

## WHAT IS THE AMF?

The Advanced Manufacturing Forum (AMF), is a membership network, which was established by the private sector to offer a single voice on behalf of the manufacturing community.

The AMF engages with members and the wider business community to exchange ideas and knowledge to create business growth and success opportunities within the manufacturing industry.

As the leading voice of manufacturing in the North East, the AMF aims to:

- Support manufacturers in sustaining and growing their businesses.
- Advance the broader benefits of manufacturing throughout the region.
- Share best practice in areas including lean, marketing, human resource and finance.
- Reduce the costs of services and materials through collaborative working.
- Keep members abreast of the latest news, developments, technologies, trends and advice.



## EVENTS

We partner with industry experts and specialists to host an array of free events for our members.

We hold monthly meetings which include the latest sector news and developments, advice and insights from industry leaders, and updates on trends and technologies.

We also host specialist quarterly events with the aim of sharing best practice and knowledge. This includes our:

- **Process Improvement Group** - Drawing on the expertise of industry professionals this group offers practical solutions for businesses to reduce costs, increase productivity, enhance quality and improve service offerings.
- **Marketing Club** - Held with our strategic marketing partner, Horizonworks, these events see experts share marketing knowledge which can be utilised to continuously grow the capabilities and successes of AMF members.
- **HR Forum** - Held in joint venture with Ward Hadaway this is a vehicle for informing and advising manufacturing companies on all issues HR related.
- **Finance Forum** - Hosted in partnership with Tait Walker, this brings together experts in a variety of fields, such as tax, pensions and support mechanisms.



## MEMBERSHIP

As a rapidly growing organisation, we warmly welcome new members.

Membership is open to all North East based manufacturing organisations; and we also offer associate and educational memberships.

The benefits of joining the AMF are extensive and include:

- Free attendance at all monthly meetings and quarterly events.
- Introduction service to preferred suppliers and associate members, with discounted rates on products and services.
- Business support and advice.
- Exchanges of best practice.
- Access to PR support.
- Inter-trading opportunities between members.
- Access to training programmes by members for members.

If you are interested in joining the AMF please contact us on **0191 481 3480** or email **info@advancedmanufacturingforum.co.uk**.



## WHAT DOES THE AMF OFFER?

With the aim of creating success and growth opportunities, the AMF offers a range of support, services and benefits to manufacturers throughout the North East.

The AMF offers members business support and advice on areas ranging from funding to staffing, marketing, HR, IT and legal guidance. We also provide support to members with regards to the training and skills of their current and future workforce and access to PR support.

We can offer an introduction service to preferred suppliers and associate members of the Forum with discounted rates on products and services.

We also provide access to training programmes by members for members and inter-trading opportunities between members, to encourage the sharing of best practice.



## TESTIMONIALS

Here's what some of our members say about us...

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*I would recommend that other organisations join the AMF. The meetings provide a great opportunity to keep up to date with what is happening in the region and in the local business community. There are always interesting and relevant topics being discussed at the monthly meetings, which means you are always learning something new.*

Peter Shiels / Operations Director / Phoenix Steel

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*The AMF provides a valuable networking opportunity for organisations and encourages best practice sharing. I would highly recommend that other organisations in the area join the AMF as it offers a focused forum to engage with other manufacturing organisations in the community.*

Eddie Czestochowski / Managing Director / Cell Pack Solutions

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