



Director of the Year
Awards 2023

A celebration of leadership and achievement

6 October | 6:30pm — 12am
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Tonight's agenda

6:30pm	Reception drinks in the Snaefell lounge Background music - 3FM DJ Neil Cowie, plus group photo opportunity
7:30pm	Call to be seated Welcome from Jennifer Houghton, Chair IoD Isle of Man and Peter Sutton, Compere Introduction to Jon Geldart, Director General Institute of Directors Welcome to gold sponsor - Lloyds Bank International, Matthew Beresford
8pm — 10pm	Three course meal to be served
10pm	Welcome to guest speaker Hon Alfred Cannan MHK, Chief Minister
10:15pm	Awards presentation
11pm	Raffle on behalf of our chosen charity, Heroes On The Water (Isle of Man)
11pm — midnight	Sammy J Saxophonist and 3FM DJ Neil Cowie
Midnight	Carriages

Menu

Starter

Manx vegetable broth, crusty bread

Main

Chicken, roast potatoes with seasonal vegetables

Sautéed gnocchi, roasted vegetables and parmesan (v)

Dessert

Vanilla panna cotta and fruit berry compote (vg) (v)

Hosts and speakers



Host: Jennifer Houghton, Chair, IoD Isle of Man

Having worked for Deloitte for 18 years, Jennifer moved into the online gaming industry, and saw success with Annexio Limited, where she remains a key shareholder. Jennifer was awarded the “Isle of Man Business Person of the Year” in 2015; the first woman to win this award. Awarded “International Director of the Year” by the Institute of Directors, Isle of Man Branch, in 2016. Jennifer has remained active with the branch and has been Chair of Institute of Directors, Isle of Man Branch, since 2017.

Jennifer has an active community role, as Chair of Diana Princess of Wales Hospice Care at Home Trust since 2019. Jennifer was appointed INED of Santander International in October 2020 and recently was appointed an INED for Lifezone Metals.



Compere: Peter Sutton

Peter is a Relationship Director for Barclays and has extensive experience within the Financial Services sector built up over 25 years, working in business development and relationship positions focusing on client acquisition in Europe and the Middle East.

He has lived on the Island for over 30 years, married to Tracey and has two grown up children. During his time on the Island, Peter has regularly supported a number of organisations when holding annual dinners or charity events helping them to ensure their success.



Jon Geldart, Director General, Institute of Directors

Jon was appointed Director General of the Institute of Directors in October 2019. Prior to this he spent 30 years working in the professional services sector, most recently at Grant Thornton International Ltd responsible for the organisation's interest in China and previously as a global board member responsible for the brand.

Jon has a long-standing connection with the IoD, as Chair of IoD Yorkshire and North East region prior to his appointment as Director General. He is the author of three books on China and in addition to being a Fellow of the IoD he is also a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society. He studied Geography and Archaeology at St. Andrews University specialising in underwater archaeology.

Outside of work, his interests include hill walking and fell running. He was the navigator in a rally team for 20 years, is a qualified UK Mountain Leader, has walked unsupported to the North Pole as well as completed expeditions in Norway, the Canadian Arctic and the Everest region.

Judging panel



Hon Alfred Cannan MHK, Chief Minister

Educated at King William's College and following training at the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, Mr Cannan served as an Officer in the Royal Regiment of Wales in Northern Ireland and Hong Kong. He returned to the Isle of Man in 1994 and commenced employment in the finance sector with Nationwide International.

In 2011 Mr Cannan was elected MHK for Michael (now Ayre & Michael) and was re-elected in 2016 and 2021. Mr Cannan has served as Chairman of the Civil Service Commission, Vice Chairman of the Public Sector Pensions Authority and on both the Departments of Health and Economic Development. He has acted as Chairman of the Manx Utilities Authority and the Public Accounts Committee. Mr Cannan was Treasury Minister from October 2016 until he was elected as Chief Minister in 2021.

As Chief Minister, Mr Cannan aims to demonstrate a collegiate and listening approach to policy formation and problem solving, working with colleagues across Government to deliver results for the people of the Isle of Man.

In the first 12 months of Mr Cannan's administration, the Isle of Man Government has established the Housing and Communities Board, launched the Built Environment Reform Programme, approved the Isle of Man's Visitor Strategy 2032 and published the roadmap to net zero carbon emissions by 2050, just to name a few.

Mr Cannan has also introduced the Island Plan and Economic Strategy as Chief Minister, setting out the long-term vision for the Island, whilst also managing the needs for the present day.

Mr Cannan's vision is 'One Government building a secure, vibrant and sustainable future for our Island Nation'.



Andy McLarney

Andy is a Director at Crowe Isle of Man LLC, with over 20 years' experience as an accountant in the Isle of Man financial sector. Andy gained his accountancy and audit experience with BDO, he then joined the Whitebridge Group and oversaw the development of the audit, fiduciary and accounting business for over 17 years. During this time Andy has developed significant advisory experience specifically in trading companies and property investment structures.



