



## IHT & YORnet Seminar – Can Leeds Become a Walkable City?

The joint Institution of Highways & Transportation (IHT) and YORnet Evening Seminar on 'Can Leeds Become a Walkable City?' was held on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2007 at Leeds Metropolitan University. The event started off with a buffet kindly sponsored by Integreat Yorkshire – The Regional Centre for Excellence in Regeneration and Renaissance (see [www.integreatyorkshire.com](http://www.integreatyorkshire.com) for more information).

The evening seminar, which attracted over 60 highway engineers, planners, architects, landscape architects and designers from the public and private sectors, was introduced by IHT Committee Member, Amri Denton.

The first presentation was made by Irene Bauman, from Bauman Lyons Architects and CABE Commissioner. Irene examined a new vision for Leeds as a 'Walkable City', a vision which will require a new mind set from highways engineers who have a major role to play in achieving sustainable movement solutions in cities. In particular, Irene examined the importance of connectivity between Leeds City Centre with the Inner City 'Rim'.

The second presentation was made by Richard Greer at Arup, who provides specialist acoustics advice to designers and planners to ensure that places and buildings respond in the best way possible to sound. Richard talked about his work on a number of innovative projects to deal with negative impacts of noise in the public realm, and discussed some of the creative responses available to counter traffic noise. In particular, Richard explained the innovative solutions to traffic noise on Neville Street (aka the Dark Arches) in Leeds.

The two excellent presentations were followed by a very lively discussion session which brought to an end a very successful evening.

If you would like to be a speaker or if you have any ideas or suggestions for an interdisciplinary cpd seminar, then please contact RTPi Yorkshire on [Yorkshire@rtpi.org.uk](mailto:Yorkshire@rtpi.org.uk)

