

Yorkshire & North East Branch Newsletter Autumn 2011

Letter from the Chairman

We've had a very busy few months in hosting a variety of events that have proved to be extremely popular with our members. It's been great to see so many of you at our events, and thank you for your continued support.

Our networking lunch held at the newly opened "Create" restaurant was a particular highlight, not only because so many of you were able to attend but also because it gave Women in Property the opportunity to support a very worthy business. "Create" is far more than just a restaurant providing great food and good service. It is a "for more than profit" social enterprise that employs people from the most marginalised areas of society, trains them in all areas of the restaurant and catering trade so they have both a fulfilling job with potential for career advancement and an independent way of life. To find out more about "Create" please visit their website at www.foodbycreate.co.uk.



Our ever popular Christmas event is also on the horizon. **Christmas Party** at Harvey Nichols will be held on Thursday 1 December so put the date in your diary. Book early to secure your tickets for what will be a truly great evening!

Julie Fawcett, Chairman of Yorkshire & North East Branch

Is your WiP profile up to date?



The WiP "members" page is only available to current members of the Association and gives you access to the membership database, renewal and change of address details, Letter to the Editor and the WiP recession survival guide. Each member has a personal profile including a photo – vital for putting a face to a name at our many networking events. Why not log on and update your profile today?

Events

Urban Splash Site Visit, Park Hill, Sheffield
4 November 2011

Newcastle University speaker
4 November 2011

The Mindset for Incredible Success seminar, Leeds
9 November 2011

Networking lunch, Sheffield
10 November 2011

Networking Cheese & Wine, York
10 November 2011

Daywear into Eveningwear, Leeds
16 November 2011

Christmas lunch, Newcastle
6 December 2011

Got an idea?

Help us to plan a varied and enjoyable events diary by sending in your ideas...

- ? Would you like to see a WiP event in your town or city?
- ? Have you been to an event recently which would appeal to WiP members?
- ? Would you like to get involved in running, hosting or sponsoring an event?

If the answer is "yes" then please contact your Branch Events Co-ordinator Vicki Freestone at: vfrestone@turleyassociates.co.uk

Student Awards Update

The national "Best of the Best" final took place in September at the prestigious Claridge's hotel in London's Mayfair. Julie Fawcett and our branch Tsarina Jennifer Winyard hosted our region's table with guests Jeff Pearey of Jones Lang LaSalle and Michelle Tilley of Byrne Group, both national sponsors.



Our regional winner Bethan Lewis, who is studying Building Surveying at Sheffield Hallam, wowed the judges who praised her commercial awareness. Although Bethan lost out to Elise North from Kingston University, a great evening was had by all!

For more information, please click on: <http://www.womeninproperty.org.uk/media/606315/wip%20oct%202011%20new%20letter.pdf>.

WiP in Newcastle

The Newcastle committee continues to deliver well attended events, bringing together professionals from all sectors of the property and construction industry in Newcastle and throughout the North East.

Throughout the year we have held regular lunches, informative seminars, drinks evenings and even Clay Shooting. Feedback from our members shows that WiP events in Newcastle are valued, particularly because of their informal and relaxing style.

For the last quarter of 2011 the committee have planned exciting events including a site visit to the renowned and newly refurbished Theatre Royal, an influential speaker talk, plus (sorry to say the words) our Christmas Drinks night! For more information, please contact Jenny Graham at: jennifer.graham@nwl.co.uk.

WiP & YORnet Treasure Hunt

On a hot and humid evening in August, over 70 WiP and YORnet treasure hunters hit the streets of Leeds in search of treasure! This special joint summer event proved to be a great networking opportunity as participants from a wide range of professions worked together to solve clues about Leeds landmarks.



The teams reconvened at the ever popular Brewery Tap for well deserved drinks, nibbles and prize giving.

Top awards (and the chocolate treasure chest) went to WSP's Team of Three, Hazel Laidler, Michael O'Halloran and Joanne Pennel. The wooden spoon award was presented to Planning Potential.

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Member Spotlight



Sarah Glendinning
Senior Consultant
Nigel Wright Recruitment

Sarah is a Senior Consultant within the Built Environment team. With a background in marketing, Sarah is a new recruit to both the industry and WiP.

"I work with all disciplines within the Built Environment and find the variety of skills and personalities fascinating. There are so many different career paths and areas in which companies can operate. My collaborative business partnership approach is paying dividends in many ways – both professionally and personally. No two days are ever the same!"



Tracey Rangeley
Helpdesk Operations Manager &
Contact Centre Security Officer
Atkins Asset Management

Tracey joined Atkins in 2005 and works with a diverse client base including the Metropolitan Police, the Home Office and blue chip clients ensuring that their estates operate efficiently around the clock

"I love the variety of day-to-day challenges that my role brings. Atkins was named as a top 50 company where women want to work by The Times and I'm fortunate to be involved with an organisation that not only delivers an excellent service to clients but is recognised as a fantastic place to work".