



To join the AGAH business networking group

In order to join the AGAH business networking group you will need to sign up to LinkedIn to obtain a user account. It is simple and free to sign up to LinkedIn. A LinkedIn account can be created using limited personal identifying information – just a First Name, Last Name, Email Address and a password of your choice is sufficient. Once you have created an account you will have full control over which information is visible to other people on LinkedIn and who is able to contact you. By adjusting the Privacy Settings using the dropdown menu in the top right hand corner of your profile, you can tweak your account settings according to your preference, for example, you have the option to turn your activity broadcasts on or off; select who can see your activity feed; select who can send you invitations to connect; select the types of messages you're willing to receive and frequency of these messages; you can manage advertising preferences i.e. which adverts are visible to you when you are signed in to your LinkedIn account, and so on.

Personal identifying Information such as your email address is not visible to other LinkedIn users. Should someone wish to contact you via LinkedIn they will need to use LinkedIn's InMail feature to send a message directly to your LinkedIn inbox. InMail is a private email message that enables LinkedIn members to reach other members, but it protects those members' privacy and email address information. If you wanted to set your profile so other people on LinkedIn can't see your full name (just your first name and the initial of your last name), you can select this option under the personal information section.

Forums run by individual organisations can be expensive to set up and difficult to maintain. LinkedIn offers many more advantages than other standalone forums, where groups are maintained by network of users interacting with them and all associated set-up costs are assumed by the provider. LinkedIn is the world's largest professional network with over 175 million members and growing rapidly. LinkedIn is a powerful communication tool that connects its users to trusted contacts and helps them to exchange knowledge, ideas, and opportunities with a broader network of professionals.

New members can sign up to LinkedIn by following this link:

https://www.linkedin.com/reg/join?trk=hb_join

Once a LinkedIn member, it will be possible to join the AGAH business networking group by following this link:

<http://www.linkedin.com/groups/AGAH-4330490/about>

And selecting the 'Join Group' icon on the left-hand side, just beneath the group description.