



*Encouraging wider engagement
across our profession*

CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP



THE
WORSHIPFUL
COMPANY
OF PLUMBERS

OUR COMPANY

The Worshipful Company of Plumbers is one of the most ancient of the Livery Companies of the City of London, with our ordinances dating back to 1365.

The Company today maintains its relevance by working closely with the plumbing industry, undertaking charitable works and supporting the City of London. We have an active membership drawn from a wide variety of professions.

Our Role

Today the role of the Company is reflected in its Aims and Objectives which are summarised below. We approach actively the present and the future, yet at the same time remember our past heritage.

Craft

To encourage excellence in plumbing by:

- supporting and promoting the history of the craft
- supporting and recognising individuals, organisations and institutions who achieve excellence in plumbing standards, education and technical development
- influencing and raising the profile of key future plumbing developments related to safety, public health, sustainability and water conservation

City

To support the City of London and the Mayoralty by:

- supporting City and Livery functions
- encouraging Liverymen to actively participate in City elections
- raising funds for Lord Mayors' Charities

Charity

To raise funds and be involved in charitable and educational work by:

- all members contributing regularly to the Charitable and Educational Trust
- providing bursaries and awards to support and encourage excellence in plumbing standards, education and technical development
- providing donations to The City and water and plumbing related charities

Friendship

To generate friendship in The Company by:

- providing an active social calendar for like-minded people
- organising high quality Company events which maintain the standards and traditions of the Livery
- utilising the latest communication and publishing methods





HISTORY

As early as 1365 the Company received its Grant of Ordinances from the Aldermen of the City of London. The Ordinances indicated that 'it was the desire of the craftsmen that their work should be well done'. Livery Companies assumed responsibility for the education and training of apprentices to their craft. In 1611 the Company received its Royal Charter from King James I.

There are currently just over a hundred Livery Companies in the City of London. The Plumbers' Company ranks thirty-first in the order of precedence and is one of the oldest Livery Companies, which still actively pursues and supports its ancient (and modern) craft.

In 1639 our first Court Meeting was held in our own Hall in Chequer's Yard. This Hall was destroyed by fire in 1666 and when rebuilt was occupied till 1863 when the Hall was compulsorily purchased in order to build Cannon Street Railway Station. From that date the Company has held its meetings in other Livery Halls. There is now a plaque at Cannon Street Station entrance commemorating our former home. In 2011, the 400th Anniversary of the granting of our Royal Charter, a statue of a Plumber's Apprentice was erected on the station concourse to recognise our past and future support to training.

The Company's offices are currently at Carpenters' Hall, which is used for Court functions. Other Livery Halls are used from time to time for other functions.

The Company has never lost its connection with the 'Art and Mysterie' of Plumbing and was the instigator of the concept of a Register of Plumbers, a logical successor to the medieval role of the Company. The Register of Plumbers was inaugurated in 1886 and efforts to get "The Plumbers' Registration Act" through Parliament occupied the activities of the Company in the 1890s. Today the Chartered Institute of Plumbing and Heating Engineering carries on this important role. The Company has very recently chaired an initiative, WaterSafe, which has, for the first time across the whole industry, set minimum standards of training for plumbers. This information is available to consumers through the WaterSafe website.

The Company is committed to continually raising standards which is reflected in our awards programme. Our annual award of a Gold Medal to one of the top twelve students in the City and Guilds of London Plumbing examinations and similar annual awards to the top Services' trainees, demonstrate our current interest in the profession.

In addition, the Company has sponsored and equipped two Museums, one of which is housed at The Weald and Downland Open Air Museum, Singleton, near Chichester. The Plumbing and Tin Plate Workshop was opened in June 1989 at Blist Hill, which is part of the Ironbridge Museum at Telford.



CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP

The Worshipful Company of Plumbers, the City of London Livery Company for the plumbing industry, is a community of like-minded people in the forefront of the industry.

In addition to individual membership — the Plumbers' Company is open to companies involved in or with the plumbing industry in the UK and overseas.

This Corporate Membership enables a member company's senior executives to participate fully in most of the Plumbers' many activities. The Plumbers' Company is the catalyst that has brought the whole plumbing industry together. Manufacturers, merchants, contractors, designers, academics and the suppliers to the industry: every facet is represented.

Other company members cover a wide spectrum of interests and professions including engineers, project managers, quantity surveyors, chartered surveyors, scientists, architects, builders, developers, property managers, accountants, lawyers and many others.

With this broad and diverse membership, the Plumbers offers something no trade association or professional institution can match — a totally neutral networking environment in which everyone can and does talk to anyone about anything (though most of these conversations seem to have a plumbing theme).

The benefits of these informal contacts have proved themselves time and again. And with our own significant social calendar, we have the ready-made events in some of the best venues in the City of London.

Corporate Membership may be applied for by any company, whether British or international, which is engaged in or with the plumbing industry in the United Kingdom and overseas. Corporate applications are brought to the Court of Assistants (the Company's governing body which meets four times a year) for assessment and, if approved, for election.



Networking opportunities



THE BENEFITS OF CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP

Involvement in the awards and bursaries

We continue to support strongly the craft of plumbing and the associated industries. The support of education at all levels is a key part of this work and the Company provides awards and bursaries for students and apprentices of plumbing.

Being able to influence government

The Company is a member and strong supporter of the All Party Parliamentary Water Group, is closely involved in the new WaterSafe Scheme and plays a leading role in the Wet 10 group of Livery Companies. All of these initiatives provided opportunities for the Company to influence Government on industry matters.



Involvement in our charitable activities

Corporate Members are companies which care about the whole industry — as well as their own businesses — and welcome, enjoy and benefit from becoming involved in every aspect of the Plumbers' Company's activities.

Corporate Liverymen (men and women)

Corporate Members nominate their Chief Executive or other Senior Executive and up to one senior director or executive to be listed as Corporate Liverymen members of the Plumbers' Company whilst their company's membership remains in force. They may be involved to a greater degree by being invited to serve on technical committees or working groups so that expertise can be shared for mutual benefit.

Liverymen (men and women)

The Company assists and encourages Corporate Liverymen to apply for the Freedom of the City of London, so that they become eligible to apply for full personal membership of the Company as Liverymen in their own right.

Names and logos

Corporate Members' names and logos are listed in relevant Company literature, on the Company's website and on a prominent display panel at appropriate events.

Industry Lunch

Corporate Members are invited to our exclusive 'industry' event, the annual Industry Lunch, when we entertain the Chairmen of the key industry associations.

Annual Banquet

Corporate Liverymen are honoured guests at the Company's Annual Banquet in the Egyptian Hall in Mansion House.



Recognising excellence by supporting awards and bursaries



Engage your staff in fund raising events



Invite guests to prestigious events

TUNITIES AND CHALLENGES IN
THE LOW CARBON ECONOMY”
DAVID KENNEDY, CEO COMMITTEE ON CLIMATE CHANGE



Influence forward-thinking in our industry

Annual Lecture and Dinner

Corporate Members are given first options to sponsor and are encouraged to participate in our Annual Lecture — an industry wide event with a prominent speaker attracting nearly 200 guests.

Corporate Hospitality

Corporate Liverymen may bring their own guests (applying for tickets on an equal footing with Liverymen) to Company events organised for the Livery.

Exclusivity

Corporate Membership is limited to twenty-five companies at any one time.

The Company's Coat of Arms

The Company's Coat of Arms, linked to the words 'Corporate Member' as shown below may be used in accordance with the Company's rules by Corporate Members on their own corporate literature and websites.



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