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Scottish Professional Clothes Care Conference and Exhibition Sunday 7th of September at the Westerwood Hotel, Cumbernauld. (1, St Andrews Drive, Cumbernauld, Glasgow, G68 0EW)

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www.gcl.org.uk**

**Guild Officers for 2014/2015
Elected at the Guild's AGM
on Wednesday 18th June 2014**
President—Stuart Boyd FGCL
Hon Gen Secretary
Colin Paterson AGCL
Hon Nat Treasurer
Jan Knowles FGCL
**Elected at a Council Meeting
on the same day**
Chairman of Council
Archie Kerr FGCL
Chairman of Conference
Committee
Ron Davidson AGCL
Chairman of Examination
Board/Publications/IT
Ken Cupitt FGCL



Included are a wide range of speakers and it also features a practical stain removal demonstration from Roger Cawood. The exhibition, running with the conference, has a record number of exhibitors. With an additional pre-conference dinner on Saturday 6th of September, plus entertainment, at an additional cost. Members attend conference and exhibition for free, non members £10 payable on the day.

Guests staying at the Hotel can obtain discounted accommodation by telephoning 01236 457171 quoting the Guild. Interested in Golf? Book in for the pre-conference Golf Tournament through the secretariat—contact details in the left hand column. Alternatives for Saturday include Chef's Cook School—£10pp, Espa Spa with 10% discount for Guild members. Industry supplier looking for exhibition space? One stand available contact Debbie at 01698 322669. More conference details are being e-mailed to members separately.

Shop Front Competition Launched at a Guild Council Meeting

What the invigilating committee will be looking for is visually attractive shops, from within the industry, that welcome or invite the customer to use the shop. It does include Wet Clean as well as Dry Cleaning and this could, it is believed, become the trial of an annual contest.

The other thought, by the organisers, was to have regional area contests based on the Guild's operating Centres, 1, 2, 3 in each region with an overall winner. The prize to the winner is stated to be £250.00 presented at the annual conference next February. All photos/ e-mailed sent to the Guild Secretariat and then the most attractive to be checked and the panel to decide.

The winner and then top ten plus regional winners to have a winner/ highly rated scroll to be displayed in the shop? Also suggested is to invite a company/ group, or any person to send photographs, you may probably already know some good attractive appearance shops in your own area. If you have ideas on the organisation of the competition the committee would welcome your input.

Money for Local Training

At recent Guild Council meeting it was proposed that there be a financial subsidy of local Guild Centre training activities and this proposal was confirmed at a meeting of Council following the Guild's AGM.

It is now up to local Centres to organise the training activity and to make the Guild Secretary, Colin Paterson, aware and to seek approval for the subsidy of up to £500 per centre. This subsidy is aimed at Guild members, and non members would need to join the Guild if they wanted to benefit from subsidised training.

What is needed is a group of eight members wanting training on a practical issue in an area and to identify a competent, Guild approved, trainer and a cost of holding the event before seeking approval.

Regional Centre Meetings for the rest of this year?

Midland		Northern		London	
Monday	Sept 15th	Tuesday	Sept 30th	Thursday	25th Sept
Monday	Oct 20th	Tuesday	Oct 28th		
Saturday	Nov 22 nd or 29th	Tuesday	Nov 25th		

Laundry Technology Training?

Week commencing Monday 27th of October an intensive, residential Training Course being held in Rugby, at Johnson Group CPU, being organised by your Guild and will end with candidates sitting the Intermediate Laundry Technology Examinations, which is a two and half hour long theory examination. The course, including accommodation and meals, costs £1,000.00 and the Worshipful Company of Launderers have generously offered candidate employers a subsidy of £100 per candidate, which they can claim when course fees have been paid. Course costs have been kept low by the also generous loan of the training rooms at Johnson's CPU in Rugby, which is very close to the Hotel where candidates will reside for the week. Only one place remains! Contact the Secretariat ASAP if you are interested.



Guild Membership Renewal? Your Membership Subscription for the year 2014/2015 is now overdue for renewal. You can pay on line by visiting the Guild Website at www.gcl.org.uk, or alternatively, Telephone 01698 322669. Many thanks to those who paid on time because this saves money and time in having to check and chase late payers. Contact enquiries@gcl.org.uk

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