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2019 has been a very positive year for RTPI Cymru and we would like to thank everyone who has supported us during the year - our Executive Committee, Policy and Research Forum, sponsors, event speakers, event partners and everyone that has attended and supported our events and activities. This Review provides a look back at 2019 of RTPI Cymru activity across the year.

RTPI Cymru Executive Committee 2019



The RTPI Cymru Executive Committee 2019 was:

Chair	Huw Evans
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- Ruth Jones
- Emmeline Reynish

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- Emma Watson
- Will Ryan

RTPI Cymru has been represented on RTPI Committees by the following:

- Nations and Regions Panel - Huw Evans
- Policy, Practice and Research Committee - Martin Buckle

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RTPI Opens Office in Wales

The RTPI opened its first office in Wales in 2019, moving the RTPI Cymru team into the Creative Quarter in Cardiff. This has allowed RTPI Cymru to have a focus and able to host meetings and develop its relations with members and stakeholders.



Championing the Planning Profession

During 2019, RTPI Cymru has undertaken a number of activities to promote the planning profession in Wales.



We have participated in a number of media interviews across the year talking about infrastructure, placemaking, the NDF and housing.



We hosted an event in the Societies area at the National Eisteddfod in Llanwrst, to discuss the draft National Development Framework, promoting engagement in planning and the NDF consultation with the public.



The RTPI President visited north Wales (below) where he took a 'quick' trip on a zipwire and met planners from Gwynedd, Ynys Mon, Snowdonia and Flintshire.



Four editions of Cynllunio published.



Supporting and Growing Membership

Our members are important to us and we seek to provide services tailored to the needs of planners operating in Wales and to encourage others to join to strengthen the Institute.



Jack Collard and Grace Nicholls were awarded the RTPI Cymru prize for Academic Excellence for 2019 by Huw Evans, RTPI Cymru Chair. The prizes are awarded based on the highest marks achieved in the first year of Cardiff University's two RTPI accredited undergraduate courses - BSc in Urban Planning and Development and the BSc in Geography and Planning.



Laura Williams and Rebecca Windemer participated in the RTPI's Chief Planners of the Future, work shadowing Welsh Government Chief Planner, Neil Hemington and Cardiff Council's Head of Planning, James Clemence, getting an insight into the work of planning leaders.



Wales Young Planner of the Year 2019



In 2019 RTPI Cymru completed its search for the first Wales Young Planner of the Year.

Young Planners are important for the profession and the Award seeks to celebrate our young talent and their contribution to the profession.

Our judging panel comprised: Huw Evans, Chair of RTPI Cymru, Neil Hemington, Welsh Government Chief Planner, Lindsay Christian, Newport City Council and former Chair of Young Planners Cymru, supported by Roisin Willmott, RTPI Cymru Director.



The Panel were very impressed by the quality of all four Finalists but there could be only one winner. At the Annual Dinner it was announced that the 2019 Wales Young Planner of the Year is Alex Egge of Mott Macdonald. The three Finalists were Rhys Govier, Charlotte Raine and Laura Williams.

Congratulations to all our Award winners and Finalists celebrated at the RTPI Cymru Annual Dinner in November



Above left: Alex Egge receives her certificate from Huw Evans, Chair.

Left: Charlotte Raine with colleagues

Above: Laura Williams (left) with Savills' colleagues

Young Planners Cymru



Young Planners Cymru have had a successful 2019 and delivered a number of CPD and social events.

Events held include the Winter Blues January event, post-Planning Conference drinks, Well-being of Future Generations Act event, CPD session, Pizza and Placemaking NDF event and the pub quiz.



Well done to the steering group for a busy year and here's looking forward to a repeat in 2020.



