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Chair's comments

James Davies

Chair, Young Planners Cymru

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the new style Young Planners Cymru newsletter.

Young Planners Cymru was formed as a transitional steering group in early 2009 to develop and represent the voice of young planners across Wales and to provide a user-friendly interface between young planners and the RTPI.

It is our aim over the coming year to actively engage the network in our activities; we are planning a series of promotional, social and networking events to take place over the coming year, and we would welcome input from all members of the network on how we should develop in advance of our first formal elections in December 2009.

In the meantime, we will keep you informed with these newsletters, as well as keep our website up to date with our activities.

We are also pleased to announce our first event, a study tour of St. Fagans museum of Welsh life, which is taking place on 31st July (see page 6 for further info). Places are limited, so please book early if you are interested in attending!

The YPC Steering Group

In January 2009 a transitional steering group was launched and the temporary positions were filled by the following young planners across Wales.

Pen profiles of the steering group members are available on our website

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| Chair | James Davies |
| National Representative | Ashley Lynch |
| Secretary | Lindsay Christian |
| Treasurer | Emma Langmaid |
| Communications Manager | Andrew Charles |
| Student Representative | Jamie Donegan |
| Events Manager (South) | Lucie Taylor / Wayne Reynolds |
| Events Manager (North) | Vacant |

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Planning to live with climate change

The 7 commitments to tackling climate change mean that the RTPI will,

- 1 Promote behavioural change
- 2 Adapt existing places
- 3 Work towards responsive legislation and policies
- 4 Improve current practice
- 5 Celebrate best practice
- 6 Compile a compendium of best practice
- 7 Develop climate change education and skills

Climate change is a threat to society and as such the RTPI has set out a new vision to help tackle what can become, according to research, an irreversible impact.

The RTPI suggests that measures to mitigate climate change should have priority over the conventional balance between economic, social and environmental factors in planning for sustainable development. In particular the profession must become responsive to climate change.

The new vision has resulted in the creation of seven distinct commitments and an action plan detailing what is meant to challenge planning practitioners.

The RTPI make clear that the seven commitments are supported by a living and continuously improved action plan that will deliver practical outcomes, benefiting communities at the global and the local scale.

For full details visit www.rtpi.org.uk

Design & Access Statements

The Welsh Assembly Government has introduced secondary legislation to require most planning applications to be accompanied by a Design & Access statement from 1st June 2009.

This builds upon the changes in 2008 to require Access Statements to accompany most applications.

A revised version of Technical Advice Note 12 'Design' sets out the twelve key objectives of good design, under five aspects which will need to be addressed in a Design and Access Statement.

Links

Technical Advice Note 12 : Design

[\[click here\]](#)

The Town and Country Planning (General Development Procedure) (Amendment) (Wales) Order 2009 [\[click here\]](#)

The Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2009 [\[click here\]](#)

National Young Planners Conference

Newcastle

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The Annual National Young Planners' Conference will be held this year at the Castlegate Centre in Newcastle on **Friday 2 and Saturday 3 October**.

The theme is Partnership or Conflict: How positive stakeholder engagement can help create better places.

Last year's conference at Brighton was a great success enjoyed by all and this year promises to be just as successful.

Ensure you put the dates in your diary now.

Cost

Book your place now to take advantage of the special early bird rate of £99 plus VAT (dinner is extra and optional, as before, at £25 plus VAT). The link to the flier online is

<http://www.rtpi.org.uk/download/6646/Final-Booking-form.pdf>.

For more information [click here](#)



St Fagans National History Museum

Friday July 31st

YPC Tour to St Fagans Natural History Museum

Young Planners Cymru in conjunction with the St Fagans National History Museum have arranged a free guided study tour of the open air Museum where over 40 original buildings, from different historical periods have been re-erected in the 100 acre parkland. The tour will offer the opportunity to learn about traditional building form, craftwork and also the skills required to reconstruct and maintain these periodic buildings.

Cost: £FREE*

Time : 10.45am - 13.00pm

Places are limited, to book please [email us](#).

*Parking charges will apply

For more information on St Fagans National History Museum please visit its [website](#).



Getting involved

Got ideas for events ?

We want to help increase the number of networking and social events for young planners across Wales, but we need your ideas first.

If you have any ideas for an event no matter how crazy please let us know.




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Social Networking

Come find us on our new Facebook page. Search for 'Young Planners Cymru' and join in !



Welsh Translation

Can you volunteer to help us provide our newsletter bilingually?. If you are interested please get in touch