

# RTPI Yorkshire e-bulletin

## April 2015

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### RTPI Yorkshire Annual Lecture and Reception



**Booking now open**

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2015, 6.00 – 9.00pm at The Banqueting Suite, Civic Hall, Leeds**

We are honoured that Alfonso Vegara, President of Fundación Metrópoli in Madrid, will deliver this year's Lecture on 'Connecting People and Places across the world'. He has an impeccable international reputation and has advised cities across the globe over a long period on the importance of their creative transformation, considering them to be more important than national boundaries. The Lecture will be chaired by Tim Riordan, Chief Executive at Leeds City Council, and will be attended by the RTPI President, Janet Askew. An informal wine and canapé reception will follow.

**Only £10 + VAT; and free to students in full time education.**

**Please book online at: <http://www.rtpi.org.uk/events/events-calendar/2015/july/rtpi-yorkshire-annual-lecture-and-reception/>**

You will be given the option during the booking process of either paying online (using PayPal or a credit or debit card) or requesting an invoice.

Please note that this event is open to all, both RTPI and non-RTPI members, so please ignore any reference to logging in or inputting a membership number while you are booking. If you have any problems with the online booking system please let me know.

Over 200 delegates attended our [Centenary Lecture](#) last year and we are expecting demand to be high again this year for our premier event of 2015. So please book early to avoid disappointment.

- [Download flyer](#) (pdf)

We are very grateful for the support of both DWF LLP and O'Neill Associates.



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### 2015 RTPI Yorkshire Planning Excellence Award

The 2015 RTPI Yorkshire Planning Excellence Award is open for entries and our winner will be presented with their award by the RTPI President, Janet Askew, at our annual Lecture and Reception in the Banqueting Suite at the Civic Hall in Leeds on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July.

[Visit our Awards page](#) for further details.

**The closing date for entries is 5.00pm on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2015.**

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## 2015 RTPI Yorkshire Conference Series

All remaining events in the 2015 RTPI Yorkshire Conference Series are open for booking. Discounted Season Ticket places are available. Details on the [RTPI Yorkshire Conference Series](#) webpage.

**Our next conference** is the popular [Development Management Law Conference](#), held in association with DWF LLP. It is at The Hospitium in Museum Gardens in York on Thursday 21 May 2015.

- [Download programme](#) (pdf)
- [Download booking form](#)

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## 2015 RTPI Yorkshire Practice Seminars

The theme of our low cost Seminars and Study Tours for 2015 is “Yorkshire’s Vibrant Places” and selected towns and cities across the region are showcasing their planning successes and future proposals. Our Seminars are open to all. There are a limited number of free places for full time students available at each seminar. Visit the [RTPI Yorkshire Practice Seminars](#) webpage for details.

### Our next Seminars are:

- [Leeds: A Joined up approach to Housing Growth](#). Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2015; 9.30am – 1.00pm.  
**Fully booked. Reserve list only.**
- [Hull: City of Culture and Transformation](#). Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2015; 9.30am – 3.30pm.  
£15 + VAT (to include lunch)  
**Only 5 places now left.**

Booking will open for the other [Practice Seminars](#) in the Series shortly. Please register your interest with me in the meantime for any that you would like to attend.

- [Read the reports](#) from the Huddersfield and Doncaster Seminars held this year.

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## RTPI Yorkshire Pub Quiz

Our Pub Quiz held at the Bierkeller in Leeds on 16<sup>th</sup> April was a huge success and was sold out within 6 days with 100 participants. If you missed out, book early next year!

Congratulations to the winners: Spawforths Sparks (Emma Lancaster, Gavin Winter, Andrew Roase, Hannah Richardson and Dave Rolinson).

Very many thanks to our Young Planners who organised the event, particularly to Nick Pleasant and Matthew Turnbull and our grateful thanks to sponsors, Indigo Planning.



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## Events in our Region

Visit our [Other Events in the Region](#) webpage. If you know of an event that could be included in the listings please forward details to [yorkshire@rtpi.org.uk](mailto:yorkshire@rtpi.org.uk)

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## 2015 Young Planners' Conference

**Save the date!** The annual conference will be held in the maritime city of Southampton at the iconic Grand Harbour Hotel on 9 and 10 October 2015.

Hosted by the South Coast Young Planners' Network, the conference will explore the theme of 'Planning for Successful Places' and will ask the critical question of what makes a place successful and how can planning facilitate this? [Further details](#)

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## RTPI Awards for Planning Excellence

The RTPI has [announced the finalists for the RTPI's Awards for Planning Excellence](#).

Two projects in Yorkshire have been shortlisted and will automatically also enter for this year's regional awards:

- Bridlington Revised Bathing Waters Directive (rBWD) Scheme (Excellence in Planning to Deliver Infrastructure)
- Lincolnshire Lakes Planning Applications (Excellence in Planning for the Natural Environment)

The Awards ceremony which will be held at the Pullman London St Pancras on 6 July 2015 is now fully booked.

