INFORMATION FOR PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS
WELCOME!

We are so pleased that you are interested in joining the Company. To help you know more about the Company and get the most from your membership, we have prepared a brief guide to the structure of the Company and its committees. Alongside the formal dinners, there are a wide range of activities and events designed to appeal to a selection of tastes and interests - this guide also provides some suggestions for ways you can get involved.

If at any stage you have questions or suggestions, please do contact the Clerk at clerk@actuariescompany.co.uk, who will be pleased to hear from you.

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OVERVIEW OF THE COMPANY
WHO WE ARE

The Worshipful Company of Actuaries is a sociable and philanthropic community of actuaries sharing our talents and experience with a larger network of like-minded people in the City of London.

When you become a member you begin to understand why the Livery movement has endured for centuries. We all share a passion for charitable giving and education and our common values give us a strong sense of community and friendship.

There are over a hundred Livery Companies, each founded by the trades and professions of their day, sharing an interest in enforcing high standards and promoting their profession within the City of London. The Actuaries’ Company is one of the “Modern” Livery Companies, established in the last century and growing in number - with Investment Managers and HR Professionals being two of the newer Guilds currently on their way to becoming Livery Companies.
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Meetings and Events
Our flagship networking events are our black tie Livery dinners which are held in the halls of older Companies, some of the hidden gems of our City. This splendid backdrop and traditional format, including the ancient Loving Cup ceremony, is an opportunity to enjoy the company of other like-minded actuaries and entertain business guests who’d like to know more about the profession. The presiding Master of the Company invites a guest speaker and, whether it’s music or charity, there will always be something to add to the lively conversation where business and career tips are often shared.

The grandest occasion of the year is our white tie banquet where we enjoy the Egyptian Hall at the Lord Mayor’s home, Mansion House, in the company of friends and family.

Liverymen are sociable creatures and, through a weekend away with the Master (in Slovenia this year) we enjoy social events which feature his or her interests. We take part in various inter-livery competitions, from go-karting to the annual pancake races, which we won in 2018 - we also won the first inter-livery quiz between the Financial Services Group (FSG) of Livery Companies. The Actuaries also have an enviable record in the inter-livery bridge competition and are in charge of the age and sex-adjusted scoring system in use in the inter-livery skiing!

Our recent affiliation with 601 (County of London) Squadron also provides opportunities for Liverymen to discover more about the RAF and contribute to its success.
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Understanding
The City of London has a rich history and photogenic traditions that delight its visitors and the world. At its head, the Lord Mayor has an important ambassadorial role to play at home and abroad, drawing on the skills and knowledge of the Livery to complement and supplement political debates. As a Liveryman - and a Freeman of the City of London - you unlock the mysteries of the City and can enjoy taking part in these traditions. We are proud to have two former Sheriffs of the City of London in our Livery and look forward to celebrating our 40th birthday in 2019.

The Master of our Company is invited to join older Companies in their ancient traditions - such as the Trial of the Pyx with the Chancellor at Goldsmiths’ Hall, the Carmen’s Cart-Marking - and celebrating major birthdays, marked in centuries. The Modern Companies have developed their own traditions - the Company of Tax Advisers’ hold an annual pre-Budget banquet where current city issues are firmly on the agenda. All liverymen can join the City Livery Club and the Guild of Freemen or Guild of Young Freemen which gives the opportunity to network with like-minded people from other professions and trades.
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Helping
Charitable giving is part of the lifeblood of the Livery movement. We are proud that, despite not having the wealth of some of the older livery companies, our charitable trust donations have averaged over £150,000 a year for the last three years.

Our support has a focus on maths and financial education, including bursaries and prizes to actuarial students, and research into how education can be improved. There are also opportunities to get involved in educational projects through the Livery Schools Link.

We support the Lord Mayor’s Appeal through a brave abseil and enjoy seeing our Master locked up in the Tower of London in aid of the British Heart Foundation!

We welcome ideas from our liverymen for charities where they are actively involved and our donations can make an impact. We award the annual Phiatus prize to any member of the profession who, through voluntary effort, has made a big difference to a charity.
GOVERNANCE AND COMMITTEES

Executive

Education

Finance

PR & Fundraising

Membership

Court

Social Events

Appointments Committee

New Members’ Forum

Fiona Morrison
Keith Jones
Derek Newton
Lyndon Jones
Petrea Simmons
Gary Simmons
Keith Barton
Sally Bridgeland
Alan Smith
Peter Thompson
HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED
SOME WAYS TO GET INVOLVED IN THE ACTUARIES’ COMPANY

- Contact the Education Committee to offer your support for budding actuaries in schools and universities
- Share a favourite venue or activity with the Social Committee
- Re-tweet or share a post on Facebook or Twitter @actuarycompany
- Volunteer for the annual inter-livery pancake race to show off your hand/eye co-ordination
- Share your ideas for getting people involved with the New Members’ Forum
- Tell the PR and Fundraising Committee about your ideas for fundraising
- Volunteer as a buddy for new members – contact the New Members’ Forum
- Sing along at the annual carol service
- Support the Master at one of our Livery lectures and visit your university
- Get a pack from the Membership Committee and encourage your actuarial colleagues and friends to join
- Join the Master’s Weekend – it’s open to all and is a great opportunity to visit interesting places
- Help a charity you are involved with to make an application for funds from the Charitable Trust
- Keep an eye out for the Clerk’s newsletter and sign up to a social event, which have included museum visits and wine & gin tastings
- Join the Master’s Golf Day or compete in the inter-livery competition
- Use your understanding of VAT and accounting to help the Finance Committee
- Ask the Charitable Trust if there are volunteering opportunities to help a charity
- Know someone who would make a great Court Assistant? Get in touch with the Appointments Committee
- Up for some inter-livery competition? Volunteer for the inter-livery Bridge competition
- Nominate a school that's good at maths teaching for a Heywood Award to help their outreach to others
- Come along to a dinner and get to know your fellow members