

# Yorkshire & North East Branch Newsletter

Summer 2018

## Platform for the future

“My advice to young women starting their career today is to be yourself, be true to yourself and as you progress in your career you will become confident and authentic leaders in your own right.” This was the advice given by keynote speaker Jo Miller, Chief Executive of Doncaster Council, at the Women in Property Yorkshire & North East region awards ceremony held at Platform in Leeds last month.

She added: “Don’t be afraid to take risks and if things do go wrong, which they will from time to time, then learn from your mistakes. Build your networks, seek support from sponsors and mentors – both male and female – and remember that if you don’t ask you don’t get; so, ask for that promotion, put yourself forward for a new challenge and you’ll reap the rewards.”

The two winners of the Yorkshire & North East Student Awards 2018 are Choon Yuan Wang from Malaysia studying Architecture at Leeds Beckett University and Halifax-born Katie McManus studying Real Estate at Sheffield Hallam. They are pictured below with Jo Miller (left), David Timbs, Partner at sponsors [Christopher Smith Associates](http://christopher-smith.co.uk) and Hannah Richardson (far right), Chairman of Women in Property Yorkshire & North East



There are 14 regional finalists representing their universities and regions from across the UK. They will go forward to the national final on 18th September when they go before a further judging panel. The national winner will be announced at the [Best of Best Awards Dinner](http://bestofbestawards.com) to be held at Claridge’s, on the night of the 18th. See more photos of the awards evening [here](http://www.womeninproperty.org.uk).

## Events

- [Site tour of Little Kelham](#)  
Sheffield, 2 August, 3.30pm
- [Summer Cocktail Party](#)  
Sheffield, 9 August, 6.30pm
- [Romeo & Juliet performance](#)  
York, 16 August, 7.30pm
- [Ebor Festival – Ladies Day](#)  
York, 23 August, 12 noon
- [Visible Women’s Networking Lunch](#)  
Leeds, 6 September, 12 noon
- [Networking Parents lunch](#)  
Sheffield, 11 September, 12 noon
- [Interpreting planning policy breakfast](#)  
Leeds, 12 September, 8am
- [Presenting to your client seminar](#)  
Leeds, 13 September, 12 noon
- [Christmas Cocktail Party](#)  
Leeds, 6 December, 7pm

## Got an idea?

Committee meetings are held every month in Leeds. Please contact regional chairman [Hannah Richardson](http://www.womeninproperty.org.uk) if you’d like to join, have an event idea or would like to raise any issues.

## Summer cocktails



The Yorkshire property and construction sector turned out in force to support the Women in Property Summer Party in Leeds this month. Sponsored by [Citu](#) who focus on creating sustainable and inspiring places to live, work and play, and communications company [Newgate Communications](#), the event was held at the Oracle attracted more than 150 guests.

Citu's mission is to accelerate the transition to zero carbon cities, in order to prevent dangerous levels of climate change. Sales and marketing director Kevin Gillespie says: "To do this we need the talents of women at every level - design, build, sales and more. But we have an issue in the industry that needs to be addressed if we're all going to keep on creating amazing places. Women make up 58% of graduates in the UK, but less than 25% of the property industry. It's not right, and because of it our industry is closing the door to an incredible amount of talent that is going elsewhere. We need to create a ripple effect across the industry, and we can only make that happen if we all make a change together."

Newgate Communications was one of the first communications companies to specialise in engagement and consultation. The summer party coincided with the opening of Newgate Communications' new office in Leeds. Partner Zoe Ensor said: "Women in Property brings together professionals from across the area to celebrate successes and discuss current issues within the industry. Women in the industry are being offered more opportunities but there is still work to do. We fully support the work that Women in Property do in connecting women and showcasing the massive positive impact they have on the industry." See all the photos [here](#).

## Member news



**Juliette Fisher** from [Mills & Reeve](#) (pictured) were amongst 100 staff who took part in a 10km trek, abseiling, caving and gorge walking in the Peak District to raise money for Bloodwise. The charity funds world-class research into all types of blood cancer and supports anyone suffering from or worried about blood cancer with expert information and advice. A number of fundraising activities by the company across the UK has so far raised £21,508. **Lindsay Ramsden** has been appointed Group Strategic Land Director at [Avant Homes](#). **Caroline Fattorini**, Director of Building Consultancy at [Bowman Riley](#) is celebrating securing work on one of the UK's largest residential modular schemes. **Monica Green** co-owner of PR agency [The Partners Group](#) is marking the company's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary by donating 30 hours of time and resources to mental health charity York Mind. **Alison Zalecki**, Managing Director of [Mozer](#) has been appointed to work with the Turkish Football Federation (TFF) in their bid to host UEFA EURO 2024, which involved putting forward Turkey's strategies, legacy initiatives, stadium designs, and State commitments. The bid is against Germany, and UEFA will announce the decision in September.

## Spotlight



**Claire Perry**  
Assistant Land and Partnerships Manager  
[Engie](#)

Claire started out in the property industry as a land buyer for Taylor Wimpey, acquiring and delivering short and medium-term sites within the Yorkshire region. Moving to Keepmoat Regeneration (later Engie) she has worked on regeneration projects across the Yorkshire region, working with various sectors delivering new build schemes for PRS, open market sale and housing associations.

Claire joined the Women in Property Committee in September 2017 and is establishing a schools and universities network in the region. The aim is to promote jobs within the property and construction industries to students of all ages, in particular to engage with girls to consider careers in an industry which still remains heavily male dominated.

Contact Claire on [claire.perry@engie.com](mailto:claire.perry@engie.com) if you would like to be involved or if you know of any schools or universities which may be interested in participating.

## Members

Welcome to our new and renewing members since April:

Erica Bell, Linden Homes  
Catherine Blain, Watson Batty  
Sarah Clingo, Linden Homes  
Sophie Curran, Ryder Architecture  
Lynne Darwin, Building Product Solutions  
Samantha Jevons, Bowman Riley  
Hannah Meikle, Gateley Plc  
Cheryl Midgley, Gateley Plc  
Rachel Newnes, Marston's PLC  
Victoria Raw, Ultimate (Commercial Interiors) Ltd