

Yorkshire & North East Branch Newsletter

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Leeds student crowned national winner

Eunice John, a Leeds Beckett University student, has won the top prize in the 2019 Women in Property National Student Awards. Studying Architectural Technology, Eunice triumphed over 13 other national finalists and 137 regional contenders in the annual competition which celebrates the best of the best built environment degree students from across the UK.

The Student Awards highlight 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. Eunice has secured a placement with SMR Architects in Harrogate.



The awards are judged by representatives from the three national sponsors, Bouygues UK, Linden Homes and Savills, and the National Chairman of Women in Property, Mandy St John Davey. Eunice was described by the judges as being "very grounded; genuine; a very warm individual. We were struck by her passion and humility, she has 'the X Factor', a can-do attitude and will make an amazing ambassador for women in property and construction."

Photo caption: L:R David Timbs from regional sponsors Christopher Smith Associates, winner Eunice John from Leeds Beckett University, and Christopher Smith.

Events

- [South Bank Temple Tour](#)
Leeds, 9 October, 5.00pm
- [Wine tasting](#)
Leeds, 7 November, 7.00pm
- [Christmas wreath making](#)
Sheffield, 3 December, 3.30pm
- [Christmas Cocktails at Harvey Nichols](#)
Leeds, 5 December, 7.00pm
- [Visible Women's Networking Lunch](#)
Leeds, 10 December, 12pm
- [Netball competition](#)
Sheffield, January 2020
- [AGM with new National Chairman](#)
Leeds, 25 February 2020, 4.00pm

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.

Family-friendly bat walk



Bat ecologist Faye Davies from Ecus in Sheffield led a Women in Property guided bat walk through Millhouses Park and shared information and facts about bats such as where they live, what they eat and what great mums they are!

Bats can live for around 40 years and the UK's most common bat the pipistrelle weighs the same as a 20p coin and yet can eat up to 3000 midges per evening! Using bat detectors, which turn the bats' echolocation calls into a sound that humans can hear, the group could hear the bats' feeding on insects, and watched them flying over the river.

Leeds, Newcastle and Sheffield parties



Many thanks to everyone who came to our summer parties in Leeds, Newcastle and Sheffield – and thanks to our sponsors – Barratt Developments (pictured), David Wilson Homes, Avant Homes and DLP Planning. [Click here](#) to see more photos from the Summer BBQ that took place at The Oracle in Leeds. Photos from the Sheffield Summer Party can be seen [here](#).

Member spotlight



Jessica Hilton
Chartered Valuation Surveyor
[Colliers International](#)

Colliers International is one of the UK's top real estate advisory organisations and provides a broad range of real estate consultancy services including general practice surveying, fund management, destination consulting and property co-investment. Globally, Colliers International is one of the world's largest commercial real estate firms, employing 17,000 professionals across 68 countries. Jessica joined Colliers in 2016 as a graduate surveyor and qualified as a chartered surveyor in 2018, now working as an MRICS, registered commercial valuer.

Jessica has been a member of Women in Property for approximately 18 months and joined the committee in 2018, taking on the role of website co-ordinator. She said: 'It's fun to be involved with something that promotes and supports like-minded women and men in a sector that has historically been so male dominated. It's a great way to raise your profile and create contacts throughout a range of property sectors, while enjoying a variety of networking events that are available to everyone.'

New members

Welcome to our new and renewing members:

Daniella Barrow, NPS Group
Ruth Bowden, Pinsent Mason LLP
Nina Bradley-Brown, Sanderson Weatherall
Amy Chadwick, Shulmans LLP
Roisin Davies, Henry Boot Developments Ltd
Lauren Deas, Yorkshire Water Services Ltd
Emily Dickinson, Halliday Clark Architects
Nicola Irving, GT3 Architects
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