

**A Century of Political and Trading Links
between Finland and Britain 1917-2017:
a celebration conference in London
on Friday 27 October 2017**

Venue: The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development,
Broadgate City of London, 1 Exchange Square, London EC2A 2JN



Programme as at 19.9.2017

- 9.00-9.30 Registration and networking
- 9.30-9.35 **Welcome and opening of the conference**
Sir Paul Lever, President of the Anglo-Finnish Society
- 9.35-10.55 **Session1: Finland and Britain in Northern Europe**
Chaired by Sir Paul Lever
- Finland's position in British foreign policy
Mr Eric Hayes, Former EU Ambassador
- Hoping for the best, fearing the worst: Britain's position in Finnish foreign policy
Prof. Juhana Aunesluoma, University of Helsinki
- Finnish-British relations - Ambassadors' Personal Views
Mr Jaakko Laajava, former Finnish Ambassador in London and
Mr Matthew Kirk, former British Ambassador in Helsinki
- Questions and Discussion*
- 10.55-11.15 *Coffee break and networking*
- 11.15-12.05 **Session 2: War and Cold War**
Chaired by Sir Paul Lever
- 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 and Discussion*
- 12.05-12.40 **Session 3: Finland in Europe**
Chaired by Sir Paul Lever
- Finland, UK and the European Union
Mr Erkki Liikanen, Governor of the Bank of Finland
- Questions and Discussion*
- 12.40-12.45 **An address** - Mr Charles Bowman, Nominated Next Lord Mayor of London
- 12.45-13.45 *LUNCH AND NETWORKING*



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13.45-14.15 **Session 4: One Hundred Trading Years in Perspective**
Chaired by Mr Jura Junnila, Chair of the Finnish-British Chamber of Commerce

Overview of Finnish-British Trading relations 1917-2017
Prof. Riitta Hjerppe, Professor Emerita, University of Helsinki

Questions and Discussion

14.15-16.00 **Session 5: Development of Trading and Inward Investment**
Chaired by Mr Jura Junnila

Stories from the front:

- The Timber Trade -veterans remember
Mr Chris Kaye, ex-Price&Pierce and
Mr Ian Townsend, ex-Pharaoh Gane &Co
- The Expansion of the Paper and Wood products trade
Mr Ole Salven, ex-Metsä Group
Mr Norman Davenport, ex-Finnpap & UPM
Mr Bjarne Grönmark, FinnConverta
- Reviving the British paper manufacturing industry
Mr Kevin Lyden, ex-UPM

Discussion session chaired by
Clive Suckling, Former PwC-Forest Industries Leader

Reinventing Nokia
Mr Cormac Whelan, CEO Nokia UK & Ireland

Finnish-British Relations in a Post-Brexit Europe
Dr Risto E.J. Penttilä, CEO Finland Chamber of Commerce

Questions and Discussion

16.00-16.20 *Coffee break and Networking*

16.20-17.30 **Session 6: Banking and Finance Relations**
Chaired by Mr Jura Junnila

The Internationalisation of Finland's companies in the 1980s and 1990s
Sir John Stuttard, PwC and former Lord Mayor of London

Questions and 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

Questions and discussion

17.30-17.35 **Closing remarks** - Ambassador Päivi Luostarinen

17.35 - 18.00 *Afternoon tea/Vin d'Honneur and Networking*



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