A Trustee’s guide to LinkedIn

How to join the Trustee debate on social media
A LinkedIn Group introduces the opportunity to strengthen connections with like-minded individuals.

AMNT have created their own LinkedIn Group, which will function as a private space to interact with AMNT LinkedIn members; with whom you can share your challenges, skills and experience.
Signing up to join LinkedIn:

1. Go to LinkedIn’s sign up page.
2. Type your first and last name, email address, and a password you’ll use.
   
   **Note:** You must use your true name when creating a profile. Company names and pseudonyms are not allowed.

3. Click ‘Join now’.
4. Complete any additional steps as prompted.
Importing your network:

Now that you’ve signed up, you can get your LinkedIn network off to a flying start. You will be asked to enter your email address so that LinkedIn can import your address book, find those you know on LinkedIn and then list them as suggested connections.

1. Type your email address into the space provided.

2. Click ‘Continue’.

**Note:** This will give LinkedIn access to your address book and if you’re not comfortable with that then decline this step, you will still be able to search for connections easily, especially after you join AMNT’s LinkedIn group.
Creating the perfect profile:

There are more than 350 million professionals using LinkedIn. To stand out you need to create the perfect profile. Here are a few tips to help you do this....

- **Name**: Include you first and last name.
- **Headline**: This is the most important part of the profile. Be creative and include key words which will make it easy for others to find you. Define your industry and your role.
- **Profile photo**: Your profile photo is your digital first impression, place a neat portrait here and make sure that you’re recognisable.
- **URL**: Enhance your personal brand by creating a custom URL for your LinkedIn public profile.
- **Adding a profile picture can result in 14 times more views**
- **Background**: Include your present and future ambitions, along with other points of contact.
- **Experience**: Include past experiences and current roles in detail.
- **68% of members use LinkedIn to reconnect with past business associates**
- **66% of companies will hire based on experience**
Skills & Endorsements
This section allows you to prove your worth through the endorsements of others. List your skills here, then other LinkedIn users can evidence them.

Including skills on your profile can result in 14 times more views.

Connections
Make the right connections
Being able to connect with the right people on LinkedIn is an important skill. Your invitation to connect should be enthusiastic but stay concise, remember that you are limited to just 300 characters. Be strategic with who you connect with; whether it’s with co-workers, clients or customers.

Completing your profile
There are 5 levels to attain 100% profile completion or ‘All-Star’.

Only 51% of users have 100% completed profiles.
Joining the AMNT group:

Now it’s time to become a member of AMNT’s LinkedIn group:

1. Type ‘association of member nominated trustees’ into the search bar.
2. Out of the seven categories available, make sure you’ve selected ‘Groups’.
3. Click ‘Association of Member Nominated Trustees’, shown here with their logo as the group profile picture.

4. Click ‘Ask to join’, your request will then be processed and accepted.

All done! You are now a member of AMNT’s LinkedIn group for Trustees.
Managing your Groups:

1. To find AMNT’s LinkedIn group later on, or any other groups that you join, look along the menu icons for ‘Work’. This icon is seen here, placed at the very right-hand side.

2. Click on the ‘Work’ icon and a sidebar appears.

3. You then need to select ‘Groups’.

4. This will take you to a feed of posts and conversations, made up only of the groups you are a member of. To view a list of those groups, select ‘My Groups’.

Note: AMNT’s LinkedIn Group will not appear until your request to join has been accepted, this may take up to a week.
Inviting other MNTs to join:

Once you’re a member of AMNT’s LinkedIn group, feel free to invite the MNTs you know to join too.

1. Navigate to AMNT’s group homepage by following the steps shown on the previous page, ‘Managing your Groups’.

2. Underneath the ‘About this group’ section, there is a ‘Members’ section. Click on ‘Invite others’.

3. Type the names of whom you’d like to invite and select their profiles.

4. Click ‘Send’.
The benefits of joining the AMNT group:

By joining the AMNT group you’ll be able to show off your own knowledge whilst learning from others. You can use your expertise to help those who need support. Join the AMNT group now and start enjoying the benefits:

- **Strengthen connections** with individuals in an exclusive forum
- **Send members** of the group direct messages
- **Submit your blog, posts and articles**
- **Comment** on discussions within the group
- **Start relevant discussions within the group**
- **Meet others** who have knowledge about your industry
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