
Board of Trustees

Report from Wei Yang – President for 2021 of the RTPI

FOR INFORMATION & ENDORSEMENT

1. Activities of the Presidential Team since the last report (Last report date 06.05.2021)

1.1 Key RTPI events and meetings (Virtual unless stated otherwise)

- 12 May 2021, WY spoke at the Planner Live – North England
- 14 May 2021, WY Presidential Regional Visit – South East and East of England to celebrate UN International Day of Families
- 21 May 2021, WY Presidential Regional Visit – Yorkshire
- 4th June 2021, WY Presidential Regional Visit – North West and South East to celebrate the World Environment Day
- 8th June 2021, WY spoke at the Planner Live - Wales
- 15th June 2021, WY spoke at Minerals Planning Conference 2021
- 21st June 2021, WY Presidential Regional Visit – East Midlands and North West
- 28th June 2021, WY Presidential Regional Visit – South West
- 30th June 2021, WY chaired RTPI/Connected Place Catapult (CPC) PlanTech Event
- 14th July 2021, WY Presidential Regional Visit – East Midlands
- 6th August 2021, WY spoke at Young Planner's Chairs Meeting
- 19th August 2021, WY Presidential Regional Visit – East Midlands (In person)
- 20th August 2021, WY presented RTPI Young Planner of the Year Award to Ryan Walker (In person)

1.2 Key External events (Virtual unless stated otherwise)

- 10 May 2021, SM spoke at NIPA Event in relation to neurodiversity and engagement
- 18 May 2021, WY & VH meeting with President and CEO of Planning Institute Australia (Agreed to be a regular quarterly meeting)
- 20th May 2021, WY interview with Southern People Weekly Magazine (China)
- 26th May 2021, WY attended RIBA Royal Gold Medal Virtual Ceremony
- 28 May 2021, SM spoke at the Designing for Neurodiversity Part 2
- 10 June 2021, WY & VH attended Global Planners Network Meeting
- 14 June 2021, WY judged British Construction Industry Awards - Stage 1

- 14 June 2021, WY & VH meeting with President and CEO of American Planning Association
- 17th June 2021, WY attended Academy of Social Sciences AGM & Annual Lecture
- 18th June 2021, WY spoke at Real Estate Live
- 21st June 2021, WY spoke at UN Habitat Urban Thinkers Campus HPF & UIA Seminar: Female approaches to build climate resilience
- 23rd June 2021, WY spoke at Connected Places Catapult's Homes for Healthy Ageing Event
- 1st July 2021, WY spoke at Inside Housing and Homes England Development Summit
- 2nd July 2021, WY spoke at Education of the future Spatial Planning Public Health Workforce Seminar
- 2nd July 2021, WY spoke at Planning Officer's Society Planning Forum
- 16th July 2021, WY interview with Inclusive Urban Futures Podcast and Video series
- 19th July 2021, WY filming for TCPA Welwyn Garden City Centenary Symposium (In person)
- 3rd August 2021, WY & VH meeting with Chair of Urban Design Group / Climate Framework
- 6th August 2021, WY, TC & VH 6-monthly catch-up with President and CEO of the Landscape Institute
- 6th August 2021, WY & VH meeting with Chair of Academy of Urbanism
- 12th August 2021, WY, TC & VH quarterly meeting with President and CEO of Planning Institute Australia
- 16th August 2021, WY judging COP26 Built Environment Virtual Pavilion hosted by Green Building Council
- 19th August 2021, WY & VH visited Lincoln (In person) organised by Lincolnshire Chamber of Commerce
- 20th August 2021, WY & VH visited New London Architecture (NLA) at Coal Drops Yard - Exhibition Tour and Talk (In person)

2. Feedback from engagements with RTPI members and external bodies

2.1 For Endorsement: 'RTPI Rising Stars' programme - National and Regional Young Planner of the Year Awards Winners

Porposal from Ryan Walker, RTPI Young Planner of the Year 2021

(Please read Appendix A for detailed proposal)

Background: Further to the suggestions made by Robyn Skerratt (RTPI Young Planner of the Year 2020) *Young Planner of the Year: Maximising the Role* (submitted to April 2021 Board MT), the Chief Executive and I have been working closely with Ryan Walker to enhance his ambassadorial role as Young Planner of the Year 2021.

After an initial meeting with the Chief Executive and I, Ryan has made the proposal for 'RTPI Rising Stars' programme to strengthen the impact of National and Regional Young Planner of the Year Awards Winners.

The proposal was verbally reported in July board meeting by me. It has also been informally consulted with various board members, including the Vice President, N&R Panel Chair, Young Planner Trustee and the Chairs of the Young Planners Network, as well as RTPI national and regional Directors and Managers, and Comms Director.

Suggestion: The proposal is seeking for board's endorsement. I would like to suggest the proposal to be integrated with the RTPI One Institute Programme and to be implemented this year.

2.2 Recognition of legal experience in British Islands

Background: An RTPI member in Jersey got in touch formally and raised the issue that RTPI Legal Associate criteria would only recognise relevant experience in the UK, but not in British Islands. They argued the case that it should be recognised by the RTPI.

Suggestion: I would like to suggest the Board giving delegated power to the Membership and Ethics Committee to review the RTPI Legal Associate criteria to see whether legal experience in British Islands can be recognised. Full email correspondence will be provided to the committee.

By Wei Yang FRTPI
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