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Upcoming Events

Introduction by North West Chair, Rachael Cunliffe



Women in Property North West is delighted to announce the appointment of Rachael Cunliffe as the new Branch Chair. Rachael, the Director of Engage5 and a business development specialist at Harley Haddow, officially assumed her role on March 1st. She is joined by Stephanie Cox, the Director of E3P, who will serve as Vice Chair.

In her capacity as Chair, Rachael is enthusiastic about promoting her passion for developing confidence in attending functions and fostering connections and friendships through an extensive events programme. Her primary focus for the year is themed around 'Leadership'.

Rachael aims to challenge the traditional view that gender is the main barrier to success in the property industry. Her goal is to create an environment that supports the career growth of all members, encouraging a culture of inclusivity and professional development.

Rachael is excited to lead Women in Property North West towards new heights, ensuring that every member feels empowered and supported in their professional journey. Under her leadership, the organisation looks forward to a year filled with meaningful events, enriching experiences, and significant strides towards achieving gender equality in the industry.

- **Invisible Cities Feminist Walking Tour**
4th June, 8.30am – Manchester
- **Cycling the Monsal Trail**
7th June, 9.45am – Buxton
- **North West Annual Summer BBQ**
19th June, 12pm – Manchester
- **Urban Living – The Past, Present and Future**
25th June, 8.30am – Manchester
- **Housing Conference: Pizza and Prosecco**
26th June, 4pm – Manchester
- **J&J McConnell's Distillery**
27th June, 5pm - Belfast
- **North West Members Exclusive Summer Breakfast Event**
4th July, 10am – Manchester
- **Summer Social Cruise on Lake Windermere**
4th July, 5.45pm – Windermere
- **Freshwalks – Tatton Park**
5th July, 9am – Cheshire
- **Preston Regeneration Site Tour**
10th July, 9.30am - Preston
- **Paddleboarding**
11th July, 4pm – Liverpool

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? Our North West membership is now at 327 members and we would love to grow this more. Please get in touch with Rachel Hollins if you are interested in joining (Rachel.hollins@clarionhg.com).

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North West Regional Student Awards



We are thrilled to announce that Letitia Zhao, our North West regional Student Awards winner, will now represent the North West at [The Best of the Best National Student Awards at Claridge's](#) on 19th September.

Letitia is currently studying architecture at Manchester School of Architecture (MSA). Her victory comes from an incredibly talented pool of candidates. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to all our regional finalists: Elizabeth Quail, Abbie Taylor, Wafiyah Farouk Lawan, Charlotte Metcalfe, Gabrielle Nyathi, Diya Calleechurn, Hasna Abdo, Ka Yu Cheung, Connie Brocklesby, and Hannah Haines.

During the awards evening, we were inspired by speeches from our 2023 winner Beatrice Allen, guest speaker Madeline Sillence, and North West Chair Rachael Cunliffe. Let's cheer on Letitia as she prepares for the national stage! Our grateful thanks go to our regional Awards sponsor HLR Law and event host Turner & Townsend.

WiP North West Next Gen

Another first for Women in Property North West, organised under the initiative of our North West Chair. The Women in Property NW Next Gen team orchestrated a spectacular sold-out evening at the Black Cat Club in Manchester. This event, celebrated for its vibrant atmosphere and enthusiastic participation, was expertly hosted by our newest committee members, Emily Dixon and Jaime Stanton.

The night was a remarkable success, marking another significant milestone in our efforts to foster connections, empower women in the property sector, and inspire the next generation of leaders. Thank you to everyone who attended and contributed to making this event memorable. We look forward to more such inspiring gatherings in the future.



Open Water Swimming



Women in Property North West hosted our first open water swimming event this month at the Farm Club in Manchester.

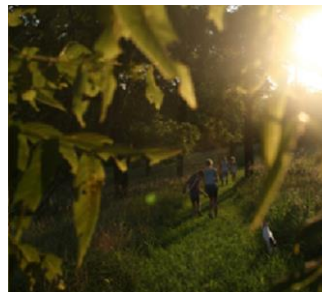
The event was a fantastic opportunity for our members to come together, embrace the outdoors, and enjoy a refreshing swim in a beautiful setting. We are thrilled with the turnout and the positive feedback from participants. Stay tuned for more exciting events in the future!

Step into Summer: An Outdoor Challenge

Commencing on Friday 21st June for a 2-week period, Women in Property is collaboratively taking part in the [Step into Summer 2024 team step challenge](#).

Why not get a team of four together and join us as we work together to walk a virtual route, logging our activity as we go!

The registration deadline is 17th June and the lead team member must be a member of Women in Property.



Freshwalks



Members of Women in Property NW embarked on a beautiful sunset walk to Edale in Hope Valley for the third Freshwalks of 2024. The weather just about held out to allow a hike of 7.5km with a 1375ft gain, in the company of like-minded individuals during Mental Health Awareness Week.

If you haven't joined us on a Freshwalks yet, please consider the events coming up and book your place on the app or the website to avoid disappointment!

- 5th July – Tatton Park (8km, Easy)
- 19th September – Formby (16km, Medium)
- 15th November - Lyme Park (10km, Medium)

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Spring Networking Lunch



In anticipation of this year's UKREiIF conference, Women in Property North West hosted a dynamic networking lunch at BLVD in Manchester. The event was designed to unite individuals planning to attend the upcoming conference in Leeds and to share valuable networking tips.

