



Belfast Branch

Membership Report

As Honorary Membership Secretary I can report that the Belfast branch currently has 833 members. This figure is slightly less than last year's 912 members but membership has started to increase on a monthly basis.

A breakdown of this year's membership figures shows CITP 321, with 214 of the overall membership falling into the YPG age group.

Of the current 833 members the grade breakup is as follows:

Affiliate	34
Associate	30
Member	624
Fellow	51
Student	91
Honorary	3

Top 5 Towns/Cities

Belfast	215
Newtownabbey	50
Londonderry	41
Craigavon	35
Dublin	35

Members live or work throughout Northern Ireland with under a quarter being based in Belfast. It has been difficult in the past for the branch to provide directed events and services to all the regions where members are located but the branch are planning to run an event outside the Belfast area next year.

Future Membership

Links are being made with the Northern Ireland Civil Service and Universities in the hope of increasing membership of the institute. The branch realise that more work is needed in strengthening links with universities and especially the young professionals.

In conclusion, membership levels are starting to increase again after a challenging few years with limited branch activity. The local contact and support services we provide to our members also needs to be improved. It should be noted that 38 members do not have an email address supplied in their membership information and this poses an issue when trying to contact members. Also 232 members currently have not completed work/education information.

Members are asked to contact the Membership Secretary, current details are published on the officer's page, or using the website Contact Us form <https://forms.bcs.org/bcs/belfast> with any feedback.

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

Lynne McQuitty
Honorary Membership Secretary
BCS Belfast Branch
10 October 2011