

RTPI North-West Young Planners Committee Introducing the Committee 2019

With a range of specialisms and interests, our team is working hard to prepare a busy calendar of events for the year ahead.

Andrew Jalali

Chair

Planner, Mosaic Town Planning



Andrew is interested in urban design, community engagement and the delivery of truly affordable housing – and how the development of new technologies can assist in improving these planning disciplines. Andrew is also keen to provide support to RTPI planning graduates, and advises aspiring planners on the potential paths to achieve a career in planning.

Olivia Pemberton

Vice Chair, Media and Communications Coordinator

Graduate Planner, Savills



Olivia is a Graduate Planner at Savills in their Manchester office. Olivia works on a variety of schemes including large scale residential development, care homes, education establishments, sporting facilities and retail parks. Olivia is currently working towards chartered membership of the RTPI and holds a particular interest in strategic planning, Green Belt and planning law.

Robin Jones

Planner, CBRE



Robin has a strong interest in the development and regeneration of property and urban centres as well as self- and custom-build housing. Her role at CBRE allows her to assist in the delivery of large-scale, complex, residential, commercial and mixed uses.

Marcin Koszyczarek

Senior Planner, Rapleys



Marcin has strong interest in development, urban design and smart cities. At Rapleys he works on a variety of retail and residential planning applications having previously worked in the renewable energy sector. Marcin holds a Master of Planning (MPlan) from the University of Liverpool.

Atefeh Motamedi
APC Events Lead

Town Planner, BDP



Atefeh has a strong interest in strategic planning, land use planning and masterplanning. Her previous experience from Iran has enabled her to develop a good appreciation of strategic planning in an international context. She has a keen interest in sustainable regional and spatial development plans.

John Dixon
Cumbrian Events Lead

Sustainable Development Lead Advisor, Natural England



John is enthusiastic about making high-quality environments, for both people and nature. John's current focus is on ensuring the natural environment is enhanced through planning and development, which he is pursuing through his work on nationally significant infrastructure projects and Local Plans in Cumbria. His interests also include self and custom housebuilding, community engagement and natural capital.

Tommy Chapman
APC Events Lead

Graduate Planner, Zerum Consult



Tommy takes great interest in urban renewal and the delivery of larger redevelopment sites which help bring value to less developed regions. He is interested in engaging and innovative design and emerging development issues facing cities around the world. Tommy enjoys the variety of work that comes with being a Town Planner. Projects he has worked on range from large scale mixed-use city centre redevelopment to domestic garages in the Green Belt.

Ian Pennington

Planner, Wardell Armstrong



Ian has taken an unconventional route to planning after running a Greater Manchester magazine whose cultural content increasingly considered planning issues.

Now a recent Planning MSc graduate and working at Wardell Armstrong's Manchester city centre office, Ian is part of the planning and EIA team and has worked on a variety of assessments, including Crime Impact and Health Impact, for schemes ranging from residential to renewable energy.

Ben Vickers

Senior Planning Officer, Cheshire East Council



Ben is now chartered RTPI member following a career change from the charity sector, gaining his Town Planning MA through part-time distance learning. He's a local authority planner who's spent most of his career so far working in London writing policy for Camden's Local Plan and Neighbourhood Planning (including supporting the largest ever Community Right to Build Order). Now working for Cheshire East Council, Ben monitors the borough's five year housing supply and works on the council's strategic policies. He's a supporter of 'Garden Cities' (having relocated to the North West from Welwyn Garden City) and new technologies which could ultimately lead to better informed decisions.

Sarah Corlett
Isle of Man Events Lead

Principal Planner, Isle of Man Government Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture



Sarah has worked in the Isle of Man all of her professional working life, dealing with the Island's unique planning system which has always involved third party rights of appeal. Whilst interested in planning issues relating to the changing nature of the rural economy and landscape, Sarah is particularly interested in developing and encouraging the Island's young, emerging planning officers and to support them towards accreditation to the RTPI. Whilst physically distant from the UK-based Institute, she hopes to build on existing links to ensure that the Island is not forgotten.

Thomas O'Kane
Troy Planning & Design



Thomas has a strong interest in site appraisals, community engagement and neighbourhood planning. His role at Troy Planning + Design has allowed him to work with local authority, community group and private developer clients working on development management, neighbourhood planning and strategic planning work. Therefore, Thomas is a strong advocate of a collaborative, engaging, inclusive and transparent planning system - particularly through the use of technology. Thomas is interested in promoting planning and development through schools; so future generations can understand the importance of planning and development process in how we achieve truly sustainable development.

Amy Littlejohns
Senior Planner, Rapleys LLP



Amy has a strong interest in the regeneration of brownfield sites, historical buildings and urban contexts. Amy joined Rapleys in June 2018 from a Devon based planning consultancy and during her career to date has gained knowledge and experience in residential, retail, historical and rural planning. Amy is keen to expand her knowledge of mental health in planning.