

Northern Scotland Newsletter

June 2011 | Issue 7

Northern Scotland Student Awards Winner 2011

Pamela Robertson:

19th May 2011 at Halliday Fraser Munro



(L to R): Jacquie Forbes, Pamela Robertson, Natasha Douglas & Catherine Thornhill

Networking on the Mezzanine Gallery at Carden Church

The Finalists (L to R): Charlotte Torck, Katie Hogarth, Pamela Robertson & Fiona Thaddeaus

Pamela Robertson, an Architectural Technology Student studying at Robert Gordon University and the winner of this year's Student Award, was presented with her trophy at a very relaxed and enjoyable event held on the Mezzanine Gallery at Carden Church on the evening of 19th May. Catherine Thornhill, Chairman of WiP Northern Scotland presented Pamela with her Trophy and a cheque for £300.

All the finalists were present and they were all highly commended by Jacquie Forbes, Student Awards Tsarina, for the quality of the presentations each made to the judges at the assessment interviews. After the presentation the assembled members guests and students were entertained by PR guru Brett Jackson on the theme of 'Working the Room'

Pamela will now go on to represent the Region at the National Finals in London on 27th September and will attend the 'Best of the Best' Awards dinner at Claridge's where the National Winner will be announced. Catherine and Jacquie will also travel to London to support Pamela and represent the Northern Scotland at the dinner.

Annual General Meeting

16th March 2011 at 210 Bistro, Aberdeen



This year's AGM was a light-hearted reflection of the year's events over a networking lunch at 210 Bistro. Jacquie Forbes reflected on the year's successes, particularly the unprecedented increase in membership and formally handed over the Northern Scotland chairmanship to Catherine Thornhill who set the focus for the year ahead, disclosing an array of exciting events in the pipeline.

Gus Stewart, partner at Ryden and stalwart of the Aberdeen property scene provided entertainment including his take on the feminist movement.

Events

- **Summer BBQ**

15 July 2011, 5.45 pm,
Grammar FP Club, Queen's Road,
Aberdeen

- **Networking Lunch**

September 2011, time & venue TBC

- **Queen Mother Library**

29 September 2011, time TBC
University of Aberdeen's King's
College Campus, Aberdeen

- **Bribery & Equality Act**

October 2011, time & venue TBC

Member Achievements

Having already started the year on a good note by taking over as our Chairman, **Catherine Thornhill** has been promoted to **Associate**.

Congratulations Catherine! We wish you all the best for the future in your new role.

New member **Norma Dey** of **Interiors @ Home** has recently opened a new interior design and soft furnishings shop in Cults specialising in all aspects of interior design.

Her company **AX-ES-OR-IZE** offers temporary furniture rental for company, personnel and home staging.

For more information, get in touch with Norma through the members section on the WiP website.

Argent Court, Aberdeen

Site Visit, 15th March 2011

Women in Property Northern Scotland enjoyed an exclusive preview of the latest development by Scape Homes and MTM Holdings, Argent Court. The evening started with a wine and nibble reception before Andrew Jack of Scape Homes not only gave members a guided tour but provided insight into his inspiration for the development, on what was once an old plumber's yard. I think I speak for all members when I say we had a super visit, and could breathe a sigh of relief when the evening ended with out any red wine spillage!

[www.womeninproperty.org.uk/branches/northern-scotland-\(satellite\)/event-reviews.aspx](http://www.womeninproperty.org.uk/branches/northern-scotland-(satellite)/event-reviews.aspx)

Networking with **chocolate**, Aberdeen

27th April 2011 at Halliday Fraser Munro



As well as learning the tricks of the chocolate trade, members got to indulge in the sweet treats on offer!



There's no such thing as free chocolate! Members got the chance to try their hand at truffle-making



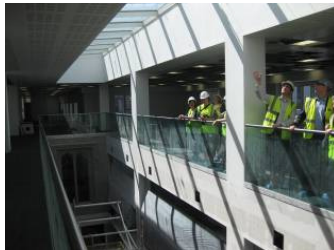
Cocoa Ooze Proprietor Jamie Hutcheon showing everyone how the professionals do it!

In April, the Halliday Fraser Munro Mezzanine played host to Jamie Hutcheon from Cocoa Ooze who enlightened our tastebuds with an education of chocolate from around the world and demonstrated the art of truffle-making with a few able volunteers. The night's creations were well-received by all present and thankfully there was plenty to go round! The evening was an indulgent change from the usual CPD-related events and a resounding success, with plenty of wine and bubbles to wash down the chocolates, and many people taking the opportunity to take some of Jamie's chocolates home.

[www.womeninproperty.org.uk/branches/northern-scotland-\(satellite\)/event-reviews.aspx](http://www.womeninproperty.org.uk/branches/northern-scotland-(satellite)/event-reviews.aspx)

Marischal College, Aberdeen

Site Visit, 4 May 2011



Overlooking the gallery within the newly refurbished offices spaces soon to be occupied by Aberdeen City Council



The internal courtyard seen through the newly installed structural glazing



One of many granite towers which has been cleaned and brought back to its former glory

On a lovely sunny lunchtime following a quick sandwich lunch, courtesy of the contractor McAlpine Construction, we set out on an in-depth exploration of the almost completed renovation of Marischal College.

The sun really set the scene as it was a dazzling visit guided most informatively by the project architect Douglas Young of Holmes Partnership.

The transformation of the largest granite building in Scotland has been the subject of much speculation as the sparkling building appeared from behind the scaffold. The interior has been transformed and is now a highly sophisticated office space, which retains some very special features and lots of character. Everyone who took part thoroughly enjoyed the visit and many have been in touch to express their delight at the opportunity to attend.

For full reviews and more photography from these events visit [www.womeninproperty.org.uk/branches/northern-scotland-\(satellite\)/event-reviews.aspx](http://www.womeninproperty.org.uk/branches/northern-scotland-(satellite)/event-reviews.aspx)

www.womeninproperty.org.uk

A Welcome to New Members

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome 4 new members **Jane Davidson** from Jane's Design Studio, **Lynn Ross** from Cromdale Ltd, **Desponia Laird** from Stonehouse Property and **Norma Dey** of Interiors at Home and AX-ES-OR-IZE. We look forward to seeing you all at an event soon.

The membership directory on the Women in Property website is a great publicity tool for yourself and your business and an easy way to reach other members.

Remember to update your profile so members can learn a little more about you and don't forget to add a good photo of yourself, so people can put a face to a name.

Contact Lara Farey, Women in Property's National Membership Administrator at membership@womeninproperty.org.uk

Caption Competition

If you would like to **win a free entry** to our next event please email your caption suggestion for this picture of member Karen Pugh of Enterprise North East Trust Ltd taken during the visit to Marischal College with your name and contact details to vburns@archialgroup.com by 1st September. The winner will be announced in the next issue. Good luck!



To become a member and enjoy similar events, please, contact Natasha Douglas: 01224 588866 or Natasha.douglas@ryden.co.uk