# Kent Networking Groups

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#### is a business club for companies of all sizes based in Kent. Several open events are held throughout the year,

ABC (Active Business Creation)

allowing attendees to benefit from the presentations and network with other businesses from the local area. www.abcnetwork.co.uk

## The Alternative Breakfast Club

(ABC) networking club meets every third Tuesday at the Ramada Jarvis Hotel in Pembury near Tunbridge Wells, Kent. The meetings are designed to be relaxed and fun, with no pressure to make referrals for referrals sake.

www.altbreakfastclub.co.uk

### BNI (Business Network

International) is a business and professional networking organisation that offers members the opportunity to share ideas, contacts and most importantly, referrals. With over 2,800 chapters worldwide, BNI is the world's largest professional business networking organization. BNI have chapters in:

Ashford, Dartford, Faversham, Medway, Gravesend, High Weald and Rother, Maidstone, Rochester, Sandwich and Deal, Sittingbourne, Tenterden, Tunbridge Wells, Whitstable and Knole Park.

#### www.bni.com

Breakfast for Business holds regular networking events in Canterbury, Ashford, Chatham, Maidstone and Westgate-on-Sea. www.businessforbreakfastkent.co.uk **Canterbury 4 Business:** C4B is a voluntary organisation rather than a membership organisation and works to establish connections with everyone in the business community of Canterbury. www.canterbury4business.co.uk

**Ecademy** is a social network for business people founded in 1998 with over 170,000 member profiles worldwide, it allows business people to connect both online on the web site and offline at events and 1-2-1 meetings. www.ecademy.com

The Institute of Directors current membership total in Kent is in the region of 2000, of which around 40% are Chairpersons, Chief Executive Officers and Managing Directors and 45% are nonexecutive or other titled directors. The Kent branch of the Institute of Directors holds several events throughout the county. www.iod.com

Millipod is a networking organisation designed to benefit small businesses; helping to find new customers and suppliers, pool skills and services and boost profits. Networking events are held throughout the year in Kent and London. www.millipod.com

### Mid Kent Women in Business

aims to bring you a varied calendar of events that support local business women in and around Maidstone and West Malling. www.wib-midkent.org.uk