



I have represented the Association of Northern Mediators on CMC's Board for several years and now ask you to re-elect ANM.

1. ANM is a not-for-profit membership association for mediators in the North. We run on democratic lines, with the Board accountable to our members. We have been going strong for 24 years.
2. ANM is a massive supporter of the CMC. Our members are encouraged to join CMC and contribute to CMC events.
 - Mark Mattison and Patrick Taylor made a very popular contribution to the CMC Annual Conference workshops in 2019.
 - Anthony Glaister has worked on committees and/or CMC's board since CMC's inception.
 - As your FD, I have managed CMC's finances, representing ANM.
3. If re-elected, ANM will continue working to ensure CMC's future success.
4. ANM's re-election will introduce new blood to the Board – I am passing the baton to Oliver Hallam, who will take over as ANM's representative on the CMC Board. Olly is a fellow Board Director of ANM. He has recently overhauled ANM's membership and renewals processes. He is dynamic and intelligent. However, for this role, his obvious strength is that he is a doer and will not just be there to make up the numbers. Check him out <http://www.oliverhallam.com/about-me/>
5. ANM speaks, not just for mediators in the North, but for all regional mediators. ANM has encouraged sharing between regional providers. We recently ran a knowledge-sharing meeting with our sister regional providers. Cooperation between regional mediation associations will continue to be at the forefront of ANM's plans.
6. With ANM on the Board, the CMC's future plans will always take account of the needs of CMC members practising in the regions.
7. ANM promotes accessible mediation services to parties geographically situated in remote locations. In response to the end of the MOJ fixed fee scheme, ANM launched its own small claims mediation service, ensuring access to mediation to business and individuals right across the North of England up to the Scottish Borders.
8. ANM meets the entire CPD requirement of mediators (free for members and nominally priced for guests) with its packed online webinar programme. ANM's annual Summer School is legendary. It has a strong following and attracts mediators from around the country.
9. We care about helping new mediators, with a mentoring program to build experience.
10. Our reach includes the major centres: Newcastle, Manchester, Liverpool, Sheffield and Leeds; as well as important northern towns: e.g. Hull, Preston, Halifax, Huddersfield, Warrington, Middlesbrough, Lancaster, Carlisle, Durham, and the suggested new home for the House of Lords, York.

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