

## Yorkshire & North East Branch Newsletter



### New regional chairman announced



Maria White, a planner at [Deloitte Real Estate](#) in Leeds, has been appointed Chairman of WiP in Yorkshire & North East.

She said: "2017 is a milestone year for WiP, as it marks 30 years, since it was formed, originally as a networking group for women working in this sector. Since then, we've held over 8,000 events across the UK, promoting diversity and professional development, at every level.

"One of the most enjoyable and rewarding experiences whilst being on the WiP committee has been getting involved in organising the Student Awards, sponsored this year by [Christopher Smith Associates](#). The talent I've seen come forward has been amazing and I'd urge employers in our region to come along to the awards evening on 13th June, meet the candidates and offer them a work placement – we can all help them to realise their potential and kick start their careers with valuable work experience opportunities.

"My priorities as Chairman are to deliver even more value to members, grow the membership, promote the property sector as a viable career option to young women and continue to raise the profile of WiP in this region."

### Members' Breakfast Forums

A benefit of WiP membership is our Members' Breakfast Forum meetings. Last month the topic under discussion was the "Fixing our broken housing market White Paper" intended to set out how the Government plans to speed up the delivery of much needed housing. Members discussed whether or not they considered that the measures detailed within the White Paper would speed up the delivery of housing, and if the Paper was harsh, balanced or lightweight. Members enjoyed a lively debate on the issues they consider to be holding back the delivery of housing.

Non-members are permitted to attend these events as a members' guest once only. The [next breakfast forum](#) is on 6<sup>th</sup> April.



### Events

- [Vintage Afternoon Tea](#)  
Leeds, 28<sup>th</sup> March, 4pm
- [Chocolate Works site visit](#)  
York, 4<sup>th</sup> April 5.30pm
- [Members' Brexit Breakfast Forum](#)  
Leeds, 6<sup>th</sup> April, 8am
- [White Rose Extension site visit](#)  
Leeds, 21<sup>st</sup> April, 3.30pm
- [Tick Tock Unlock](#)  
Leeds, 27<sup>th</sup> April, 4.30pm
- [Heritage Architecture & Planning CPD Lunch](#)  
Sheffield, 24<sup>th</sup> May, 12.30pm
- [Yorkshire Wildlife Park site visit](#)  
Doncaster, 6<sup>th</sup> June, TBC
- [Student Awards presentation evening](#)  
Leeds, 13<sup>th</sup> June, TBC
- [Summer BBQ](#)  
Leeds, 6<sup>th</sup> July, 7pm

### Got an idea?

Committee meetings are held every other month in Leeds. Please contact [Maria White](#) if you'd like to join or have an event idea.

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Beth Brierley-Jones  
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Sarah Wills  
Sheffield Sub-  
Committee

## WiP back in Sheffield

Over the coming months, a programme of WiP events will be scheduled in Sheffield. The first event will be held in May and will take the format of a Heritage Architecture and Planning CPD event, including a site visit. Following this, the Sheffield sub-committee intends to arrange a fun networking event at a bowling and games room in Sheffield.

Sarah Wills from DLP Planning will be organising the Sheffield events and would welcome any ideas or assistance in the coming months. If you are interested, please email Sarah on [sarah.wills@dlpconsultants.co.uk](mailto:sarah.wills@dlpconsultants.co.uk).

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## Member spotlight



Natasha Pryde  
Business Manager  
[Farrell & Clark Architects](#)

Natasha has worked in the construction industry for over 20 years. After spending 7 years working for Foster + Partners in Edinburgh, she joined Farrell & Clark as Business Manager in 2015.

Farrell & Clark have been delivering award winning architecture in the public, private and commercial sectors for over 30 years. Natasha has helped in the recent rebranding of the practice. This has included their move from Horsforth to Brodrick's Building in Leeds City Centre and the expansion of their Interior Design and Conservation Architecture departments.

Natasha and her female colleagues recently held a 'Working Women' event at Farrell & Clark. This formed part of a study into how the practice can better support women working in architecture and for Farrell & Clark.

## New members

Congratulations and welcome to all our new members:

Sarah Wills, [DLP Planning](#)  
Helen Tong, [Keepmoat](#)  
Sheetal Merai, [NORR Architects](#)  
Natalie Ingram, [Squire Patton  
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