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Royal Town Planning Institute

The Planner Live North: Planning, Power and Prosperity

Thursday 23 March, at The Royal Armouries, Leeds

At this event we will be exploring how the North can use the powers of planning to drive a more prosperous future. We will be taking a deliberate exploration of the challenges ahead, considering the new drivers of economic growth, including a zero-carbon economy.

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Programme

9.30 am **Registration & Refreshments**

10.00 am **Welcome and Intro from the Chair**
Killian Garvey, Barrister at Kings Chambers

10.15 am **Plenary 1 – The Power of Planning**
We will be exploring how the North can use the powers of the UK planning system to help drive a more prosperous future, particularly under recently acquired powers of regional devolution, and how new drivers of economic growth can help towards securing more resilient and sustainable development.
Henri Murison, Chief Executive at The Northern Powerhouse Partnership

10.45 am **Plenary 2 – New Northern Economic Growth**
This session will provide a conversation between Sue Bridge, RTPI President 2023 and Samuel Hughes, Head of Housing at The Centre for Policy Studies (additional speakers tbc soon) talking about how they are supporting sustainable growth and investment.

11.30 am **Break**

11.50 am **Breakout Session 1 – Sustainable Growth in Practice**
As the region becomes ever more aware of environmental and climate change issues this session will look at best practice in delivering sustainable growth and investment, it will encourage discussion between the audience and the speakers to share our knowledge and expertise.
Chair: Emily Kitching Bower, Senior Planner at Arup & RTPI NW Chair
Stuart Sage, Director, Hive Land & Planning at Preston City Living Strategy
Professor Will Swan, University of Salford at Energy House
James Cooper, Head of Project Design - Growth and Partnerships at Ilke Homes



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Breakout Session 2 – A New Industrial Revolution

This workshop will explore the new drivers behind the economy and the opportunities that they bring. It will focus on the planning and regeneration unlocking this activity.

Chair: Jen Patterson, Associate Director at DPP & RTPI NE Chair

Richard Baker, Head of Strategy and Policy at North East Local Enterprise Partnership

Emma Lancaster, Director, Quod

12.50 pm **Lunch**

2.00 pm **Plenary 3 – Power to the Green Agenda**

The current challenges of the climate emergency, biodiversity loss and the need to move to a low-carbon economy makes the implementation of the green agenda even more pressing. New powers and emerging government policies on planning and levelling up put planning at the heart of efforts to address these challenges. Our speakers will explore these issues and will set the scene for a discussion on what practical measures can be taken to help make the North a greener, more prosperous and successful place where both people and nature can flourish.

Chair: Richard Blyth, Head of Policy and Practice at RTPI

Chris France, Director of Planning at North Moors NPA

Lisa Lamb, Head of Planning and Major Infrastructure at National Trust

Dr Colm Bowe, Development Director at Nature North

2.45 pm **Breakout Session 3 – Resilience**

This session will look at how we can help to deliver resilience, it will look at some of the tools and techniques planner can use and how they can add value to our communities, places and spaces.

Chair: John Craig, Head of Planning at Hull City Council & RTPI Yorkshire Chair

Charlotte Adams, Principal R&D Manager Mine Water Heat at The Coal Authority

Sarah Parkington, Community Flood Resilience Officer & Francis Comyn, Team Leader

Strategic Planning at Rochdale Council

Breakout Session 4 – Societal Transition

This session will focus on some of the social factors of transitioning to a zero carbon economy.

Chair: Andrew Dorrian, Senior Transport Planner at Transport North East

Martin Elliot, Head of Strategic Planning at Leeds City Council

Professor Simin Davoudi, Chair of Town Planning, Co-Director, Centre for Researching Cities at Newcastle University

Additional speaker TBC soon

3.45 pm **Plenary 4 – What Next?**

Planning has story telling problems and here's how you can fix it.

Simon Wicks, Deputy Editor at The Planner

4.30 pm **Closing Summary**

Killian Garvey, Barrister at Kings Chambers

4.45 pm **Close**

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