of KPMG's UK Reward Practice and Christopher Rodrigues, Chairman of the Remuneration Committee at Ladbrokes PLC

28 October 2013: "Planning for Growth"

Keynote speakers: Alex Stirling, Director in the European Buyout team at Carlyle Group, Gareth Jones, Director of Debt Finance at Barclays and Tom Boardman, Director of the Corporate Broking team at Barclays

15 October 2014: "The importance of leadership in a corporate crisis"

Keynote speaker: Richard Meredith, Partner at Brunswick Group

28 January 2015: "Maximising the value of the Company Secretary to NEDs"

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15 April 2015: "Institutional investors: the role of NEDs"

01 July 2015: "Moving up, moving across: do's and don'ts for becoming a NED and using one NED role to obtain another"

14 October 2015: "Cyber risk: management and implementation: the role of NEDs"

03 February 2016: "The view from the top: the Chairman's view of NEDs"

13 April 2016: "Culture: can you measure, bottle or grow it?"

22 June 2016: "Be tender: getting the best out of your external and internal auditors"

Hosted by KPMG

02 November 2016: "Diversity: Board behaving better?"

Hosted by Barclays

01 February 2017: "The green paper on corporate governance: your views"

Hosted by KPMG

29 March 2017: "Reputation risk management"

Hosted by Brunswick

06 July 2017: "Managing Board Conflicts"

Hosted by Simmons & Simmons

01 November 2017: 'The military view of Governance, Leadership, Managing with Change, coping with uncertainty and crisis'

Hosted by Barclays

24 January 2018: "Is it safe to be a financial services non-executive?"

Hosted by Simmons & Simmons

07 March 2018: "Board Effectiveness"

Hosted by London Business School

27 June 2018: "Doing well by doing good: the NEDs' role in corporate social responsibility"

Hosted by The Brunswick Group

07 November 2018: "Changing management behaviours: the NEDs' role"

Hosted by KPMG

The next events

13 March 2019 Predictable mistakes of Boards (aka 'why do clever people do stupid things?')

Hosted by Simmons & Simmons

15 May 2019 Culture; can you still measure, grow and bottle it?

Hosted by Brunswick

02 July 2019 Effective workforce engagement: the NEDs' role

Hosted by KPMG

06 November 2019 Unconscious Bias: the NED dimension

Hosted by London Business School

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The Next generation NED network is an informal collaboration between leading professional service providers. Its purpose is to provide clear insight into the role of a NED, the opportunities available and how to seize them.

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