



YORnet – a network for young built environment professionals in yorkshire

Bhupinder Dev from the Leeds office of White Young Green has recently taken on the role as the Young Planners Coordinator at the Yorkshire regional officer of the Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI). As part of his role at the RTPI, Bhupinder is seeking to set up a multi-disciplinary network called YORnet attached to Concourse - The Leeds Centre for Art, Architecture, Construction, Landscape, Planning and Urban Design (see www.concourse.org.uk) whose aim is to provide a forum within which young planners, architects, engineers, surveyors, landscape architects, urban designers and other young professionals in the Yorkshire region can develop their interest in planning, regeneration and design and also socialise and share experiences. The focus of the network will be on Leeds initially and would then be spread throughout the region.

The aim of YORnet is:-

- To create opportunity for networking and to meet people with similar interests
- To create a forum for debate and discussion with Continuing Professional Development (CPD) programme of speakers and exhibitions
- To allow more opportunities for building friendships and contacts with other built environment professionals early in your career
- To provide an opportunity for students of built environment degree courses to meet and engage with young professionals



Bhupinder is currently working on a programme of CPD seminars, exhibitions, city tours with colleagues within the other institutions. A pre launch event was dinner with the RTPI President, Clive Harridge in Leeds on 23rd May 2006, and this event was attended by a number of YORnet Core Group members representing other professional institutions and organisations including RIBA, RICS, LI, ICE, IHT, APM and CEU. (see photographs)



Other forthcoming events include a YORnet and Concourse launch during Architecture Week on Saturday 17th June 2006, a Pub Quiz at the Cross Keys, Holbeck Urban Village, Leeds on 13th July 2006, Tour of Holbeck Urban Village, Leeds on 7th September 2006, events during the Academy for Sustainable Communities (ASC) and the Council for European Urbanism (CEU) conferences in Leeds on 9th and 10th November 2006.

If you would like to register your interest and join YORnet then please email Yorkshire@rtpi.org.uk. It is free to register onto the emailing list and you will be kept up to date on forthcoming YORnet events and activities.