

**A Century of Political and Trading Links
between Finland and Britain 1917-2017:
a Celebration Conference in London**



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Time: Friday 27th October 2017

Venue: The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), Broadgate City of London, EC2A 2JN

Fee: £10, includes a lunch as well as morning coffees and afternoon teas

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Organisers: The Anglo-Finnish Society & The Finnish-British Chamber of Commerce

PROGRAMME

9.30 Welcome and Opening Remarks – Sir Paul Lever, President, the Anglo-Finnish Society

9.35- 10.55 Session 1: Finland and Britain in Northern Europe

Finland's position in British foreign policy
Mr Eric Hayes, Former EU Ambassador

Hoping for the best, fearing for the worst, Britain's position in Finnish foreign policy
Prof. Juhana Aunesluoma, University of Helsinki

Former Ambassadors' Personal Views
Mr Jaakko Laajava, Former Finnish Ambassador in London and
Mr Matthew Kirk, Former British Ambassador in Helsinki

Questions & Discussion

11.15– 12.05 Session 2: War and Cold War

Mannerheim and Churchill as war leaders
Mr Terry Charman, Former Senior Historian, Imperial War Museum

One of the two best intelligence powers in Finland - the British
Prof. Kimmo Rentola, University of Helsinki

Questions & Discussion

12.05-12.40 Session 3: Finland in Europe

Finland, UK and the European Union
Mr Erkki Liikanen, Governor of the Bank of Finland

Questions & Discussion

12.40-12.45 An Address – Alderman Charles Bowman, Lord Mayor Elect

12.45 – 13.45 LUNCH & NETWORKING



The Anglo-Finnish Society
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13.45– 14.15 Session 4: Hundred Years of Trading in Perspective

Overview of Finnish-British Trading relations 1917-2017
Prof. emerita Riitta Hjerpe, University of Helsinki

Questions & Discussion



14.15 – 16.00 Session 5: Development of Trading and Inward Investment

Stories from the front – a discussion session

- The Timber Trade - veterans remember:

Mr Chris Kaye/ex-Price & Pierce and Mr Ian Townsend/ex-Pharaoh & Co

- The Expansion of the Paper and Wood products trade:

Mr Ole Salven/ ex-Metsä Group; Mr Norman Davenport/ex-Finnpap & UPM;
and Mr Bjarne Grönmark/Ex-Finnconverta (UK) Ltd.

- Reviving the British paper manufacturing industry

Mr Kevin Lyden/ex-UPM

Session chaired by Mr Clive Suckling, Formerly PwC Forest Industries Leader

Reinventing Nokia

Mr Cormac Whelan, CEO UK & Ireland

Finnish-British relations in post-Brexit Europe

Dr Risto E. J. Penttilä, CEO Finland Chamber of Commerce

Questions & Discussion

16.20 – 17.30 Session 6: Banking and Finance Relations

The Internationalisation of Finland's companies in the 1980s and 1990s

Sir John Stuttard, PwC and former Lord Mayor of London

Questions & Discussion

Discussion: The City and future of British-Finnish banking and finance relations:

Sir Roger Gifford/SEB and former Lord Mayor of London

Ms Sari Lounasmeri, CEO Pörssisäätiö/Finnish Foundation for Share Promotion

Mr Andrew Jesse, Basware, Vice-President UK

Mr Lawrence Wintermeyer, Former COE of Innovate Finance

Chaired by Mr Jura Junnila, Chair of the Finnish-British Chamber of Commerce

Questions & Discussion

17.30-17.35 Closing Remarks – H.E. Ms Päivi Luostarinen, Ambassador of Finland

17.35-18.00 Afternoon tea/Vin d'Honneur and networking

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