

Sector Guide for the Printing Industry

Trade Associations

Amicus

Web: <http://www.amicustheunion.org>

Amicus is a trade association representing employees within the graphical, paper, and media industries.

British Association for Print and Communication (BAPC)

Web: <http://www.bapc.co.uk>

BAPC is a trade association that offers advice and arranges training seminars and a free learning facility for its members.

British Coatings Federation (BCF)

Web: <http://www.coatings.org.uk>

Tel: 01372 360660

British Coatings Federation (BCF) is the sole trade association for the decorative, industrial and powder coatings, printing inks and wall coverings manufacturing industry in the UK.

British Printing Industries Federation (BPIF)

Web: <http://www.britishprint.com>

Tel: 0870 240 4085

The British Printing Industries Federation is the principal business support organisation for the UK print, printed packaging and graphic communication industry and is one of this country's leading trade associations.

The Association of Hot Foil Printers

Web: <http://www.hotfoilprinting.org>

Tel: 0845 166 8395

The National Association of Hot Foil Printers is the world's first organisation specifically for hot foil printers and their allied trades. It promotes practices of good hot foil printing.

Digital and Screen Printing Association

Web: <http://www.spauk.co.uk>

Tel: 01737 240792

The Digital and Screen Printing Association is dedicated to the promotion and improvement of the Industry. They offer a point of reference and resources for those who are involved in the Industry.

European Flexographic Technical Association (EFTA)

Web: <http://www.efta.co.uk/ns/>

Tel: 01458 241 455

A body that represents those involved with this printing process, which is commonly used in the packaging and labelling industries.

Independent Print Industries Association (IPIA)

Web: <http://www.ipia.org.uk>

A trade association for distributors and manufacturers within the UK independent printing sector.

Sector Groups

British Printing Industries Federation (BPIF)

The BPIF has a number of specialist groups, providing specialist help and support for individual sectors:

- **British Carton Association (BCA)**
Web: www.britishprint.com/sigs/bca.asp
Tel: 07915 8330
Promotes the use of folding cartons and carton board packaging
- **Book Production Section (BPS)**
Web: www.britishprint.com/sigs/bps.asp
Tel: 01454 333340
Represents manufacturers of books and journals and informs of best practice and latest technology.
- **British Binders and Finishers Association (BBFA)**
Web: www.britishprint.com/sigs/bbfagroup.asp
Tel: 0161 886 8400
Represents finishers within the printing sector and operates a code of practice.
- **Digital Interest Group (DIG)**
Web: www.britishprint.com/sigs/dig.asp
Tel: 01454 333 340
Focuses on digital print systems and provides information about manufacturers and business support to members
- **Young Managing Printers (YMP)**
Web: www.ymp.org.uk
YMP offers management development and training for young people in the printing and communication industries.

Uk Trade and Invest

Web: <https://www.uktradeinvest.gov.uk/ukti/appmanager/ukti/splash>

Tel: 020 7215 5444/5

Advice and information from the Government network that helps UK companies trade internationally.

PIRA International

Web: www.pira.co.uk

Tel: 01372 802000

Pira is a leading commercial consultancy, testing and media business which specialises in retail supply chain technologies related to industries such as packaging, paper, plastics, printing, publishing and consumer goods.

Vision in Print

Web: www.visioninprint.co.uk

Tel: 020 7915 8320

A DTI Initiative, which helps the printing industry in a number of areas including Benchmarking, Manufacturing improvement, customer service, and better administration within firms.

Market Information

DTI – Regulations

Web: http://www.dti.gov.uk/regulatory_guidance.html

Tel: 020 7215 5000

This section provides detailed information on regulations and particular legislation relating to the industry.

Research and Markets

Web: www.researchandmarkets.com

Research and Markets offers a cost effective analysis tool for the Printing industry.

Dot Print

Web: www.dotprint.com

Dot Print is an online data source for printers including news on the sector, which is updated daily.

European Packaging: strategic five-year forecasts (Pira International, 2003) [(B) TU 80 BUS]

This report offers country and company market profiles and analysis.

The Future of Active Packaging: strategic five-year forecasts and company intelligence profiles (Pira International, 2002) [(B) HQ 38 BUS]

This report looks at medium-term technology forecasts, markets, forecasts, supply chain strategies, legislation & regulation and company profiles.

Market and Business Development

Web: www.mbdLtd.co.uk

Tel: 0161 247 8600

Market & Business Development (MBD) specialises in business to business market research reports

Journals

Image Reports

Web: www.imagereportsmag.co.uk

Tel: 020 7403 1155

A monthly magazine for the printing and graphics industry

Printing World

Web: www.dotprint.com

The oldest weekly magazine serving the printing sector

Screen process and digital display

Web: www.datateam.co.uk

A monthly journal for the screen and digital printing industry

Transfer Magazine

Web: www.wdis.co.uk

Tel: 0208 606 7300

A Fortnightly magazine for printers with details on new and used machinery, suppliers and services

Small Printer

Web: www.bpsnet.org.uk

The monthly newsletter of the British Printing Society

Institutions

British Printing Society (BPS)

Web: www.bpsnet.org.uk

BPS is a body that represents small printers, and offers help, advice and knowledge exchange.

Institute of paper, printing and publishing (IP3)

Web: www.ip3.org.uk

Tel: 0870 330 8625

The merger of the three Institutes brings together over 2000 members and a wealth of knowledge.

Chartered Management Institute

Web: <http://www.managers.org.uk>

Tel: (0)20 7497 0580

The Chartered Management Institute shapes and supports the managers of tomorrow by sharing the latest insights and setting standards in management development for its members.

Institute of Operations Management

Web: www.iomnet.org.uk

Tel: 02476 692266

The Institute is the professional body for persons involved in Production Management, Supply Chain Management and Operations Management in manufacturing and service industries.

Support

Manufacturing Advisory Service (MAS)

Providing practical advice for Small to Medium sized Businesses.

MAS London

Tel: 0845 600 2212

www.mas-london.co.uk

For a full listing of the CEMs available go to the MAS National website

MAS South East

Tel: 0845 6092121

www.mas-se.org.uk

*CEM – This is a list of MAS vetted companies who are obliged to provide telephone support under a service level agreement.

Provide a number of services:

Free Services

- The Manufacturing Advice Process
- Telephone & E-mail Support
- Research Support
- Training Materials & Management Guides
- Visits & Seminars
- The Manufacturing Network

The MAS is not responsible for the service provided by the organisations detailed in this Disclaimer.

Subsidised Services

- Follow on support
- Managed Research Programmes & Surveys
- Networks, training & Workshops
- Benchmarking & Diagnostic Support

Business link

<http://www.businesslink.gov.uk>

Tel: 0845 6009 006