

SMMT's SME Roadshow: Yorkshire

Thursday 19 November, 09:00 – 14:00

Advantage House, Rotherham, S60 5TR

[REGISTER FOR TICKET HERE](#)

The next SME Support Roadshow will be held in Yorkshire region to help local automotive SMEs to gain better understanding in available support and funding for growth.

Speaker topics include:

- Supply chain business opportunities, SMMT
- Industry Forum quality training
- Introduction to the Northern Automotive Alliance
- The Sheffield City Region Growth Hub
- Making exports happen, UKTI
- Manufacturing Advisory Service
- UK automotive sector overview, TATA
- SME funding for growth, Clydesdale Bank
- Automotive case study, TBC



Car and Light Commercial Vehicle Production Outlook Report

Stay ahead of your competitors with the latest data from SMMT's European Production Outlook report

The independent report produced for SMMT by AutoAnalysis and provides readers with:

- Full coverage of the latest developments of the major vehicle manufacturers in Europe.
- Production plans and new model launches.
- Vehicle production volumes by model and manufacturing plant through to 2020.

To see an overview video of the report [click here](#). The report is free for SMMT members and charged at £4,592 plus VAT for non-members for an annual subscription (4 issues).

[Click here for more information and to download the report.](#)

International business opportunities

Following our recent visit to Skoda Auto, we have information on accessing their supply chain. Interested suppliers should contact our international team on msmith@smmt.co.uk

Through UK Trade & Investment; we have identified a number of business opportunities that may be of interest to SMMT members including an Italian automotive company looking for [suppliers of composite materials](#);

Japanese trading company is looking for UK suppliers of [patented technology such as sensors](#) and technology related to weight saving.

SMMT Member Automotive Component Section Meeting

Tuesday 17 November, Manufacturing Technology Centre (MTC), Coventry

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SMMT's Automotive Components Section (ACS) is represented with members from top, first-tier multi-national companies through to SMEs. Members of this group meet on quarterly basis to provide a forum to air issues of common interest around 'supply chain' as well as the opportunity to hear from keynote speakers and to gain a better understanding of the work of Automotive Council – Supply Chain Group.

The next meeting of this section will be held on 17 November, at Manufacturing Technology Centre (MTC) in Coventry and will host keynote speakers:

Dave Allen, Purchasing Director at Jaguar Land Rover and Chair of Automotive Council - Supply Chain Group, to receive an update on the work of the Supply Chain Group and activities on JLR.

Other topics include Automotive Industrial Partnership (AIP) skills survey update and activities planned for 2016, and Ian Henry of AutoAnalysis, will discuss his latest European production outlook with a supply chain focus.

This meeting is for **SMMT members only**.

If you would like to register your attendance please email Premila Glover.

Automechanika Birmingham 2016, 7-9 June 2016, NEC

In a significant boost to the UK's automotive component and supply chain, SMMT has joined forces with Messe Frankfurt to launch the UK's first automotive trade show. At the three day show, SMMT are also hosting a number of its flagship events including Meet the Buyer and Open Forum (further details below).

If you are interested in exhibiting please email amb@smmmt.co.uk for more information. SMMT members receive a 5% discount on the space. Contact us early to avoid disappointment.

Meet the Buyer, 8 June, NEC

SMMT has announced it is to bring its popular Meet the Buyer event to Automechanika Birmingham in 2016 in continued support of the sourcing activities of both UK and overseas purchasing organisations, and encouraging inward investment in processes not currently supported in the UK.

At this stage we are taking expressions of interest with a limited profile. Interested companies should submit a profile before 29 April 2016, but submitting earlier is encouraged as you can edit once already submitted.

Submit an expression of interest and profile here using your ASF/MIDedit log in.

<http://meetthebuyer.autosupplierfinder.com>

When available, we'll provide you with a list of the products and services demand from each of the participating buyers and an area to submit meeting requests ahead of the day.

All meeting requests and profiles must be finalised by 29 April 2016. After this date, not all profiles will be reviewed by all buyers.

As usual the event is by invitation only and SMMT will be in touch as soon as a one or more of the buyers confirms a meeting after this date.

If you would like to participate as a buyer please contact Nikki Huggett on supplychain@smmmt.co.uk

Open Forum, 7 June, NEC

Every year SMMT hosts two Open Forum events but for 2016 one of these will be hosted at the Automechanika Birmingham show on its opening day. Open Forum brings together approximately 300 delegates for a day of presentations, knowledge sharing and discussion.

The events offer excellent networking opportunities with leading senior figures from the automotive industry. The events focus on opportunities in the UK's automotive supply chain, with experts and key decision makers speaking on a variety of industry topics.

You may register for the first event of 2016 soon Birmingham show – 7 June.



New Legal Advice Helpline provider

SMMT provides round the clock access to professional legal advice free to its members and associates and we have partnered with a new provider - Irwin Mitchell LLP.

As the complexities of our legal system have increased, the cost of obtaining the necessary expert advice to bring about speedy and satisfactory solutions to worrying problems has risen beyond the budget of many businesses. It is for this reason that SMMT provide members with professionally qualified advice at any time of the day or night. The SMMT Legal Advice Helpline gives access to business legal advice by telephone for your organisation. Members will require their membership number to access the member only benefit. For more information go to <http://www.smmmt.co.uk/smmmt-membership/member-services/support-services/legal-helpline/>