

# EVENING SOCIAL PROGRAMME

MONDAY 7 NOVEMBER



## 17:05–19:10 | The President's Drinks Reception

Mr David Mahon, our President, and the ALSGBI Council are looking forward to extending a warm welcome to all delegates at this drinks reception in the Industry Exhibition, located in the Gateshead Suite of the Hilton. It will be a great opportunity to catch up with old colleagues and the ALSGBI Industry Partners.

**FREE to registered delegates only (pre-book)**

**19:15 | Departure, on foot, to the Six at Baltic Restaurant and Babucho Bar Restaurant & Lounge Club**

**19:30–22:30 | Dress code: Lounge Suit**

**Venue: Six Restaurant at BALTIC Centre for Contemporary Art, Newcastle Quayside South Shore Road, Gateshead, NE8 3BA**

**This year we will be joined by Mr Robbie Glen, Former HM Prison Governor! £80 per delegate. Pre-booking essential as spaces are limited.**

Our Conference Dinner will take place at the impressive Six Restaurant, which is an unrivalled private dining venue! Six is situated on the top floor of the BALTIC Centre for Contemporary Art and features floor to ceiling windows on either side, offering panoramic views of the Newcastle and Gateshead Quayside and beyond.

Six restaurant has put together a modern British inspired menu, for us, which is centred around simplicity, seasonality and sustainability.

## Did you know the Baltic Centre.....

- Opened as a working flour mill in 1950 by Rank Hovis with a silo capacity of 22,000 tonnes. It was equipped with the most modern and efficient machinery of the time although the building was actually designed in the late 1930s.
- An animal food mill extension was added in 1957.
- At its height the mill employed around 300 people and about 100 were still employed when the company closed the mill in 1981.
- The attached warehouse (now demolished) stored 5,000 tonnes and it could despatch 240 tonnes of grain per hour.



- The building is 42m high (almost 138ft). It is 24m wide (almost 79ft) and 52m in length (170ft).
- The building was designed before the Second World War by Hull-based architects, Gelder and Kitchen.
- The Baltic Flour Mills served as a model for other mills built by Rank as part of a reconstruction programme after the Second World War.
- Theories about the origins of the name of the mills include being named after the Baltic Exchange in London which was the hub of wheat trading for many years or after the fact some of the grain came from the Baltic area.
- Most probably named after the Baltic Sea as other Rank Hovis Mills around the country - Ocean Mill, Solent Mill, Atlantic Mill - were named after seas or rivers. Rank's London HQ was called Baltic House.
- The building still contains the grain hoppers which are individually numbered and run almost the whole height of the building.
- Talented young architect Dominic Williams of Ellis Williams Architects won an international design competition in 1994 to convert the building.
- The Arts Council of England's National Lottery fund backed the project with £33.4 million for building costs and £1.5 million a year for five years for running costs.

### THIS YEAR OUR AFTER DINNER SPEAKER IS, ROBBIE GLEN A FORMER PRISON GOVERNOR AND AN EXTREMELY ENTERTAINING AFTER-DINNER SPEAKER!



Robbie Glen's wit, timing, and ability to read an audience is incredible, he is one of the finest after-dinner speakers you're ever likely to hear. His gift for making people laugh surely qualifies him for an entry into the Guinness Book of World Records!

The son of an Ayrshire gentleman and a Renfrewshire lady, Robbie Glen was reared in Lanarkshire. He was educated at Hamilton Academy and Strathclyde University. He taught for 1 year in Blantyre before joining the Prison Service as an Assistant Governor in 1969.

Robbie Glen served as Governor of Castle Huntly Young Offenders Institution, Dungavel Prison where he was Deputy and Acting Governor, and at Barlinnie Prison, Glasgow. He was also Governor of Cornton Vale, which is Scotland's only female

establishment. He finally retired from the Scottish Prison Service on 4th September 1996.

William McIlvaney based his story "The Prisoner" in his book of short stories entitled *The Walking Wounded* on Robbie Glen after he visited him at Dungavel. In his youth, Robbie played junior football professionally, but his career was cut short tragically at an early age due to a lack of ability. He still holds the Lanarkshire Schoolboy 440 yards record, because it has now gone metric!

Robbie is married with 2 daughters, the younger of whom is profoundly handicapped. Robbie developed a walking aid for her with his staff and prisoners in 1981, and it is now being used in 41 hospitals and schools in Scotland to teach handicapped children how to walk.



### ALTS Members' Dinner 19:30–22:00

Babucho Bar Restaurant  
& Lounge Club  
Lower Dean Street  
Newcastle Upon Tyne  
NE1 3JD

Dress code: Smart Casual



ALTS Members only.  
This exclusive event is  
kindly sponsored  
by Lawmed  
as a thank you to  
theatre staff  
for all their hard work.  
A refundable deposit of  
£20 is required to secure  
your booking.  
Pre-booking is essential as  
spaces are limited.

