



Young Planners' Virtual Conference 2020

New Decade, New Leaders

Wednesday 11 November

8.30am Registration, networking and expo

9.15am **Welcome sting!**
Hello from the organising committee

9.20am **Presidential address**
Sue Manns FRTPI – President, RTPI

9.30am **Plenary 1: Leadership: Great leaders don't tell you what to do, they show you how it's done**
No matter what stage you are at in your career, planners have a critical leadership role to play in creating visionary places for people. Hear the journey of four inspirational leaders and what they see as the key qualities in becoming a leader.

Tom Carpen – Infrastructure & Energy Planning Associate, Barton Willmore
Sue Manns FRTPI – President, RTPI
Lucy Seymour-Bowdery MRTPI – Team Leader - Developer Contributions, MHCLG
Olafiyin Taiwo MRTPI – Covener, Commonwealth Association of Planners Young Planners Network
Chair: Sue Manns FRTPI – President, RTPI

10.30am **Networking break**

10.45am **Planning Law Update**
This highly valuable and thought-provoking update will reflect upon the key developments concerning legislation and case law within the Planning system.

Michael Brendan Brett – Barrister, Francis Taylor Building
Jonathan Welch – Barrister, Francis Taylor Building
Chair: Merrow Golden – Barrister, Francis Taylor Building

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11.35am **Choice of breakout session**

Breakout session 1 – The Town Planning Job Market: What makes you stand out?

A session demonstrating how a young/junior planner can stand out in what could be the toughest marketplace since the Great Recession. Carrington West will delve into what common errors we see when helping candidates apply for jobs and how this can be avoided, also get insight into what their hiring managers really look for that will put your CV to the top of the pile.

Kevin O’Shea – Senior Recruitment Consultant, Carrington West
Krishan Adams – Senior Recruitment Consultant, Carrington West
Chair: Thomas Simnett – Young Planners Cymru Steering Group

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Breakout session 2 – Leadership amongst the complexity of Placemaking: The journey from theory to practice

Seeking to deliver collaborative, sustainable, and people-centred projects is an admirable approach to placemaking, but is it achievable? This multi-disciplinary panel of regeneration professionals will reflect upon 30 years of lessons learnt from a range of placemaking case studies across the UK and Ireland.

Michele Bryans – Assistant Chief Executive, Eastside Partnership
James Hennessey – Director and Urban Designer, The Paul Hogarth Company
Anthony McGuigan – Director and Landscape Architect, The Paul Hogarth Company
Chair: Ryan Walker – Chair of RTPI NI Young Planners

Breakout session 3 – Leading through infrastructure design: HS2 and unlocking development in the West Midlands

This session will provide an overview of how the planning and design of the HS2 stations in Birmingham has sought to unlock development and maximise economic, social and environmental benefits for the wider area, with a focus on the planned Interchange Station. This will include an understanding of how planners and designers mediate between stakeholders throughout the design and planning process.

Richard Brown – Planning Director, CBRE Birmingham
Hala Lloyd – Lead Architect (Curzon and Interchange), HS2 Ltd
Chair: Mark McFadden – Member of RTPI West Midlands Young Planners

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Breakout session 4 – CPD: Digitalisation of planning committees

An immediate challenge to all involved in planning as a result of COVID-19 has been the move to digital planning committees. Hear first-hand experience and lessons learnt from both sides of the table.

Robbie McNaugher – Tottenham Strategic Applications Team Manager, Haringey Council

Piers Mulrone – Strategic Planning and Policy Manager, VU City

Craig Roberts – Senior Town Planner, Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park – London Legacy Development Corporation

Chair: Bethany Jones – Chair of RTPI East of England Young Planners

12.30pm Expo and networking lunch

2.00pm Plenary 2: Getting Design Right

With the ever increasing pressure to build quicker and better, we question, what is good design and how can this be achieved?

Heather Claridge MRTPI – Principle Design Officer, Architecture & Design Scotland

Cam Perkins – Director, Urban Pirate (Auckland New Zealand)

Mura Quigley MRTPI – Designer, Urban Scale Interventions

Justin Webber – Senior Building Conservation Officer, Leicester City Council

Chair: Luke Hillson MRTPI – Design Director, Barton Willmore & Chair of the West Midlands Urban Design Forum

3.00pm Expo

3.15pm Choice of breakout session

Breakout session 5 – APC Masterclass

The RTPI will deliver their vital masterclass on the APC, including an overview of the process, invaluable tips and guidance about the best way to capture your experience to apply to become a Chartered Member of the RTPI. Helpful to all candidates currently completing their submission.

Michelle Hewlett – Senior Membership Officer, RTPI

Breakout session 6 – A Learning Manifesto: The Role of the Young Planner in Transformative CPD. Learning in a multi-faceted process

Learning by doing is a significant part of being a young planner, but what about the skill sets that you bring to an organisation? Help us to reset CPD, challenge the need for critical reflection for personal and professional development.

Kirsty Macari – Lecturer in Architecture and Urban Planning, University of Dundee

Chairs: Jennifer McWilliam – RTPI North West Young Planners' Committee & Samantha Stockley – RTPI Scottish Young Planner Steering Group

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Breakout session 7 – Legal Update: Planning inquiries in the time of Covid-19 (and beyond?)

It looks like virtual inquiries are here to stay. This interactive session with two barristers from Landmark Chambers will take a deep dive into the practice and procedure of the planning inquiry process both before and during a virtual inquiry. We will look at the Rosewell procedure (giving you a chance to show off your knowledge via a quiz) and then gather up some of the key tips you need to help your team present its case. Bring your best questions.

Matthew Dale-Harris – Barrister, Landmark Chambers

Alistair Mills – Barrister, Landmark Chambers

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Breakout session 8 – Great public speakers are made, not born

Join this session to learn key tips and tricks to help you along the way.

Constanze Bell – Barrister, King Chambers

Chair: Carla Fulgoni MRTPI – Chair of RTPI Dorset Young Planners

4.20pm

Keynote speaker

An inspirational speech from the newly appointed Chief Planner for England

Joanna Averley – Chief Planner, Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government

4.45pm

Closing remarks

Dr. Roisin Willmott, OBE FRTPI – Director of Wales and Northern Ireland, RTPI

5.00pm

Wrap party!

Entertainment to close the conference

6.00pm

Event close

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