

# North West Branch Newsletter

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#### 42 Roles in the Built Environment

In recent months, Louise Emmott and Marion Room of the Women in Property North West committee, together with Shannon Conway, Kerry Whittle, and Kal Gill-Faci (previously members of the WiP committee), and several esteemed WiP members, have had the privilege of appearing on the Material Source Studio podcast titled "42 Roles in the Built Environment."

Material Source is a destination for interior designers, architects and makers exploring a wealth of materials, products and finished projects both online and offline, at our Studio in Manchester.

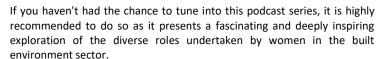


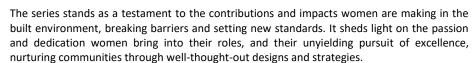
Throughout this season, Material Source have been speaking to people who lead, plan, design, build facilitate and push through change within the built environment, with the aim to leave you informed and inspired.



Recently, Louise Emmott, who established her own residential consultancy called Kingsdene, spoke with Material Source. She offers developers comprehensive or specific UK and international sales and marketing strategies from the project's inception to its completion. Louise is deeply passionate about ensuring the right design and specification for individual apartments and communal areas to foster vibrant residential communities.

Marion, an Architect Director at DMWR, spoke in episode 20, expressing her passion in sustainability and the built environment and the urgent need to move the debate forward for both new and retrofit schemes.





The Manchester Material Source Studio, located on Federation Street in Manchester city centre also offers workspace for hire and many interesting events for those who work in the built environment.

# **Upcoming Events**

- Lunch at the Clink, Styal 5<sup>th</sup> October, 12.00pm - Wilmslow
- Preston Cocktail Making Masterclass 5<sup>th</sup> October, 6.30pm – Preston
- Wine Tasting A journey through Argentina 11th October, 4.30pm - Liverpool
- Public Speaking with Confidence 18th October, 8.00am - Manchester
- Menopause and the Workplace 19th October, 12.00pm - Virtual
- North West Annual Dinner 19th October, 5.00pm - SOLD OUT
- Cheese and Wine Tasting with Burt's 3rd November, 4.00pm - Manchester
- Christmas Cocktails Event 30th November - Manchester -SAVE THE DATE
- **Members Christmas Breakfast** 7th December - Manchester -SAVE THE DATE

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### Women in Property North West Annual BBQ





The Women in Property North West Annual Summer BBQ returned for another year at Black Friar in Salford, raising money for St Ann's Hospice Build It Together appeal. At this sold out event, guests enjoyed relaxed conversation and delicious food in the lush beer garden, along with live music to really make the atmosphere. The sun even made an appearance!

Thank you to Naomi Willoughby Foster for organising such a fabulous event and to Penni Pennington from Connect In Events for assisting with the venue sourcing and event organisation.

## **Summer Wine & Tapas**





The Women in Property North West branch enjoyed an afternoon of delicious tapas and tasting Catalonian wines at the stunning Porcelanosa Manchester showroom.

Guests heard from Xtone, who shared products used in their show stopping kitchens and had the chance to browse through the huge range of tiles to try out different colour combinations for any project they had in mind.

Huge thanks to Iliana Ceballos from Porcelanosa, who was such a fantastic host and made this event possible. All proceeds from the event are being donated to The Clink Charity, who provide an opportunity to gain new skills and qualifications in catering and horticulture for those women serving in Styal prison ahead of the next Women in Property lunch held at the Clink on 5<sup>th</sup> October.

# CPD Accredited Site Studies

The last few months has seen a plethora of site studies across Manchester including the fabulous Renaissance Hotel led by Property Alliance Group and Starwood Capital Group, the Nerf Action Xperience and Trafford Palazzo hosted by Peel L&P, Greenhaus hosted by Eric Wright Group, the Kampus tour led by Chapman Taylor and Exterior Architecture and the Ancoats Dispensary courtesy of Buttress.

These site studies are not only informative but are also CPD accredited events for attendees. Studies provide a comprehensive perspective, delving deep into the intricate details of Manchester's ongoing projects. The events paint a vivid picture of Manchester's urban evolution, outlining the transformative aspirations and groundbreaking innovations the city envisions for the future.

Look out for new CPD accredited site studies coming soon and if you have any sites which you are involved in and would like to put forward for a site study, please contact <a href="Stephanie Cox">Stephanie Cox</a>.







# Are You An Aspiring Member?

Have you attended one of our fun and inclusive events recently and thought about becoming a member of Women in Property?

We are currently at circa 300 members and this number is steadily climbing. Please get in touch with Emma Richman.

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# Working Parents & Carers



We were delighted to host another successful Working Parents & Carers picnic at Mayfield Park in Manchester this August. Open to members and non-members and their children, it was great to have a get-together to have some fun on the slides and discuss the balancing act of working with the summer holidays.

Watch out for future events and please get in touch with <u>Stephanie Cox</u> or <u>Jennifer Kantor</u> if you have any ideas for future events.