The atmosphere at BLVD was lively and welcoming, providing the perfect setting for professionals to connect and exchange ideas. Attendees included a diverse mix of seasoned professionals and newcomers to the industry, all eager to expand their networks and gain insights ahead of the UKREiIF conference.

The lunch was not just about networking; it also featured discussions on best practices for making the most out of the conference experience. Attendees shared their own networking strategies, tips on how to engage effectively with industry peers, and ways to maximise the benefits of attending such a significant event.

Overall, the gathering was a fantastic opportunity for professionals to forge new connections, strengthen existing relationships, and prepare collectively for the highly anticipated event in Leeds. The positive feedback from participants highlighted the value of such pre-conference gatherings in enhancing the overall conference experience.

Liverpool

Spring Wine Tasting



The Liverpool sub-committee embarked on a journey through South America with their sold-out wine tasting event at Fazenda this month.

Expert sommeliers guided attendees through the tasting, offering insights into the history, production methods, and tasting notes of each wine. This educational component added depth to the experience, allowing participants to appreciate not just the flavours but also the craftsmanship behind each bottle.

Thank you to everyone who attended and made the evening unforgettable. We look forward to seeing you at our next wine tasting event in Manchester!

Liverpool Networking

The Women in Property Liverpool sub-committee recently hosted a fantastic networking event at Avenue HQ, with coffee generously provided by Nespresso UK! The event saw a great turnout, featuring both familiar faces and new attendees, offering a wonderful opportunity for everyone to expand their professional networks. The lively atmosphere and engaging conversations made for a memorable and productive gathering.



Lancashire & Cumbria

Marketing & Social Media Masterclass

The Lancashire and Cumbria sub-committee recently hosted the second instalment in their SME series webinars, featuring an insightful presentation by Carol Wallace of CreativeHutch. Carol delivered an invaluable session on the art of marketing via social media, sharing her expertise and practical tips on leveraging various social media platforms to enhance business visibility and engagement. Attendees gained a deeper understanding of effective social media strategies, content creation, and the latest trends in digital marketing. The webinar was well-received, with participants praising the actionable advice and the opportunity to learn from a seasoned marketing professional. This event is part of an ongoing effort by the sub-committee to support SMEs with relevant and practical knowledge in today's digital age.

Could you be a mentor?

Are you a member of Women in Property North West? Our successful mentor programme relies on volunteers to act as mentors for our fabulous members. If you think you may have something to offer and knowledge to impart, why not consider putting yourself forward as a mentor? The mentoring scheme matches mentees with mentors from different professional disciplines to ensure the mentoring focuses on career development and avoids the potential for conflicts of interest. Contact <https://www.womeninproperty.org.uk/mentoring/branch-mentoring-ambassadors/>

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We are delighted that the 2024 regional Student Awards have been generously sponsored by one of our members, the wonderful Helen Daley. Helen has recently launched her own law firm, HLR Construction & Engineering Law. Here's a message from Helen:

"I've sat on the judging panel for the regional awards three times over the past four years. Each time, I and my fellow judges have been so impressed by the enthusiasm and drive shown by the candidates who enter the competition.

"The National Student Awards offer a unique opportunity for young women in their second year of university to get early insights into the industry; to meet people, attend events and even get some work experience. It's an excellent initiative and it's one I have seen go from strength to strength over the past four years. It's been wonderful to meet previous winners who, having left university, have begun forging careers in the industry.

"I set up HLR Construction & Engineering Law in September 2023, where I continue to advise clients in relation to construction and engineering disputes. The industry continues to present all sorts of challenges and, more positively, great opportunities – so when I was given the opportunity to sponsor the awards via my new venture, I really couldn't resist.

"I'm absolutely delighted that I, and HLR, can be a part of the awards and I'm so looking forward to seeing Letitia Zhao, our North West winner, go on to London for the annual dinner at Claridge's – a location and an event which never fails to impress! On from that, I will be preparing a quarterly update for the Newsletter – so watch this space!"

Shweta Salvankar – CIBSE Symposium 2024

At the CIBSE Symposium 2024, one of our members, Shweta Salvankar of Harley Haddow, was honoured for her paper that addresses the challenges and strategies in designing Net Zero Carbon buildings.

"The paper, titled "Paving the Way to Net Zero Carbon Standards: A Guide to Designing Net Zero Carbon Buildings in Regions Lacking a Carbon Assessment Framework," was recognised with the award for the **Most Significant Contribution to the Art and Science of Building Services Engineering**. This accolade is a testament to the importance of sustainable building practices. This award was given to me in my alma mater at Welsh school of Architecture, Cardiff University, making it even more special."



DK Architects Make Senior Promotion



Hannah Bolton, a member of Women in Property NW, has been promoted to Associate Director at the Liverpool-based Architectural Practice.

Hannah joined DK Architects in 2011 and was named Associate in 2017. In 2019 she became responsible for leading DK-Architect's Practice Management and plans to build on this experience in her new role, working with the Directors and wider management team on the strategic focus of the Practice.

During her 12 years at DK Architects, Hannah has led on feasibility and construction of one-off private houses whilst also leading the technical design and construction of multi-million-pound mixed-use developments – including Phase 2 of the Points Cross residential masterplan in Leeds for The Guinness Partnership.

DK Architects Director, David Dickerson, said, "Hannah's commitment, skill and enthusiasm to improve every aspect of what we are, has been and will continue to be a key part in shaping our identity, and achieving our aims of creating great buildings, spaces and places. This promotion is richly deserved, and exciting for the future of the practice".

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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