Events with partners

During the year we have partnered with other organisations to deliver cross-professional events. These have included:

- Development Management Forum with RSAW to discuss pre-application consultation, Llandudno (run in Cardigan in 2018)
- Interprofessional Great Debate in Cardiff on the Well-being of Future Generations Act
- Interprofessional Great Debate in Cardiff on the draft National Development Framework
- Draft National Development Framework discussion - what does the NDF mean for North Wales? with RSAW and RICS Wales
- Development Management Forum with RSAW to discuss SuDS and the new SABS requirements, Llandudno
- Supported the Welsh Government Active Travel Planning and Design in Wales, with ICE Wales (to be repeated in North Wales in 2020)



We also attended and participated in others' events, including:

- Cardiff Council's Active Travel Developer Roundtable
- Flintshire County Council's Flintshire in Business event
- Hugh James / CHC Affordable Housing Panel discussion
- Barton Willmore's Summer Drinks and a discussion on the draft NDF
- Bevan Foundation and Carnegie UK Trust dinner, hosting representatives from Northern Ireland learning about the Well-being of Future Generations Act
- RSAW Summer School
- Extinction Rebellion's Low Carbon Day at the Senedd
- Planning Aid Wales' 40th anniversary celebrations at the Senedd



RTPI Cymru Events

In addition to partnering to deliver events, we have also organised our own events, including:

- Spring Conference - Engagement and Listening for Planners, Deganwy
- Wales Planning Conference - Inspirational Planning - Delivering Communities, Cardiff
- Discussion about the draft NDF at the National Eisteddfod
- Wales Enforcement Conference, Llandrindod Wells
- Annual Dinner, Cardiff
- Placemaking: Delivering the New Urban Agenda, Cardiff





Wales Planning Conference 2019





Policy and Practice



During 2019 we responded to 14 consultations and gave written and oral evidence to 4 National Assembly for Wales Committee Inquiries.

We were pleased to be able to meet the Minister, Julie James AM, following her appointment in December 2018.

During the year we have engaged with a number of different organisations and initiatives including: the Wales Audit Office, POSW, Pembrokeshire Coast National Park and Pembrokeshire County Council, Future Generations Commissioner's Office, Welsh Government Working Group on Decarbonising Existing Housing in Wales, CIH Cymru Award judging, Natural Resources Wales, Design Commission for Wales, Cardiff University, and Welsh Government's *Placemaking Wales* proposals.

Policy and Research Forum

Members of the RTPI Cymru Policy and Research Forum during 2019 were:

- Allan Archer
- Janet Beauchamp (part)
- Martin Buckle - Chair
- Mike Cuddy
- Eleri Davies
- Mark Farrar
- Jane Jones
- Lyn Owen
- John Pearson
- Matt Price
- Ian Stevens
- Clare Taylor - Deputy Chair
- Brian Webb (part)



Independent Review of Affordable Housing Supply

RTPI Cymru Director, Roisin Willmott was a member of the Independent Review of Affordable Housing Supply which published its report in May, following some 12 months of work by the Panel. The Panel was Chaired by Lynn Pamment of PwC. and the other panel members were Professor Kevin Morgan, Helen Collins, Peter Williams and Phil Jenkins.



Rural Exception Site Policy in Wales

Research was commissioned by RTPI Cymru from the School of Geography and Planning at Cardiff University on Rural Exception Site Policy in Wales. The research was published in January 2019.

Planning for Religious Diversity in Wales

RTPI Cymru supported Cardiff University's Planning for Religious Diversity in Wales research, which included Roisin Willmott speaking at Faith and Place Dialogue events in Swansea, Newport and Cardiff on ethics in planning.



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Looking towards an exciting 2020

In January 2020 the RTPI will be launched its new Corporate Strategy - look out for this and for the RTPI's strategy for the next ten years.

In Wales we are planning our programme for 2020, look out for further details including:

RTPI Cymru Spring Conference 2020

18 March 2020

Quay Hotel, Deganwy

Our Spring Conference will this year explore the relationship between the new Wales Marine Plan and land use planning, as well as exploring coastal management.

Wales Planning Conference 2020

Thursday 4 June 2020

Holland House Hotel, Cardiff

The annual premier planning conference for Wales; this year we will be focusing on placemaking and delivering net zero carbon.

Wales Enforcement Conference 2020

22 October 2020

The Pavilion, Llandrindod Wells

The annual conference for Wales dealing with everything enforcement related.

Awards

The RTPI Cymru Award for Planning Excellence and the Wales Young Planner of the Year will also be launched early in 2020 - look out for your opportunity to enter.

New-look Social events for 2019

We're introducing a new Sumer Party (4th June) and Autumn Lecture and Awards lunch (November).



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