Julie Oates

Julie is a Chartered Accountant and previously partner of an international accounting firm. In 2003 Julie established her own practice to provide accounting and consultancy services to both private and corporate clients. In the same year Julie was appointed non-executive director to her first captive insurance company and continues to act as non-executive director to a portfolio of regulated companies, predominantly in the insurance industry.



Matthew Beresford

Matthew is the Island Director for Lloyds Bank International in the Isle of Man. Matthew is a highly accomplished senior executive with 10+ years' extensive experience operating at board level in large complex regulated organisations. An experienced leader in transformational change, operations excellence and retail functions. A qualified Director, a Chartered Manager and holder of two Masters degrees. Matthew moved to the Isle of Man in 2022 with his young family and locally is involved with the Bankers Association (Vice President), Institute of Directors (Committee member) and London Institute of Banking and Finance (Committee member).



Phil O'Shea

Phil has so far completed over 42 years in banking moving to the Island in 1997. He is currently NED at Cayman National Bank locally. He is a Fellow of the London Institute of Banking & Finance as well as being a Trustee since 2018. He joined the IoD in 2012 completing Certificate and Diploma in 1997. He was appointed Chartered Director in 2016. Phil is an active volunteer for Crimestoppers both on the Island and with the charity's central team helping with strategy and volunteer development.



Sally Bolton

Sally qualified as an Advocate in 1990 having previously qualified as a Barrister at the English Bar, she was a Founder Member of Corlett Bolton in 1992 and continues as a Director of the firm since that date.

Sally's professional areas include all areas of family law, including Estates, Inheritance and private client work, but she can also turn her hand to land or litigation. She is a family mediator and has set on the boards of many charities over the years particularly Manx Wildlife Trust and is now a Director of Wildlife Ltd, the Trust's commercial entity.

In the course of her professional life Sally has acted as Returning Officer for Peel since the 1990's and chaired the Boundary Committee which resulted in the amendment of the Island's Electoral Constituencies in 2013. She is now Chair of the newly appointed Electoral Commission reviewing many other aspects of the operation of the representation process in the Isle of Man due to report to Tynwald in the New Year.



Stuart Colligon

Stuart is an experienced professional who has held senior positions in plcs, global private companies, and SMEs over the last 25 years. He has founded and established a number of his own businesses, two of which are based on the Isle of Man, and has sat on boards in the third sector too. He has worked extensively in the pharmaceutical and leisure sectors. Through his career he has developed particular specialities in business growth, board operation and governance, and leadership and people development, and is now an Executive Coach and Mentor to senior management and business leaders.



Tom Brook

Tom Brook is Partner within the Corporate Department at Appleby Isle of Man and specialises in advising clients on a wide range of debt finance, equity finance, M&A, and restructuring transactions.

Tom spent seven years in the banking and finance teams of two UK based international law firms before moving offshore and joining Appleby in 2011. Tom has experience of advising on domestic and cross-border debt finance transactions, mergers and acquisitions, corporate restructurings and corporate governance issues. His clients include onshore law firms, international financial institutions, listed and private companies and high net worth individuals.

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Simon Nicholas | Head of Clients and Markets and Isle of Man Office Partner, KPMG in the Crown Dependencies

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Phaedra Bird | Managing Director



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Appleby are proud to sponsor the IoD Director of the Year Awards. We have supported this event for a number of years, as we believe it's important to recognise and celebrate our Island's leaders.

This year, we are sponsoring the 'Young Director' category, which recognises the talent of upcoming leaders and those who are generating excitement in their industry, inspiring others now and in the future.

Mark Holligon | Managing Partner



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We are truly excited to be a part of this year's Director of the Year Awards! Our sponsorship isn't just about a single category; it's a testament to our commitment to the IoD and all the remarkable leaders being celebrated. By supporting this event, we embrace excellence and encourage innovation across the board.



Jayne Hartley | Chief Executive Officer



Turnstone Multi Family Office | Category sponsor



We feel that governance is a very important part of any organisation, especially so in the Third Sector. The contribution which the IoD has made to installing proper governance is undoubted and we would like to voice our support with that of the IoD.



Roelf Odendaal | Managing Director

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Ravenscroft is delighted to be continuing our support of the Institute of Director's Awards which recognise innovation, vision and extraordinary leadership. The island's future depends on us having the highest calibre of leaders who understand and appreciate the uniqueness of the Isle of Man but have the desire for us to continue competing at a global level. Those entered and shortlisted demonstrate the values that will enable the Isle of Man to prosper.



Greg Easton | Director of Ravenscroft in the Isle of Man



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Lloyds Bank International is proud to be the gold sponsor for the 'Isle of Man Director of the Year Awards 2023'. The Island is fortunate enough to have a wide breadth of quality directors within its business community and we are delighted to support IoD Isle of Man in recognising them and their achievements across 2023.



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Matthew Beresford | Island Director (Isle of Man)

Special thanks



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Bianca Gray | Event Stylists



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Well done to all our finalists and congratulations to this year's winners!

Thank you for joining us. See you in 2024!



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