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# Three Shires Walk – Diane Modahl Sports Foundation



An enthusiastic group of hikers undertook a 26km hike, covering three peaks of Cheshire, Derbyshire, and Staffordshire, all in a bid to support the remarkable Diane Modahl Sports Foundation (DMSF).

Huge congratulations to all participants for not only taking on the challenge but also surpassing the fundraising goal of £3000 for this outstanding Manchester-based charity. DMSF is dedicated to aiding young individuals excel in sports, education, and community involvement.

### Liverpool

Our Liverpool branch members were treated to a fantastic evening at Gaucho in Liverpool for the Liverpool Summer Social in July.

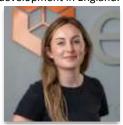
The event, brimming with fun, laughter and an abundance of champagne, was hosted by Liverpool Committee member Pamela Chesterman. It was wonderful to see both familiar faces and newcomers.

Watch this space for future events taking place in Liverpool.



# **Biodiversity Net Gain**

In June, Celia Barlow, Associate Director of E3P, presented a fully CPD accredited presentation on what the introduction of Biodiversity Net Gain will mean for development in England.



It was very interesting to hear what BNG is, and of the Government's plans to halt species decline by 2030 by implementing a requirement for developers to deliver 10% BNG when building housing, industrial or commercial developments from November 2023. Look out for the next seminar in the new year, providing an update once the guidance has been released.

### **Freshwalks**

Following some of the disappointing cancellations of some of the Freshwalks events in recent months (blame the Great British Summer!), Women in Property North West members were delighted to embark on the Hilbre Island walk this month, expertly guided by Michael Di Paola from Freshwalks and organised by committee member Nicola Rudman



There is no better way to spend a Friday than fresh air, exercise and getting to know people in a relaxed and friendly way while taking in stunning coastal views.

The group were also able to sample delicious food and drink once they had completed their revitalising walk!

Due to the popularity of our walking events, there are many more to come throughout the year so keep an eye on the app and get yourself booked on!

# Cumbria & Lancashire



The start of a working week in Carlisle saw informative panel discussions around the long term vision to preserve the history of Carlisle and the varying challenges this presents, along with a visit to the Citadels.

Cumberland Council is charting a roadmap for the historical conservation of Carlisle. Representatives from the Cumberland Council and the University of Cumbria, who played key roles in obtaining the £80M fund and overseeing the execution of public realm initiatives, facilitated a comprehensive dialogue with both Women in Property members and other attendees.

### Cheese and Wine



We really lucked out with the weather for the Women in Property North West Cheese and Wine evening, hosted by committee member Nicola Rudman in the spectacular offices of JMW in Spinningfields.

This enjoyable evening was full of fun, laughter, cheese, wine and a fantastically funny Cheese Quiz hosted by Holly O'Farrell including a round named 'IKEA or Cheese' (you would be surprised by some of the answers!). Thanks to all that came and contributed to the success of the event.

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#### **Committee News**

## **Property Disruptor 2023**





Congratulations to Louise Emmott, Women in Property NW committee member, on being named as one of the 2023 Insider Media Property disruptors along with 20 other professionals in the property sector. Louise is certainly one to watch!

# Catalina Ionita – Shortlisted for 'Innovator of the Year'



Congratulations to committee member Catalina Ionita for being shortlisted for 'Innovator of the Year' award at the I Love Manchester awards.

This nomination not only speaks for her dedication to advancing placemaking knowledge during her PhD research and her architectural contributions at Chapman Taylor but also emphasises the importance of her role as Inclusion Champion at Women in Property North West. Best of luck Ionita!

## Property Week: Five Minutes with Pamela Chesterman



Pamela Chesterman, planning and environmental partner at law firm, Irwin Mitchell, and committee member of the Liverpool sub-committee of Women in Property North West, had the pleasure of speaking with Property Week on how she got started in the property industry, her top film and song recommendations and the most ridiculous fact she knows.

If you want to know more about Pamela, what it takes to be a planning solicitor and are curious about what it is about camels that is so interesting, you can read her Q&A article <a href="here">here</a>.

### Katie Dyson – Fitness Instructor

One of the Women in Property North West members, Katie Dyson, Project Manager at Cube, is also a RockFit fitness instructor!

RockFit is a dance, cardio and toning fitness class set to a Rock and Metal music soundtrack. She started Rockfit 3 years ago, just before lockdown, and loved it so much she wanted to spread the joy of RockFit to everyone.

She teaches classes in Atherton and Monton in Manchester on Monday and Tuesday evenings. If you think you may like to have a go, feel free to get in touch with her!



### **Members Space**

## **Helen Daley**



We are delighted to congratulate WiP North West member Helen Daley on the launch of her new company, HLR Construction & Engineering Law.

This venture not only showcases her expertise and dedication to the field but also solidifies her position as an enterprising professional in the industry. We wish you every success in your future plans.

#### **Get in Touch!**

As always, we are here as a branch to support our members – if you are interested in hosting an event or working on an exciting project/have news to share – we want to hear from you! Have you got that promotion you wanted? Are there any topics you would like to see us cover? Are you working on something innovative / trailblazing that you would like members to be a part of? **Get in touch with Stephanie Cox.** 

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