



ICE 2023 - High Street Hub

We are still feeling pretty buoyant about ICE 2023 and the positive impact it has had, not only with you our members but the wider land-based community, most of who seemed to make at least one visit to the stand across the three days. Let's not forget that the original objective for being at ICE was to promote our members credentials in operating land-based premises and also promoting the efforts that we go to - to protect them.

We were not short of external visitors to the stand across the three days, including Lord Foster of Bath, The Chair & The Exec Director of the BGC, The CEO of the Bingo Association, UK Hospitality Policy Director, the Land-based and online leads from the DCMS (with two other colleagues) and the Welsh Local Government Association to name but a few.

Don Foster was able to stay for the launch of the [GBG Responsible Gambling Charter](#), which as you will know was endorsed by The Gordon Moody Association.

Some of our reflections are constructively based upon the question 'what if we were to do this again for ICE 2024?'

If we did, we believe that we have created a strong platform with the High Street Hub that we can build on going forwards.

It would be really helpful to hear your thoughts and views on this and on the objective & purpose for The GBG being at ICE, so please do take 5 minutes to drop a line to Amanda and let us know what you think.

Finally, a big 'thank you' from us to all of the help and support we received from members – you know who you are!!

And also a 'thank you' for everyone who came to the stand and gave their support across the three days. It was great to see everyone and to have time to catch up.

PROTECT DUTY (MARTYN'S LAW)

Launched in 2022, ProtectUK is a new central hub for counter terrorism and security advice, supported by Central Government and the Police – you can [register for news updates](#). The Home Office recently updated [the information](#) in relation to this pending legislation which will impose a duty on the owners and operators of certain locations to increase their preparedness for and protection from a terrorist attack by requiring them to take proportionate steps, depending on the size and nature of the activities that take place there.

END OF FEBRUARY MEETINGS

- 22 Feb – GBG Exec /DCMS land based team catch up
- 22 Feb – GBG Technical Forum (2pm)
- 28 Feb - GBG Responsible Gambling Group (10am)
- 28 Feb – GBG Exec meeting with Scott Benton MP

For information, the GBG's Financial Accounts for the year ending July 2022 are now published with Companies House.

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