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## RTPI Awards for Research Excellence

The RTPI Awards for Research Excellence are now open for entries of exemplary planning research from all RTPI accredited planning schools. The closing date for entries is 31 May 2015. [Find out more](#)

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## Assessment of Professional Competence

The new 2015 Assessment of Professional Competence (APC) Guidance document (which will apply from November 2015) is now available. [Find out more](#)

Listen to Head of Membership Martine Koch explain the changes in a [podcast](#)

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## CIC survey on careers promotion

Creating a sustainable workforce for the construction industry has been a challenge for many years. To address this Construction 2025 has identified a number of actions including:

- Developing a co-ordinated approach to engaging young people
- Developing action plans to tackle further capability and capacity issues raised by employers
- Establishing a common gateway for the construction industry that will set out routes to entry and career pathways

E4BE (Education for the Built Environment), a subcommittee of the Construction Industry Council (CIC), is undertaking a mapping exercise to understand how careers in the built environment are promoted and would be grateful if you could complete a short online survey which is at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/YN65NNJ>

The information will be used to help create a more efficient and effective promotional campaign recognising the strengths of the industry in what it does well.

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## Planning in the next Parliament

The RTPI has published ten key proposals for *Planning in the next Parliament* in advance of the UK general election. They were selected from the extensive policy and research work programme conducted over the past 18 months which produced a range of policy papers and the *Planning Horizons* series, which recommend policy solutions and thought leadership on a range of pressing challenges. Key spokespersons from the parties have discussed their policies with the RTPI's General Assembly and we have had direct input into their policy making bodies, including specific reviews on planning.

The ten proposals include a call on the next Government to deliver a stable and properly resourced planning system, commit to ending the housing crisis within a generation, and to provide financial incentives to reward local authorities which plan together. We hope everyone who wants to engage with the election will use this document to help us argue the case for planning solutions in the next parliament.

Click here to read [Planning in the next Parliament](#).

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## In the local News

- Experts have said a new transport strategy for the north of England could affect local plans, which may need updating to take into account the economic activity and housing growth resulting from the proposals.
  - The opening of a £1.7bn potash mine in North Yorkshire has taken a step forward after the first set of planning permissions have been approved. [Read more](#)
  - Plans to open up a business park and housing development in Dearne Valley have been approved by councillors in South Yorkshire. [Read more](#)
  - Plans have been unveiled for the 700,000 sq. ft. Sheffield Retail Quarter, designed by Leonard Design Architects.
  - Sheffield City Region's JESSICA fund is to be used for office redevelopment in historic venues. [Read more](#)
  - A £35m mixed-use regeneration scheme for Sheffield will provide a link between Ecclesall Road and the city centre, featuring a mixture of apartments and retail. [Read more](#)
  - Communities secretary Eric Pickles has refused permission for a 400 home development near Leeds, citing concerns over 'adverse impacts on local character and identity'.
  - Eric Pickles has blocked a 102-home scheme near York after concluding that it would harm the green belt and very special circumstances did not exist to justify approving it.
  - Energy secretary Ed Davey has approved plans for a 1500MW natural gas power station at Drax that will include some development on the green belt.. [Read more](#)
  - Refurbishment of Sheffield Cathedral has led it to be named Yorkshire Building of the Year at the RIBA architectural awards ceremony. [Read more](#)
  - Leeds planners have given the go ahead to the multi-million pound remodelling and regeneration of historic Sunny Bank Mills in Farsley. [Read more](#)
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- Chancellor George Osborne, deputy prime minister Nick Clegg, transport secretary Patrick McLoughlin and Northern city leaders, have set out plans to “revolutionise travel in the North”. [Read more](#)
- On 26 March 2015 Natural England submitted its report and proposals to the Secretary of State for coastal access for the 70 mile (110km) stretch of the coast between Filey Brigg and Newport Bridge. [Read the report](#). Objections and representations to the proposals must be received by Natural England not later than 5pm on 21 May 2015.

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## RTPI News

- General Election online resource for members. Find out how the RTPI has been working with politicians on key planning policy issues, what the parties are saying about planning, and what the RTPI considers important for influencing future policy. [Read more](#)
- RTPI Chief Executive Trudi Elliott led one of the main sessions at the Homes for Britain rally, the biggest housing rally in a generation. Trudi chaired a discussion on the seminal 1960s film *Cathy Come Home*, which led to the formation of Crisis, sharing a panel with Director Ken Loach. The RTPI is a founding partner of [Homes for Britain](#), a coalition pushing to end the housing crisis within a generation.
- The RTPI spoke at the American Planning Association’s conference in Seattle earlier this month. [Read more](#)
- The RTPI has published its Corporate Strategy for 2015-2020. [Read more](#)
- Three Presidents, including RTPI President Janet Askew, took part in a Women in Planning event in London earlier this month. [Read more](#)
- The 2015 Convention will be held on Tuesday 7 July with the theme of ‘The New Politics for Planning’. [Find out more](#)
- [Job vacancies](#) in *The Planner*.
- Visit the [RTPI Briefing Room](#)
- The [RTPI Blog](#) is a regularly updated central hub for new ideas, reflection on policy and news, event coverage and much more.

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If you have any items you would like to share with members in the Yorkshire Region please email me, Trish Cookson, at [yorkshire@rtpi.org.uk](mailto:yorkshire@rtpi.org.uk) for inclusion in the monthly bulletin.

**The next issue of the RTPI Yorkshire Member Bulletin will be available in May 2015.**

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