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Annual General Meeting

The new [Regional Management Board](#) and [Regional Activities Committee](#) were appointed at the AGM held in Leeds on 7th December. Welcome to Andy Haigh as the new Chair.

The 2011 annual report and minutes of the AGM are being sent to members in the Region with this bulletin. You can also read them online on the website at <http://yorkshire.rtpi.org.uk>

2011 Regional Award winners

Many congratulations to the joint winners of our 2011 Yorkshire Region Planning Awards: the Leeds City Region Green Infrastructure Strategy submitted by LDA Design, and the Successful Neighbourhoods and Great Places to Live: Creating Successful Neighbourhoods and Sustainable Communities in Sheffield submitted by Sheffield City Council.

Congratulations also to the winners of this year's Student book prizes:

- Leeds Metropolitan University: Andrew Jones
- Sheffield Hallam University: Joanna Walker
- University of Sheffield: Lucy Atkins

[Read more about all the award winners and commendations](#)

2012 Yorkshire Conference Series

The 2012 programme has now been published and can be found on the webpage at <http://www.rtpi.org.uk/item/4881>. Booking will be open for Season Ticket bookings in early January – watch out for the programme and booking form with your Winter edition of *Root & Branch*.

Yorkshire Practice Seminars

We are putting together the programme for the 2012 Yorkshire Practice Seminars series. Please let us know what topics would you like to see covered in these evening or half day events. If you can offer a venue, or sponsor an event, please do let us know. Email Trish Cookson at yorkshire@rtpi.org.uk with any suggestions.

YORnet

The YORnet Christmas Party was great fun by all accounts. [Read about it online](#). If you're under 35 and interested in the built environment – join now! See the YORnet web page for details at http://www.rtpi.org.uk/yorkshire_young_planners/

Women's Co-ordinator

A big thank you to Catherine Fay, who has recently stepped down as the Region's Women's Co-ordinator and was responsible for organising several outings for our 'Ladies in Planning'. If you're interested in taking over the role, please let me know.

Events of interest in the Region

Visit the [online events page](#) for details of more events in the Yorkshire region.

Commission on the Future of Local Government – Call for Evidence

Leeds City Council is using the concept of civic enterprise in order to demonstrate the value of truly collaborative ways of working. Find out more at <http://civicenterpriseuk.org/>

Shadowing opportunity sought

Jess Dewhurst is currently studying for a Joint BA (Hons) Geography and Politics degree at the University of Leeds. Over the years she has become increasingly interested in careers involving town

planning and urban regeneration, but before deciding to enrol on a RTPI postgraduate conversion course she would appreciate the chance to briefly shadow a planner. She understands how busy you all are and appreciates that shadow work requires extra organisation - but even a few days would be beneficial. She describes herself as an outgoing individual with well-developed people skills and has shown innovation and tenacity in previous projects and part time employment, including interviewing local MP's regarding waste disposal. In her spare time she enjoys volunteering for Aire Action which works in conjunction with British Waterways helping to provide Leeds community with beautiful, clean and sustainable waterfronts and waterfront facilities. She can be contacted at jh10jmd@leeds.ac.uk.

[Peak Oil – Implications for Planning Policy](#)

17 January 2012, London N1 7JE; 2pm – 4pm

The RTPI Networks have recently produced a [discussion paper on the issue of Peak Oil](#) and the implications for spatial planning which aims to promote discussion, raise awareness among transport and spatial planners of the issues around peak oil and suggest an agenda for action by professionals. You are invited to join a discussion to help develop a greater understanding of the many aspects of Peak Oil and ways that planning professionals can ensure that the concept is properly taken into account in future planning.

In the News

- The Humber Gateway wind farm off the Yorkshire coast will comprise 73 turbines and generate up to 219MW of electricity.
 - Proposals to develop an offshore wind farm manufacturing and export base in Hull's docklands have been submitted to the city council.
 - Natural England has confirmed that it will not stand in the way of submission of plans for a marine energy park on Humberside to the Infrastructure Planning Commission.
 - City of York Council has ended an anomaly that saw it demand a higher proportion of affordable homes on small rural sites than it did on large ones.
 - Referendums on whether to create elected mayoralities will go ahead in England's largest 11 cities outside London on 3 May.
 - Public consultation is under way on the first major wind energy development planned for the Dogger Bank area of the North Sea, 80 miles off the Yorkshire coastline.
 - A landowner, whose area of land on the outskirts of Leeds has been registered as a town green, and protected from development, lost its latest appeal against the decision.
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RTPI News

- [Results of RTPI 2011 elections](#)
 - President's Prize for "speaking up for planning". To enter, come up with one sentence (30 words maximum) to use during the Christmas social whirl to explain why you're proud to be a chartered town planner. Then email it to james.taylor@rtpi.org.uk by 23 December with your membership number only.
 - [2012 Planning Convention](#) – put the date in your diary now! Wednesday 27 June 2012.
 - Information on [2012 subscriptions](#) (pdf, 20kb)
 - [Myth busting](#) – the truth about planning
 - [Ask the RTPI](#) – 98% of users rate the Institute's free advice service highly.
 - The latest issue of [Planning Theory and Practice](#) has been published.
 - December's RTPI 'Network of the Month' is the [Development Management Network](#)
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Happy Christmas

The RTPI Yorkshire office is now closed until Tuesday 3rd January 2012. Very best wishes for the festive season from your new Regional Co-ordinator, Regional Management Board and Regional Activities Committee.

For updates on all RTPI Yorkshire events, visit our website at:
<http://yorkshire.rtpi.org.uk>

If you have any items you would like to share with members in the Yorkshire Region please email Trish Cookson at yorkshire@rtpi.org.uk for inclusion in the monthly bulletin.

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