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North West Branch Newsletter

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Women in Property Annual Dinner 2024

Our Cirque-Themed Annual Dinner was truly an evening to remember, filled with dazzling entertainment, inspiring stories, and a shared commitment to making a difference!

Highlights of the evening included: incredible acrobatics and cirque-themed performances that transported us from Victoria Warehouse to an evening under the Big Top; an inspiring address by Branch Chair, Rachael Cunliffe, celebrating the achievements and future of women in property, and supporting an incredible cause, Women's Aid, with proceeds from the evening going to help women and children in need.

We're so grateful to everyone who joined us and helped make this our biggest Annual Dinner yet – a night that celebrated the power of connection, creativity, and community.

A heartfelt thank you to our sponsors: BTP Architects, AEW Architects, Switchee, Wallace Whittle, PMP, The LK Group, CMS UK, TP Bennett and Project Group UK. Your support made all of this possible!



Upcoming Events

NextGen Yoga Breakfast

22nd January 2025, 8.00am, Manchester

Freshwalks: Tegg's Nose Sunrise

23rd January 2025, 7.30am, Macclesfield

CPD Accredited: Exploring Neurodiversity

28th January 2025, 4.30pm

What's Next for Manchester's Inclusive Growth?

30th January 2025, 2.00pm, Manchester

Walking Tour: 'Step Back in Time: We Built This City From Depression

5th February 2025, 8.30am, Manningtree

North West AGM

27th February 2025, 12.00pm, Manchester

A Special Thanks!

Connect In Events, who proudly organised our Annual Dinner, is celebrating 15 successful years in 2024 as a premier event management company specialising in construction and property. Renowned for delivering outstanding events across the UK and Europe, they expertly manage conferences, award ceremonies, corporate gatherings, and networking events, all tailored to clients' unique needs. From venue selection to AV support, event design, catering, and branding, Connect In Events ensures seamless execution. Their industry-specific expertise makes them the trusted partner for impactful and memorable experiences in the construction and property sectors.



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Sophie Page - Winner of Women in Property National Student Awards

Congratulations to Sophie Page, studying BSc Architectural Studies at Cardiff University / Prifysgol Caerdydd University, who was announced winner of the 2024 Women in Property National Student Awards, at the Best of the Best Awards Dinner, held at Claridge's on 19th September. Sophie competed against 12 other students in the national final of the Awards programme, now in its 18th year.



The North West Branch wants to give a special shoutout to Letitia Zhao, the North West regional finalist, who did a fantastic presentation. Women in Property believe in unlocking one's potential, recognising our own skills and developing our capabilities, none more so than through the National Student Awards programme.

NextGen North West



The NextGen Committee was formed within the North West Branch to support members starting out in their careers in the built environment—regardless of age. It's a fantastic way to connect with contemporaries, build professional relationships, and learn from both peers and our wider membership.

Recently, we hosted a successful “Meet Your WiP Committee” event, where guests had the chance to ask some of our North West committee members questions on their career journeys. It was a fantastic networking opportunity and a valuable chance to engage with others in the field.

What's next? Start your 2025 right with our NextGen Yoga Breakfast in January—a perfect blend of mindfulness, networking, and professional growth.

Stay tuned for our full programme of events throughout 2025! Check the Events page on the Women in Property website for more details on upcoming opportunities. Let's make this year one for connection and collaboration!

Freshwalks

This winter's Freshwalks event took place on Friday, 15th November, offering a refreshing escape into the outdoors. A foggy start didn't diminish the beauty and charm of Lyme Park, where the group explored and soaked in the serene surroundings.

As always, it was a fantastic opportunity to enjoy some fresh air, reconnect with friends, and forge new connections with like-minded individuals. Whether you're a regular or joining for the first time, Freshwalks is the perfect way to combine networking and nature. Don't miss out—keep an eye on our website for details of upcoming Freshwalks events.



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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Women in Property NW at Christmas

Burt's Cheese and Wine Networking

Our sold-out Cheese and Wine Evening, proudly sponsored and hosted by Davitt Jones Bould (DJB) in Manchester, was a resounding success! The event showcased an exquisite selection of Burt's cheeses, a local gem from Cheshire, paired with fine wines, and offered plenty of opportunities for networking.



Liverpool

What an incredible evening at last night's "Bubbles and Baubles" event at Liverpool's iconic 360 Sky Bar! With a special visit from Santa and his Elf and lovely gifts courtesy of MSB, thanks to Andrew Moore and Andrew Fairman, it was the perfect networking finale for the year.



