



Membership Report 2011/2012

As Membership Secretary I can report that the Belfast branch currently has 1030 members. This figure has significantly increased from last year total of 833. Records show that members live or work throughout all of Northern Ireland with over a quarter being based in Belfast. It is difficult for the branch to provide directed events and services to all the regions where members are located. The branch has held 2 events in Londonderry this year, and plans to run more events outside the Belfast area next year.

Breakdown of membership

Affiliate	23
Educational Affiliate	10
Associate	58
Member	522
Chartered Member	260
Fellow	9
Chartered Fellow	45
Student	100
Honorary	3

Chartered IT Professional

The number of members who have attained CITP status has fallen slightly to 308 from last year 321. The branch recognise that more needs to be done to promote members development and next year hope to contact individuals who are eligible to apply for CITP and offer guidance and support on this worthwhile process.

Young Professional Group

The number of members falling into the YPG category has increased from 214 to 321.

Links are continuing with Universities throughout Northern Ireland and contacts have been made with a view to setting up student chapters. Committee members and some branch members have recently taken time to attend Momentum "Bring IT on" careers fairs in the various universities. They were able to speak to students about professionalism and how the branch and BCS supports IT as a career.

Group Membership

The branch and HQ have been working closely together this year to promote Group membership with local companies. Group membership events have taken place this year in Northgate, NYSE and Belfast Health Trust and the branch have welcomed all our new members.

In conclusion, membership levels have visibility increased from last year and the branch hopes to build on this success in the following year. Members are asked to contact the Membership Secretary (current details are published on the Belfast Branch website), with any membership queries.

Finally, I'd like to thank our active members and committee for their continued support.

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