

North of Scotland Satellite Branch Newsletter

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Women in Property-why join?

So, you really enjoyed the pre-opening tour round Union Square? And Bob Reid's presentation on the future of the City Centre? So why would you join?

The purpose of Women in Property is not, as you may expect, to give our male colleagues something to laugh about at the Surveyors' dinner. It is to provide cross discipline networking opportunities, and help with its members personal and business development. When women are equally represented alongside men in the property and construction professions, Women in Property will no longer be necessary.

And it's fun! Now, we've had a wee downwards blip in the North East, but we've got things back on track and our membership is growing. We're very happy to have any woman with an interest come along to our meetings and events, and to that end, for the last few months, we've been inviting all guests to every event. However we have to draw a line, so, from now on, you are welcome to come as a guest to two events, but after that, you will either have to be a guest of a member or, even better, join yourself.

Given the really top events, which we have planned and listed elsewhere in this newsletter, why take the risk of missing out. Join today.

WiP Student Awards 2010: Update



Contestants and Judges



Hilary Ennos



Contestants

After a break in 2009, the Northern Scotland Branch of Women in Property has returned with a very successful Student Awards programme which, for the first time, has seen students being nominated from the University of Dundee and University of Aberdeen in addition to Robert Gordon University.

Six students from courses covering Architecture, Architectural Technology, and Rural and Spatial Planning and Surveying were interviewed and the four judges were very impressed with the quality of the presentation. Jacquie Forbes said: 'The competition has really highlighted the talent which exists in our universities'.

Our eventual winner, Hilary Ennos, from the University of Dundee, presented a very interesting and informative architectural study for the Polish Consulate, which the judges clearly felt was extremely interesting and informative.

Hilary will now go forward to represent the Northern Scotland Branch at the National Awards 'Best of the Best' on 21st September in London, and will go head to head with the winners from the nine other regions.

Our thanks go to all the students and their tutors for taking part in this year's award, to our judges Brian Martin, Ian Ross, Katherine Monro and Jacquie Forbes as well as to Emily English and Iain Holliday for their organisational and facilitation skills.

Summer Events

- **Site Visit: Justice Mill Lane Development**

30th June, 5.30 for 6pm
Park Inn Hotel, Justice Mill Lane, Aberdeen

- **CPD/Site Visit to Mither Kirk with presentation by Colin Sutherland**

Venue, date and time tbc

- **CPD/Site Visit to the International School**

Venue, date and time tbc

- **CPD: 'The Good, the Bad and the Ugly Aberdeen' by Charlie Smith, Archial Planning**

25th August, 5.30 @ Langstane Housing Association, 680 King Street, Aberdeen

News in Brief

- **The long wait is over!**

We are delighted to announce that **Yunming Ness** of Halliday Fraser Munro gave birth to an adorable little boy, Jamie Joseph David Ness, 8lbs 2oz, on the 13th May. Many congratulations to Yunming!

- **Give us your suggestions**

Please, let us know what events you would like us to arrange in the future and help us by suggesting possible topics, speakers and venues. Your feedback will be highly appreciated. Please, contact Jacquie Forbes, our branch Chairman, to share your thoughts: Jacquie.forbes@hfm.co.uk

- **Wanted: New Committee Members**

No previous experience required. Apply to Jacquie Forbes on the above e-mail address.

Update on Devanha:

**Presentation by Alan Grant, CEO of Langstane Housing Association
March 12, 2010 @ Langstane Housing Association, Aberdeen**



Alan Grant brought us up to date on what has happened and what the future holds for Devanha Limited, which was set up as a strategic procurement vehicle for social housing in the North East of Scotland.

He told us that, in his opinion, Devanha has had mixed success in achieving its original objectives. It's been successful in delivering a hitherto undreamed of scale of programme, reasonably efficiently. It has also established working relationships with a new team of consultants and contractors. However, it has created a huge amount of work which has made those involved question the amount of effort required. He concluded that having made the effort, however, the partners would want the opportunity to continue their collaborative working in another 5-year programme.

Sarah Malone: 'Judge it when we build it'

Networking Lunch with Sarah Malone, Executive Vice President of Trump International Golf Links Scotland



24 March 2010 @ Enterprise Business Centre, Admiral Court, Poyrnook Road, Aberdeen

Sarah Malone provided us with a unique insight into the challenges of the project to build 'the world's greatest' golf

resort and the positive implications for the North East of Scotland.

She pointed to a range of business opportunities which would be generated by the direct and 'ripple effect' of the development: the creation of about 1200 construction and 100 operational jobs, a boost to tourism and the local economy by commissioning bespoke products from local suppliers, the sourcing of local employees and contractors, the linking with other tourist attractions in Scotland, and the regeneration of surrounding areas.

Planning Aberdeen City Centre:

**Presentation by Bob Reid, Director of Planning at Halliday Fraser Munro
14 April 2010 @ Orchid, Aberdeen**



In his thought-provoking presentation, Bob Reid explained the factors behind the evolution of local planning and brought to the fore the not-so-obvious feature of the Aberdeen city centre: 'compact but not well connected and permeable' and suggested his own solutions to the identified problems.

His talk, imbued with a concern that 'you should be careful of doing anything today which can kill off a good opportunity in the future', sparked a heated discussion and generated lots of questions.

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Networking Lunch

@ Café Bohème
28 April 2010

A decadent Parisian-style Café Bohème was a setting for our intimate April Networking Lunch.

We enjoyed good food, nice company and stimulating conversation with new and old members and guests.



WiP at CRANES Ladies' Lunch:

12 May 2010 @ The Marcliffe Hotel & Spa

We were very proud to take part in the CRANES (Cancer Research Aberdeen & North East Scotland) 7th annual ladies' lunch and to contribute to its good cause. It was sponsored by a local legal firm, Mackinnons.

On arrival we were greeted by a piper. After consuming 750 kcal of a very tasty and well presented lunch, we were reminded by our Guest Speaker, nutritionist Dr Alexandra Johnstone to eat less (with the exception of fruit and veg) and to exercise more. In the raffle half of our table's delegation was lucky in winning prizes.

It was a very memorable and enjoyable event.



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