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Welcome

Welcome to the first e-bulletin of 2012 from RTPI Yorkshire.

Root & Branch

You should have by now received your postal copy of *Root & Branch*, the RTPI Yorkshire Newsletter. You can also read it online on the [Root & Branch](#) page. Copy deadline for the next edition is 4 March. All further copies of *Root & Branch* in 2012 will be sent out by email and available online.

If we don't have your email address, or you have 'blocked' it for correspondence from the RTPI, please can you let me know: yorkshire@rtpi.org.uk

2012 Yorkshire Conference Series

The 2012 programme has now been published and booking is open for both Season Tickets and individual conference tickets. Please visit the [RTPI Yorkshire Conference Series website](#) for full information and to download a [Programme](#) (pdf, 124kb) and Season Ticket booking form.

The 1st event in the series is on **Wednesday 22 February in Leeds** on: *Green Fields and Spaces: Incorporating Green Infrastructure into Planning*. The programme will be available shortly and posted on the website. If you have knowledge of green fields and spaces issues and would like the opportunity to speak at a YCS conference, please can you contact me asap at yorkshire@rtpi.org.uk.

Yorkshire Practice Seminars

The next event is an [APC Event for Licentiates](#). This is on Thursday 23 February in Leeds from 6-8pm. Please contact yorkshire@rtpi.org.uk to book a place.

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 me at yorkshire@rtpi.org.uk with any suggestions.

YORnet

The next YORnet event is a [Wine Tasting evening](#) (pdf, 212kb). This is on Tuesday 7 February in Leeds from 6-8pm. The cost is £7 and payable in advance. Places are strictly limited so book early!. Contact yorkshire@rtpi.org.uk to book a place.

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

Welcome to new RAC members, Anna Ortega and Judith Vokes, who will be jointly taking responsibility for the Women's Co-ordinator role on the Committee and our [Ladies in Planning](#) Group.

Events of interest in the Region

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

State Appointments to National Park Authorities

There are 2 vacancies at both the North York Moors NPA and the Yorkshire Dales NPA. If you know of any suitable candidates please forward their names and addresses (or email address) to Chris Buxton: boardservices@naturalengland.org.uk.

Work Experience sought

Fraser Dann is a human geography and planning student at Leeds Met, in the 2nd semester of his second year. Once graduated he is looking to go into a job in planning or linked closely with the planning area and he would like some work experience beforehand. If you or your employer could help please can you contact Fraser at dannfraser@hotmail.co.uk.

National Survey on Urban Energy Projects

A survey is being undertaken as part of the [CLUES project](#), which is combining national and international research to better understand how urban energy systems can contribute to delivering carbon reductions, and disseminating the findings in a way that will assist decision-making. The project is funded by the EPSRC and is a collaboration of six universities led by the Bartlett School of Planning at University College London. To register to take part in the survey please enter your name and email address into this [Internet form \(www.tinyurl.com/urbanenergyclues\)](http://www.tinyurl.com/urbanenergyclues) by *Tuesday 31 January*.

In the News

- Local residents have been invited by Planning Aid England to have their say on plans to build 5000 homes and create jobs in Keighley. A consultation event will take place on Tuesday 24 January to discuss proposals put forward as part of the Local Development Framework.
 - Think tank the Institute of Public Policy Research (IPPR) is working alongside Bradford City Council to look at the issues surrounding housing in the district.
 - Leeds City Council is making a formal objection to Bradford City Council's plans to build at least 900 homes at the boundary between the two cities, citing concerns about threats to the green belt and traffic congestion.
 - Leeds City Council's executive board voted to retain lower affordable homes targets despite councillors' concern that developers have been exploiting them.
 - Sheffield City Council granted full planning permission for a student village with 877 rooms at Summerfield Street in the south west of the city centre.
 - The Humber Gateway wind farm off the Yorkshire coast will comprise 73 turbines and generate up to 219MW of electricity.
 - Northern Rural Housing Week 2012 launches on 27 January.
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RTPI News

- Colin Haylock becomes President of the RTPI today (18 January) in succession to Richard Summers. [Read more](#)
 - Former RTPI President Richard Summers has been named by *Planning* as one of the [top ten people](#) who made their mark on the planning world in 2011.
 - [Professor Gavin Parker](#) has been appointed as the new Director of Professional Standards at the RTPI.
 - Congratulations to RTPI members on [Queen's Honours List](#)
 - *What can a Mayor do for your city?* [Read the RTPI response](#) (pdf, 93.2kb) to this DCLG consultation.
 - [2012 Planning Convention](#) – put the date in your diary: Wednesday 27 June 2012.
 - January's RTPI 'Network of the Month' is the [ESPON UK](#) Network
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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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