

**Press Release**  
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### **Success at joint Networking Hub**

The Old Rectory Business Centre, Northfleet, and The Base, Dartford, recently held their first quarterly networking event, The Networking Hub, which attracted approximately 50 business individuals. The Basepoint operated centres joined forces to provide licensees and local businesses the opportunity to network, meet new people, generate new business, and listen to guest speakers – all for free.

The event speakers were Chris Inwood from Gravesham Borough Council who spoke about Business Support and Teresa Ryszkowsak who spoke about Regeneration in Dartford. Louisa Felstead also introduced Invicta Chamber of Commerce and the service they offer to small businesses.

Allison Sweeney, centre manager at The Base Dartford, commented: "Networking is really important for small businesses and events like The Networking Hub will help business individuals to make new contacts. Our line up of speakers gave interesting and varied talks on different business matters in the local area and we look forward to arranging future events." Allison also took the opportunity to present their local charity, Ellenor Lions Hospice, with a cheque for £2439.00, which the business centre's parent company, The ACT Foundation, match funded.

Basepoint's parent company, The ACT Foundation, is a leading UK grant making charity dedicated to improving the quality of life of those in need. As such, each of Basepoint's 28 business centres across the South of England and the Midlands support a local charity, and any funds which are raised are then matched by the ACT Foundation, up to the value of £10,000 per centre.

The next Networking Hub is scheduled for February 2012 – to register, email [northfleet@basepoint.co.uk](mailto:northfleet@basepoint.co.uk) or [dartford@basepoint.co.uk](mailto:dartford@basepoint.co.uk). Attendees will also be provided with lunch and refreshments – all free of charge. The event has limited places, so for further information or to reserve a place, contact the team on Tel: 01474 338700 or 0800 1972958.

The Old Rectory Business Centre is a refurbished Grade II Listed Building providing 25 small, furnished office units in a beautifully landscaped setting. The centre offers meeting and training rooms as well as virtual office solutions. The centre is situated at the junction of Springhead Road and Thames Way, half a mile north of the A2, and half a mile east of Ebbsfleet International and High Speed Rail Terminal which provides access to London in 8 minutes. For



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The Base is a 30,000 sq ft landmark office building located in Victoria Road, Dartford. It offers high quality managed workspace including offices and studio workshops for up to 85 businesses. The centre, was built in partnership with SEEDA and funded by the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA), is managed by specialist business centre operator, Basepoint. Basepoint Centres Ltd specialises in the development and operation of managed business centres for small to medium businesses across the south of England and the midlands.

For further information on setting up your new business at The Base, please call: 0800 197 2958 or visit the website [www.basepoint.co.uk](http://www.basepoint.co.uk).

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#### **NOTES FOR EDITORS**

Basepoint specialises in the development and operation of managed business, innovation and enterprise centres. These centres provide comprehensive accommodation and support infrastructure packages to new and early-stage companies within a supportive and secure environment. The company operates both wholly- and part-owned centres as well as managing facilities on behalf of public sector bodies. Group operations currently extend across Southern England and the Midlands, with additional opportunities under assessment across the UK.

Basepoint is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the ACT Foundation, a leading grant-making charity dedicated to improving the quality of life of those in need. The ACT Foundation derives its income from a substantial and diversified property portfolio of which Basepoint is a major constituent.

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