Huge thanks to everyone who joined us—our team can't wait to unveil exciting plans for 2025.

That's a Wrap on 2024!

We ended the year on a high with a fantastic wreath-making event, sponsored by NJL Consulting and hosted by Trowers & Hamlins.

The evening was filled with festive cheer, delicious treats, drinks, and great networking with a creative and talented group. Huge thanks to Joanne Pollard for sharing her expertise, helping guests craft stunning Christmas wreaths to take home.

A special shoutout to our sponsorship coordinator, Samantha Jones, for organising this sold-out, memorable event. What a wonderful way to close out the year!



North Wales

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our North Wales Christmas Drinks on Monday at Dylans Llandudno!

It's fantastic to see this area thriving, and we're excited for more events in 2025. Wishing you all a wonderful festive season!

Special thanks to our sponsors, Donald Insall Associates, and the team at Mostyn Estates Limited for attending. Huge appreciation to Emma Richman for organising this lovely evening!



Christmas Cocktails

The stunning Sora Sky Bar in Manchester's Malmaison Deansgate was the venue for our fabulous Christmas Celebrations this year.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who joined us for such a fantastic night. We were thrilled to support Manchester Leaving Care Service, and your generosity helped us raise an amazing £750.

Special thanks to our wonderful sponsors: Ultimate (Commercial Interiors) Ltd. We hope it was the perfect way to kick off the festive season!



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Laura Dunlop

Celebrating a Decade of Excellence: GLD Technical Consulting Ltd's 10th Anniversary

GLD Technical Consulting Ltd celebrates its 10th anniversary this year, marking a decade of innovation and success in the consulting industry. Led by Managing Director Laura Dunlop, the company has built a strong reputation for delivering high-quality solutions across private and public sector projects, such as energy improvements at Granite House, MEP design for the Lighthouse Church, and decarbonisation projects for schools in Leicester.

Laura's leadership extends beyond GLD, as she plays a vital role in the Women in Property North West Branch, where she mentors and supports the next generation of women in the property industry. With a commitment to growth, innovation, and sustainable practices, GLD continues to set ambitious goals for the future, focusing on Passivhaus training and low-carbon consultancy while maintaining strong client relationships and industry leadership.



Dr. Catalina Ionita earns PhD

Catalina has passed her PhD defense in Urban Activation and Place to become Dr. Ionita! The project was entitled 'Artist Led Spatial Production in the City: East Street Arts as an Urban Activator'. This incredible achievement marks a huge milestone in Catalina's career and we are very excited to see what the future holds - Congratulations Catalina!



E3P - New Midlands Office

E3P has reached an exciting milestone with the launch of a new office in Stirchley, Birmingham. Alongside this expansion, the company has welcomed five new team members who are now settling into the new location. As a leading multi-disciplinary consultancy specializing in Geo-environmental, Ecology, Acoustics, and Vibration services, E3P employs over 70 professionals. The new office will enhance E3P's national footprint, create opportunities in the local region, and strengthen its reach into the South of England.

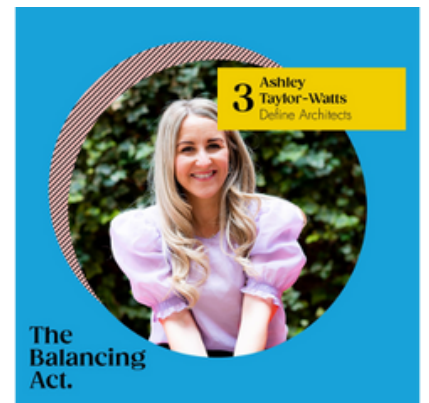


Women in Property North West's vice chair and E3P's new managing director, Stephanie Cox, is actively working to ensure the new employees feel welcome while driving efforts to establish a strong presence for E3P in the Midlands.

Ashley Taylor-Watts

Ashley, Co-Director of Define Architects and committee member of Women in Property NW, celebrated her practice's 6th anniversary this month. After founding Define Architects in 2018 with her husband Gavin, Ashley has led the studio with a focus on detail, craftsmanship, and people-centred design. She joined the Liverpool sub-committee of Women in Property this year, having been an active member for the past four years.

Ashley commented, "I'm not sure where the time has gone and how our studio is now 6 years old. We are very lucky to work with amazing people in the industry and work on a diverse range of projects – which keeps things interesting! We really enjoy what we do and have an incredible team around us."



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