



Commonwealth Association of Planners

LAUNCH OF CAP YOUNG PLANNERS' NETWORK: COMPETITION

The Commonwealth Association of Planners (CAP) is to launch a Young Planners' Network at its Biennial Business Meeting to be held in Montreal on 1 October 2010 ahead of the Canadian Institute of Planners annual conference.

The purpose of the CAP Young Planners' Network is to connect and mobilise planning students and recently qualified professional planners. It is open to students on planning courses in the Commonwealth, those who graduated from such courses in the last 10 years and / or practising planners under the age of 35 who are full members of an organization that is a full or affiliated member of CAP. The intention is to set up a virtual community using Facebook, Twitter and other web-based connections to exchange practice, better understand each other's planning challenges, and to connect young planners directly into CAP's work and regional conferences and into the Commonwealth more generally. The aim is to have a CAP Young Planners Network contact point for each Commonwealth country, though realistically there are many Commonwealth countries where there is no planning institute, and so methods of outreach will need to be used to connect to such places. The Network will also feed into the CAP Executive and link to the Vice-Presidents responsible for the CAP regions (Americas, Australasia and the Pacific, East Africa, South Africa, West Africa, Europe, South West Asia and South East Asia).

It is our intention to launch this network by holding a competition with the winning entrants attending the Montreal business meeting and conference. We gratefully acknowledge the Commonwealth Foundation funding that has been made available for this.

The Brief

Write a report of up to 2000 words on one of the following topics:

1. How can a CAP Network of Young Planners contribute to the process of delivering more sustainable urbanisation across the Commonwealth through more effective planning?
2. Compare and contrast the climate change challenges planners face in two Commonwealth countries, at least one of which must be in the Global South.
3. Read *Making Planning Work: A Guide to Approaches and Skills*. Assess to what extent the skills advocated there are taught in a planning education programme that you are familiar with? Discuss ways that such approaches could be applied in your own practice, including in the area of climate change.
4. What could a Young Planners Network do to help planners across the Commonwealth to become more gender-aware in their practice?

Relevant reading:

C.Hague (2009) 'Planning in the Commonwealth' *Town Planning Review* 80(2). This can be downloaded from www.commonwealth-planners.org/papers/hague.pdf

C.Hague and W.French (2010) 'The State of the Cities: Why and How the Commonwealth must address the challenge of sustainable urbanisation' *Commonwealth Discussion Paper 8*, (London: Commonwealth Secretariat). This can be downloaded from <http://www.thecommonwealth.org/files/222182/FileName/DiscussionPaper8.pdf>

C.Hague, P.Wakely, J.Crespin and C.Jasko (2006) *Making Planning Work: A Guide to Approaches and Skills* (Rugby: Practical Action Publishing) – to get a free copy of this email Annette.Odonnell@rtpi.org.uk.

N. Malaza, A.Todes and A. Williamson with C.Hague (2009) 'Gender in Planning and Urban Development' *Commonwealth Discussion Paper 7* (London: Commonwealth Secretariat). This can be downloaded from www.commonwealth-planners.org/papers/gender.pdf

C.Platt (2007) 'Address to Expert Meeting, Rome: The role of planning in climate change mitigation and adaptation' *CAP Papers*. This can be downloaded from www.commonwealth-planners.org/papers/platt.pdf

Also look at past issues of CAP News which are available electronically on the CAP web site.

Reports should include a bibliography of sources used, which should be presented in the conventional fashion as shown above in the "relevant reading". Direct quotes in the report should be in quotation marks citing the author and date of publication.

Conditions

- Entrants must have the necessary passports and be prepared to get visas to allow them to travel to Canada should they be successful.
- Entrants must be students on planning courses in the Commonwealth, or have graduated from such courses in the last 10 years and / or be practicing planners under the age of 35 who are full members of an organization that is a full or affiliated member of CAP (for a list of such organisations please consult the CAP web site or contact your own planning institute to check that they are members).
- Entrants must put their names and email addresses on the front cover along with a signed statement that they are eligible to be members of the CAP Young Planners Network and are willing to be members of the Network.

Entries must be emailed to Annette.Odonnell@rtpi.org.uk to arrive by 12.00 noon British Summer Time on Monday 16 August 2010. Results will be announced by 27 August.

Winning entries will be published as papers on the CAP web site.

CAP will endeavour to make as many awards as the funding permits and to promote regional representation with awards from as many different parts of the Commonwealth as possible.



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