

South West Branch Newsletter

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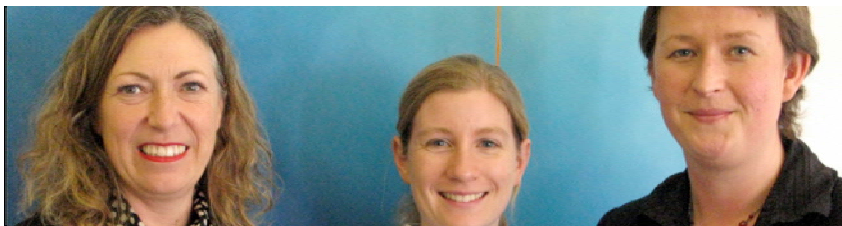
Welcome

It is probably an understatement to say that the last 10 months have been difficult times, especially for those of us working in the property and construction industries. It's also almost impossible to say how much longer we may need to weather the storm. But if we can be sure of one thing **it** is that there are still opportunities in the marketplace.

Making the most we can from networking organisations has never been more important, from embracing the opportunities they present to relying on their support and advice. Read on to find out what we've been doing in the **South West** region over the past few months and how you can get more involved through the events we've got coming up.

We know that some of you have been experiencing problems when accessing our website. Please do bear with us whilst we try to resolve these. Do also remember to call or email any member of the committee if you can't find what you need on the website or if you want to feed back any ideas on how we could improve what we're doing for our members.

Learn new skills



Women in Property has been working with the UK Resource Centre for Women since 2004, offering a free mentoring programme to all our members. During that time, over 230 members have been trained as mentors or mentees.

In difficult economic times, mentoring and support becomes even more valuable to us all. It offers guidance and encouragement to enable every one of us to reach our full potential. Attending the **training** will teach you new skills and enable you to explore new opportunities, both of which are crucial in today's market place. Mentoring is a rewarding and motivating experience for everyone involved and will take up less than a few hours of your time each month.

So, if you're looking for someone to explore ideas and opportunities with or you're willing to use your experience to help coach and inspire others please come along to our next mentoring training session on Thursday 16 July. The session is only available to members and is free of charge.

Events

- **Mentoring Training**
Thursday 16 July
Bond Pearce, Bristol
- **Student Awards Ceremony**
Thursday 16 July
[REDACTED], Bristol
- **Planning Update Seminar**
Tuesday 21 July
Bond Pearce, Bristol
- **Speed Networking**
Thursday 13 August
Toto's, Bristol
Devon & Cornwall ???

Got an idea?

We're always looking for new event ideas or different venues to host our events. If you think our event calendar needs spicing up and you've got just the event or venue to do it, just let us know.

Or, if you see an event you or your firm would like to sponsor, or want to find out more about sponsorship opportunities please do get in touch.

For more information contact our Events Co-ordinator Kelly Newlands
Email :

Vision, finesse and flair?

Who inspired you to do the job you do now? We're looking for Women in Property members to help inspire and encourage young women to join the property and construction industries. We're running educational initiatives with a number of local schools and colleges in your area and you can commit as much or as little time as you can spare.

For more details contact Naomi Evans (nevans@vwl.co.uk) or Margot Forsythe (margot.forsythe@hyderconsulting.com)

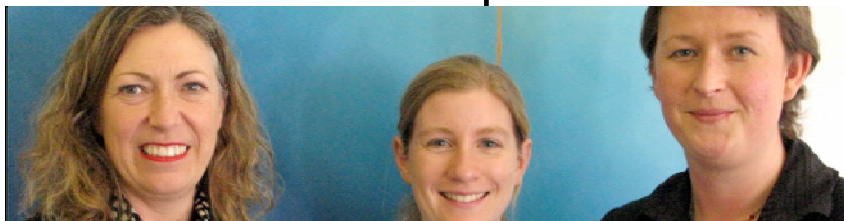
Recent events



On 19 June members had the opportunity to visit the new Temple Quay office and residential development currently under construction near Temple Meads station in Bristol. Members networked over lunch and, after a talk on the economics of the project, toured the £68 million development. Many thanks to Cowlin Construction for kindly sponsoring the event.

Thanks to all those who attended our last Networking Lunch, held on Thursday 28 May at Severnshed. If you're new to the Association and want to introduce yourself or your company, or if you're working on an exciting new project why not let our members know, by grabbing a speaking slot at our next networking lunch. Alternatively, why not feature in a member profile in our next newsletter.

Student awards update

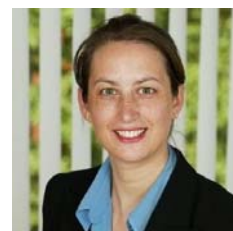


Back in March King Sturge hosted this **year's** judging day for our South West student awards. Run in conjunction with the Construction Youth Trust, the student awards aim to celebrate and reward the wealth of talent across the property related courses being run in our local universities.

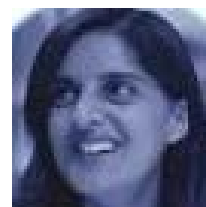
Judges from SWRDA, the Environment Agency and Urban Splash saw six superb candidates across a range of engineering, planning, architecture and surveying courses from UWE, and Bristol, Bath and Plymouth Universities. Come and meet the candidates and hear the successful winner announced at our Awards Ceremony on 16 July. Our local winner will go on to represent the South West in this year's national awards.

Pictured above are Cathy Stewart of Woods Bagot, Emma Glynn from King Sturge and Helen Simpson from the Environment Agency, our three Women in Property student award musketeers!

Who's who?



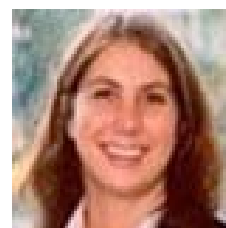
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