

south east AGM report '08

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In summary, the best year yet for us!

The South Coast Young Planners Network (SCYPN) and Thames Valley Young Planners' networks (TVYPN) went from strength to strength in 2008. Highlights included

- 8 local events and 1 joint event;
- Newsletters;
- Influencing APC process;
- Influencing the National YP Steering Group and Agenda;
- Help and assistance where required for students or those new to planning
- Career events attendance
- And (of course), initiating, organising and facilitating the RTPI National Young Planners' Conference in Brighton (10/11 Oct);

The Young Planners Network (YPN) is intended to provide a forum for young or new development professionals and spatial planners to meet others, network, learn and share experiences.

Membership is open to all not just RTPI members. In the South East the region the YPN has been split into sub regions on the South Coast (SCYPN) and Thames Valley (TVYPN). Membership is targeted at younger or new students, planners, urban designers, architects or other development professionals.

The YPN in the South East has been established in liaison with the Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI) and is part funded by the RTPI South East Region and as well as other sponsors.

SCYPN/ TVYPN corresponds mainly via e-mail and via our webpages www.rtpi.org.uk/south_east_young_planners/. One of the intentions is to help professionals network and bridge traditional gaps between development professions.

We presently have three people on the TVYPN steering group and six people on the SCYPN steering group. However, all change in 2009! **Why not get involved?**

Kent YP

The next aim is to set up a sub regional network to cover Kent, the Thames gateway and parts of East Sussex.

Robert Offord is leading this. Please contact him if you fancy getting involved. Robert.Offord@kentarchitecture.co.uk

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Review of the 2008 for TVYPN

TVYPN has gone from strength to strength in its second year, with successful events held in Reading on Urban Design and Masterplanning; and Leisure, Tourism and Planning in Oxford attracting in excess of 40 members on both occasions. In addition to the seminars and socials held within the region, the TVYPN steering group was involved in organising the National Young Planners Conference in Brighton which was hailed as a success and added valuable CPD to the 200 delegates attending which included many of the TVYPN members.

TVYPN is progressing with plans for 2009 which will include the organisation and operation of seminars and social within the region but also in joint working across the Young Planner networks.

The steering group is continuing to actively promote membership and forthcoming event to be held in Woking, which includes presentations on Affordable housing during November 2008.

We look forward to the year ahead and hope to welcome new members to the network. For information on forthcoming events or to join TVYPN please email sthorpe@mjgleeson.com or jlong@vailwilliams.com

All in All 2008 South East Events

There have been over half a dozen events this year.....

- **SCYPN Horsham – January 2008, Strategic Planning & APC**
- **TVYPN Reading - January 2008, Masterplanning & Urban Design**
- **TVYPN Oxford – April, Leisure, recreation and planning**
- **SCYPN Littlehampton – July 2008, Eco Towns**
- **Joint SE YPN/ London YPN and East of England YPN – July 2008, Aylesbury Estate Regeneration Project, London**
- **SCYPN Poole – July 2008, Community Infrastructure Levy**
- **SCYPN Southampton – September 2008, Port of Southampton Tour**
- **TVYPN Woking, 26th November, Affordable Housing **NEXT EVENT 26th November****
- **SCYPN Chichester, Historic Environment (Planned for December)**

All Young Planners events are **free**, and are made so by the efforts of active RTPI Members, RTPI South East funding, sponsors and Local Authorities who are willing to provide free venues. They cater for anything from 20 – 60 individuals.

GET INVOLVED IN 2009. We need more sponsors! Raise the profile of your firm / organisation with the next generation of planning professionals.

Contact: Edward.Gerry@nfdc.gov.uk

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**RTPI National Young Planners Conference, City of Brighton & Hove,
10/11 October**

Well it wasn't Mods and Rockers but it was certainly a great social, networking and CPD event, a credit to the Region and the organising group made up of South Coast Young Planners' (SCYPN) and Thames Valley Young Planners' (TVYPN) network members. The South East won the right to host this year's conference in December 2007. The theme was 'Planning the Next 60 Years' and sought to inspire young planners to raise to the game and learn from the past and apply policies and agendas which seek to bridge so-called 'great divides' in social, environmental and economic spheres.

The event, attended by over 200 delegates from the UK (and Australia!) incorporated a range of plenary sessions with speakers including Green Party leader Caroline Lucas, CABE Chief Executive Richard Simmons and TCPA Chief Executive Gideon Amos. The event also incorporated an extensive exhibition, study tours and the Annual Young Planners' Dinner attended by the Mayor of Brighton.

A credit to the region (and the sun was shining!).



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Next year

Charlie Collins is standing aside following a successful year as the SE YPN Representative. Edward Gerry will become the 2009 South East YPN Representative from 19th November.



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Edward has been on the SCYPN Steering Group for a year, and was instrumental in organising the Poole event and for arranging for Caroline Lucas to speak at the National YP Conference. He's also a nice chap.

Next Year's SCYPN/ TVYPN 'Convenors'

SCYPN is part of the RTPI South East Region, and also covers part of the RTPI South West Region. Alongside the also recently established Thames Valley Young Planners (TVYPN) the Network seeks to be representational of members. As such for 2009 both TVYPN/ SCYPN are seeking new recruits to join the Steering Groups. **Please contact us, it's great CPD and will help raise your profile in planning.**

Peter Lamb has volunteered to lead SCYPN for 2009 peter.lamb@torltd.co.uk
Sophia Thorpe will continue as the TVYPN Convenor for 2009 Sthorpe@mjgleeson.com

Fancy joining up?

You can join by contacting the 2008 'Convenors' of TVYPN & SCYPN:

TVYPN: Sophia Thorpe (Strategic Planner, Gleeson, Fleet)
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SCYPN: Patrick Griffin (Planner, Horsham District Council)
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TVYPN covers Oxfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Berkshire and Surrey
SCYPN covers Hampshire, Sussex and parts of east Dorset and Wiltshire
Kent YP – Covers Kent, the Thames Gateway and parts of East Sussex

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