

Membership Form

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Organisation

Position

Title

Firstname

Lastname

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Biography

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Areté (Greek: ἀρετή; pronounced: /ˈærətɛɪ/ in English) In its basic sense, *areté* means "goodness", "excellence" or "virtue" of any kind. In its earliest appearance in Greek this notion of excellence was bound up with the notion of the fulfilment of purpose or function; the act of living up to one's full potential...

If I have seen further than other men, it is because
I have stood on the shoulders of giants
– Newton

Areté Club

Dining for those with a hunger for
contemporary affairs

LONDON

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Raison d'Etre

The Socratic axiom "virtue is knowledge" becomes "Areté is knowledge"; the highest human potential is knowledge and all other human abilities are derived from this central capacity for thought, reflection and imagination.

You are invited to become a member of the Arété Club. The ethos behind the club is simple: it is a forum for those with a broad intellectual horizon who enjoy debating, dining and dining. It brings a diverse collection of similarly curious minds together, the captains of industry from today and tomorrow, not only for earnest, civilised debate, but also for the expansion of personal and professional networks. Prestigious speakers will invigorate the discussion, but it is through members that the club will flourish.

Areté Club invites members to grapple with the testing questions and controversies of our times. Members are drawn from varied professions and experiences – from the worlds of politics, security, business, development and the arts. Arété Club is about spreading ideas across industries, across generations, and between leaders.

The format of Arété Club dinners is a drinks reception, followed by a three-course meal. The Director opens the session and introduces the chair. After starters, the first speaker begins. The second speaker talks after the main course. Discussion follows after dessert, over coffee. Arrival will be at 7pm for dinner at 7.30pm prompt.

The Club connects early ventures, ideas, projects, and people with potential partners and investors.

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Membership

Events are held at various members' clubs around London. Dress is black tie. Members are allowed to bring guests at the discretion of the organisers, but guests will be requested to pay the appropriate rate for an event. Please note that numbers are limited in order to ensure an intimate atmosphere.

Membership rates (as of 1st January 2009) are payable yearly:

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| Student membership | £195 |
| Individual/ Standard membership | £355 |
| Corporate: Public sector/ Charities | £595 |
| Corporate membership | £995 |

Events are held monthly. The cost (£50-£80) includes a wine reception and full three course meal with wine (vegetarian options are available). The cost will be confirmed before each event.

Membership benefits include:

- Dinner invites and attendance beyond the one taster dinner for non-members;
- Access to a whole series of business and career opportunities through the network;
- Ability to benefit from various club partnerships and discounts;
- Access to like-minded members and potential business clients or partners;
- Assistance with conference organisation, speakers and delegate sourcing of your own events;
- Access to the Arété online blog and instant communications.

Topics

The club will host topics in 2010-2011 drawn from the following:

- Art of Banter
- Celebrity or Sportsman: which is the distraction?
- The Limits of My World are the Limits of My Language
- Leading Soldiers and Leading Musicians: differing insights into leadership
- Culture as a liability
- Feasts and Famines: how do we understand food?
- Courage in the 21st Century
- Erotica as Art or Just a Sales Tool?
- The Changing Face or Decline of Financial Regulation
- Succeeding Black Swans
- Britain's Role in the World
- Photojournalism: through whose eyes and what lens?
- The erosion of civil liberty is the price of safety
- The science of persuasion
- What does it take to be "the man"?
- What does it take to be "the woman"?

Speakers are experts in their fields, and include senior Whitehall officials, think-tank directors, prominent academics, writers, policy-makers, business leaders, journalists, and those who have achieved a great deal in their professional careers.

Members are welcome to suggest topics for further events.