

September
2026

HR Positives

SHOUT OUTS!

25 September

Connect with like-minded Learning & Development colleagues at Jo Cotton's next L&D Lab: The Broughton, East Cheshire, 12 till 2pm. [CLICK HERE](#) to book.

6 October

Precept HR is offering a **FREE** two-hour session in Hanley on **Recruitment top tips, tricks and probationary periods, suitable for HR professionals, as well as people managers.** [CLICK HERE](#) to book.

14 October

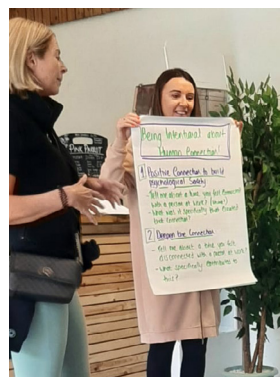
Bexley Beaumont is running a morning event at the bet365 Stadium entitled Employment Law Insights 2026. Contact **Rebecca Peck** for details.

Job opportunity

Rochelle Murinas is helping Thorpe Precast (family-owned employer of approximately 250 people in the Newcastle-under-Lyme area) to recruit an HR Business Partner / HR Manager. Email **Rochelle** for full details.

WELL, THAT WAS DIFFERENT...

We've always prided ourselves on thinking outside the box, but September's Forum went even further, taking us out of the room!



Led by facilitator and coach Jo Cotton, we explored the theme of 'Human Connection in a Digital World' by starting with a tech-free walk around Westport Lake in Burslem.

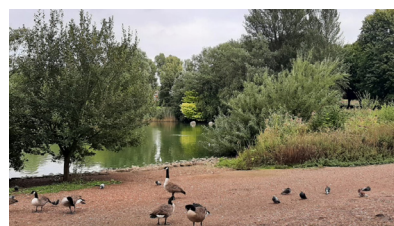
Attendees were invited to reflect on ways of being intentional about positive connections – and how that builds psychological safety in the workplace for healthier relationships and greater productivity – as well as making difficult conversations easier.

Key takeaways were the value of your personal 'thinking time' and not skipping the 'empathy' element before diving into a situation...

SPEAKER'S CORNER



Jo Cotton



FOCUSING ON OUR FUTURE



In keeping with the session's emphasis on awareness of self and others, the committee is keen to work with members to ensure the Forum continues to stay relevant by probing views on our current direction as well as opportunities to change and develop.

The plan is to hold a listening group immediately after the November meeting to gather as much feedback and creative input as possible. It will just be an extra half hour, and we would be grateful for as many members to attend as possible – just let Kaye know if you can.

Also, watch out for a poll on Forum topics – suggestions from potential speakers are being collated in the next couple of weeks.

EMPLOYMENT LAW LATEST



[CLICK HERE](#) for our latest employment law update from Excello Law:

It includes an important change to employment tribunal time limits and employers' liability for third party harassment, both taking effect in October.

It also looks at open consultations and some recent court cases.

NEXT MEETING

12 Nov 2026

Future of HR

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CHRISTMAS EVENT

Fri 4 Dec 2026



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