

Yorkshire & North East Branch Newsletter

Winter 2018 /19

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A cracker of a Christmas cocktail party

It was wonderful to see more than 150 professionals from the property and construction sector enjoying the annual Women in Property Christmas Cocktails party at Harvey Nichols last month.

Our thanks to [Linden Homes](#) West Yorkshire for sponsoring the event, which is a landmark in the Yorkshire property networking calendar. Jennifer Winyard, Strategic Land and Planning Manager at Linden Homes said: "As one of the UK's leading housebuilding and construction companies we are delighted to have sponsored such a high profile event in Yorkshire's property and construction calendar. Women in Property can only grow and develop if we have the support from key employers in the industry and Linden Homes recognises the importance of encouraging greater diversity in the sector and the importance of attracting talented younger women into the industry." View more photos from the event [here](#).



What do you want from your Women in Property membership?

That's the question being asked at our [AGM on 25th February](#), sponsored by [Gateley PLC](#). Come along to the AGM and welcome incoming Chairman Lindsay Ramsden from [Avant Homes](#), reflect on what's been achieved over the last 12 months and discuss plans for the future.

We will also be discussing what we want from Women in Property and our membership. On hand will be committee members who can give you details of the benefits as well as provide insight to future events and initiatives. We are looking to hear from you on what you would like to see on the agenda and for suggestions on future topics.

Events

- [AGM & Members' Session](#)
Leeds, 25 February, 12.30pm
- [Visible Women's Lunch](#)
Leeds, 8 March, 12 noon
- [STEM CPD Lunch](#)
Sheffield, 19 March, 12 noon
- [Networking Parents](#)
Leeds, 20 March, 12 noon
- [Limits to Renewables seminar](#)
Leeds, 27 March, 12.30pm
- [Chocolate making](#)
Leeds, 4 April
- [Junkyard Golf](#)
Leeds, 22 May
- [Netwalking in the Yorkshire Dales](#)
Clapham, 23 May, 9.45am

Got an idea?

Committee meetings are held every month in Leeds. Please contact regional chairman [Hannah Richardson](#) if you'd like to join, have an event idea or would like to raise any issues. Or contact our incoming chairman [Lindsay Ramsden](#) if you'd like to sponsor an event or offer your premises as a venue for one of our events.

Netting a win



Congratulations to the team from [Wake Smith](#) solicitors who won the second annual Women in Property New Year Netball Tournament, which was held at the English Institute of Sport in Sheffield and sponsored by The Helmsley Group. Ten teams took part and enjoyed the mix of sport and networking. Women in Property committee member Sarah Wills from [DLP Planning](#), who helped to organise the event said: "It was a fun and energetic event with a healthy amount of competition and banter. Thank you to everyone who took part and well done to our 2019 champions. It was excellent to see some different teams attend this year and some teams that have been playing more regular netball since the last tournament. Team Activ did an excellent job of organising the officials and players to ensure that everything ran smoothly. It was excellent to see companies enjoying some time out of the office as a team and to see the different companies networking in a relaxed manner. We look forward to next year."

Members' News



Juliette Fisher, Cassandra Clark and Andrea Newman of the Leeds [Mills & Reeve](#) office undertook the Yorkshire Three Peaks challenge towards the end of 2018 taking on the peaks of Pen-y-Ghent, Wharfedale and Ingleborough in under 12 hours, covering the same distance as a marathon and ascending 6237 ft in around 60000 steps. The weather could have been better (there was rain, wind and fog along the way), but nothing could dampen spirits and the whole team made it round. The event raised over £3,000 for Simon on the Streets, Leeds Mencap and Leeds Children's Hospital Charity.

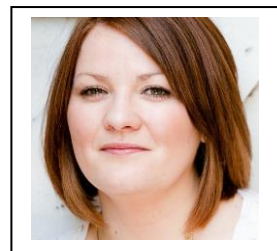
Vicki Freestone from [LeedsBID](#) is urging members to get involved with a new collaborative city-wide campaign and help make a big change to the lives of those in need on the streets of Leeds city centre. Big Change provides a central site for donations of money, items and time to provide direct benefit and real change for individuals on the city centre's streets.

Monica Green co-owner of property PR agency [The Partners Group](#) is celebrating being a Prolific North Top 50 PR Agency and a finalist in the Federation of Small Business Awards.

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Member spotlight



Hannah Richardson
Associate Chartered Town Planner
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Hannah has been an active member of Women in Property for over ten years and took over as Chairman of the Yorkshire and North East branch in July 2017. During this time, membership in the region has grown steadily by 12%, Regional Student Awards winner Katie McManus, of Sheffield Hallam University, won the coveted National Student Award in 2018 and a full programme of diverse and interesting events have taken place, including the annual Netball Tournament, the Christmas Cocktails at Harvey Nichols as well as site visits and seminars. Now coming to the end of her term, the highlight of the year for Hannah has been the Student Awards programme, which gets increasingly bigger and bigger, and has at its heart, the Women in Property tagline of 'Aspire Succeed Inspire'.

"When I look back over the past 18 months, I feel proud of what we have achieved. My involvement in Women in Property would not have been possible without the full support of Spawforths, who are committed to giving something back to the industry and having a diverse workforce. I also want to thank the rest of the Yorkshire Committee and everyone that has supported the region. I look forward to handing over to Lindsay Ramsden of Avant Homes on 1st March 2019."

New members

Welcome to our new and renewing members:

Gaynor Craigie, [Yorkshire Water](#)
Rebecca Dilks, [Gateley Plc](#)
Catherine Godfrey, [Keyland Developments](#)
Becky Howes, [tmgroup Ltd](#)
Lydia Howie, [Richard Boothroyd](#)
Elizabeth Livesey-Hubble, [Squire Patton Boggs \(UK\) LLP](#)
Kate McManus, [Lambert Smith Hampton](#)
Edana Paton, [Richard Boothroyd](#)
Laura Peek, [Clegg Construction](#)
Lisa Radcliffe, [Yorkshire Water](#)
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