

Yorkshire & North East Branch Newsletter

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Regional student award winners announced

The talent, skills and ambition of the region's female property and construction student undergraduates were celebrated at the annual Yorkshire & North East Women in Property Student Awards, held at Squire Patton Boggs LLP in Leeds on 11th June.

The Student Awards, seek out the best Built Environment degree students, highlighting to industry the necessity to link with universities early in the education process and also improve the students' knowledge of the career options available to them. Many secure work placements as a direct result of competing in the Awards, which often translate into permanent positions upon graduation.



The two winners this year are Eunice John studying Architectural Technology at Leeds Beckett University and Weronika Pawlowska who is studying Civil Engineering at the University of Sheffield. David Timbs from Christopher Smith Associates, Yorkshire & North East Student Awards sponsors, said, "Once again the calibre of all candidates was outstanding, and all deserve congratulations for being nominated for the regional judging. I give full and proper acknowledgement for their dedication, commitment and passion in their respective fields, in particular Eunice and Weronika - the future of our Industry is certainly in good hands."

Eunice and Weronika will represent Yorkshire & the North East on 18th September, when they go before a national judging panel, competing for the National Student Awards, which are sponsored by Bouygues, Linden Homes and Savills. Book your place at the awards evening [here](#).

Photo caption: L:R Kate Girling, Savills, David Timbs, Christopher Smith Associates, Sinead Burke, Highly Commended (Leeds College of Building), Weronika Pawlowska,, Eunice John, Erica Bell, Linden Homes, Lindsay Ramsden, Avant Hones and Hannah Richardson, Spawforths.

Events

- [Visible Women's Networking lunch](#)
Leeds, 26 June, 12 noon
- [North East Summer Party](#)
Newcastle, 4 July, 5.30pm
- [Lancashire & Cumbria launch event](#)
Carlisle, 9 July, 6.00pm
- [Summer BBQ](#)
Leeds, 11 July, 5.30pm
- [Mentoring training session](#)
Leeds, 17 July, 5.00pm (Members only)
- [Networking Parents](#)
Leeds, 18 July, 12 noon
- [Sheffield Summer Party](#)
Sheffield, 12 September, 6.30pm
- [Best of the Best Student Awards Dinner](#)
London, 18 September 7.00pm

Got an idea?

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

Netwalking in the Yorkshire Dales



A 6 mile hike "netwalking" in the Yorkshire Dales marked the start of many joint events planned between the North West and Yorkshire branches of Women in Property.

Monica Green from PR agency [The Partners Group](#) and a member of the Yorkshire committee organised the event and said: "Research shows that humans have an innate affinity with nature. Networking whilst walking in the great outdoors "netwalking" proved to be a fantastic way to connect with the natural world and promote positive physical and mental well-being. The weather was kind to us and we felt reinvigorated and enthused after the morning's walk."

Thanks to Mark Reid from TeamWalking who guided the walk, which was attended by ladies from Buttress, Clegg Construction, Corstorphine and Wright, Kings Chambers, Pinsent Masons, Savills and The Helmsley Group.

Members' News



Ruth Bowden from [Pinsent Masons](#) participated in the global fundraising event, WE Walk for Water! In Leeds, Ruth and several of her colleagues took part in the Yorkshire Three Peaks Challenge. The team raised £10,000 for WE Villages, who support communities around the world by implementing holistic, sustainable development models that allow communities to raise themselves out of poverty and end their reliance on charity.

Building surveyor Caroline Fattorini has become the first female shareholding director to join the [Bowman Riley](#) board of directors. Jennifer Winyard has joined [Barratt Developments](#) as Strategic Land Manager.

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Member spotlight



Helen Revitt
Regional Director
[AHR Architects Ltd](#)

AHR is a multi-award winning architectural and building consultancy practice, founded in 1835, working across the UK and internationally. Helen joined AHR in 1997 as an architectural assistant and has progressed her career, becoming Regional Director in 2006. She has jointly run the Leeds office of AHR since 2014 and is national sector head for Healthcare.

Helen has been a member of Women in Property for nearly 15 years, and joined the committee in 2017, taking on the role of Membership Secretary. She said: "Women in Property is a great way for younger members to raise their profile and develop their networking skills. For more senior members it's an opportunity to meet with like-minded construction industry professionals, keep up-to-date with latest legislation and practice, and promote and encourage more women to join the construction industry."

"I believe the mentoring programme is an invaluable benefit of membership, giving access to unbiased opinion and advice. I have been a mentor for a number of years now, and the underlying theme has been career progression and perceived blockers. I have found that sometimes members just need a sounding board to bounce ideas in a neutral environment, to gain guidance and reassurance that ideas already forming, are most likely the right way to proceed."

New members

Welcome to our new and renewing members:

Louise Benatmane Kehoe, [Allsop Letting](#)
Chloe Brownlee-Chapman, [Wardell Armstrong LLP](#)
Emily Cain, [Brewster Bye Architects](#)
Julie Diamond, [WYG](#)
Jayne Garbutt, [Capita](#)
Zoe Hooton, [Harrison Pitt Architects](#)
Tania Kosma, [IKON Architects](#)
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