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Royal Town Planning Institute

East of Scotland Chapter

AGM – WRITTEN UPDATE

Convenor foreword

On behalf of the East of Scotland Chapter, I would like to extend my thanks to all of our local Planners for their support over the past year. And, with virtual events remaining a staple during most of 2021, I would also like to acknowledge colleagues from beyond the east of Scotland who took advantage of the virtual events calendar to log in to our EoS events. The past year has shown some glimmers of normality as some RTPI Scotland events returned, briefly, to “live” meetings. Did you manage to attend any? I remain hopeful that 2022 brings more opportunities for us to host live events again.

In my year as Convenor I set out to strengthen the links between our Chapter and our planning school at the University of Dundee. Local students will be experiencing a very different university journey during the pandemic compared to most of us. Bringing a Student Rep on board to the EoS committee was key to strengthening that link, and this enabled us to host an event with two key speakers from the university. Showcasing the work of two local students was one of my Chapter highlights of last year.

I am looking forward to the year ahead (possibly a summer social!?) as I step down from the Convenor role and continue as an Ordinary Member. I am excited to welcome new faces into the Chapter committee, check out our vacancies on page four! My thanks go out to the Chapter committee members stepping down this year for supporting the Chapter during their time on the committee.

Remember you can tweet the committee [@EastScotRTPI](https://twitter.com/EastScotRTPI) with any ideas & feedback for Chapter events.



2021/22 Committee

- Convenor – Lucy Sumner
- Vice Convenor – Ritchie Gillies
- Bryan Reid
- Colin Bradley
- Hajnalka Bíró
- Martin Mackay
- Robert Patrick
- Claire Myles
- Student Committee Member – Dante Sosa

During 2021/22 the East of Scotland committee did not allocate committee roles due to ongoing “virtual” Chapter operations.

2022 Committee

Due to changes with the committee membership the East of Scotland Chapter is looking for volunteers to get involved in 2022 and beyond. The present Convenor is also standing down to take up a place as an Ordinary Member.

Committee vacancies are as follows:

Ordinary Members x 3

Vice Convenor

Convenor

The **Student Representative** post has received some interest from the planning school and a candidate will be appointed to join the committee for 2022.

2021/22 Events

East of Scotland Cities Update – 03/06/21

The East of Scotland Chapter is the only area with two cities! We wanted to host an event providing members with an insight into key projects being undertaken in Dundee and Perth.

An introduction to Dundee's City Centre Strategic Investment Plan was provided by David Gray, Senior Manager in Planning, Dundee City Council. Serge Merone, Enterprise and Investment Manager at Perth and Kinross Council also presented to delegates on the Perth Smart Energy City Programme. This was an interesting update with an opportunity for Q&A on some of the exciting work being undertaken in the East of Scotland.

By attending this event, members:

- Kept up to date with the latest work in local authority economic development with a post-COVID and sustainability-driven outlook
- Improved understanding about smart cities and strategic investment
- Learned about project management, collaborative working and engagement in strategic projects

27 delegates registered for this event.

2021/22 Events

The Role of Women in Placemaking – 30/09/21

This event discussed at the representation of women in the planning profession, current issues and views on the design of the public realm. It examined how placemaking is influenced in UK and international contexts. We were pleased to showcase an undergraduate student dissertation on this pivotal theme.

Our speakers were Jenny Divine, Policy and Networks Adviser for RTPI, May East, University of Dundee PhD Candidate and Millie Powell, University of Dundee graduate.

By attending this event, members:

- Learned about work published by RTPI Policy & Research and research undertaken at undergraduate and PhD level on this topic
- Stayed informed of emerging policy & practice debates in health and inclusive planning
- Developed awareness of relevant legal frameworks such as Equality Act 2010 and local authority equality policies
- Developed awareness of ethics & professionalism issues in equality and diversity in the profession

108 delegates registered for this event.

2021/22 Committee spending

Due to ongoing “virtual” Chapter operations the committee did not require use of RTPI Scotland budget.



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