

Region Newsletter

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Introduction and Welcome



Hello and welcome to the latest edition of the CIHT North East & Cumbria newsletter, or perhaps that would be better referred to as "The Award Winning" NE&C newsletter?!

I'm proud to confirm that our Communications Team of Jonathan and Tony were awarded a national award for their work in improving our online presence this year, through the production of this newsletter, running our webpage and our LinkedIn profile, the two of them have done a great job in ensuring that all of you are regularly updated with our activities, both past and future. I would like to add my own personal thanks to the pair of them – it's not an easy job but one they (somehow) manage to find the time and passion for!

Within this month's newsletter is a round-up of our first few "Introduction To" seminars. These are proving extremely popular and the next fourteen events(!) have just been published on our events page, so please take the time to review and book yourself into anything that sparks your interest – they are free to all CIHT members and offer a great way of broadening or updating your knowledge.

Also included is a review of our Annual Dinner and Awards ceremony, which was attended by over 210 people this year – our best for several years, so thank you to everyone who came along and helped raise over £1,100 for the MiniPolice charity. Photos of the event are now live via a link on our website, along with confirmation of our four winners – congratulations again to each of them! I'm pleased to confirm that the planning has already started for next year's event, which will be bigger still.

Whilst many of these are still in the pipeline and yet to be officially announced I'm confident in saying some of our stalwart events- including our appearance at Newcastle University's Access event and a personal favourite Young Professionals Presentation Evening in March. All of these will be rounded off with the AGM on May 17th and the end of my first year as Chairman of the North East and Cumbria. Whilst there may have been a few nervous moments this year I can safely say that it's never been dull and always enjoyable.

With the event's programme rapidly filling up, and further events in the pipeline with the RTP1, ICE, TPS and IStrucE, we are set for a very interesting and enjoyable New Year. With that in mind, and as we head into the Christmas break, I hope you all enjoy the time off, return in January fully refreshed, and that I get to meet you all in 2018.

All the very best,



Darran Kitchener
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Committee Update – Get Involved!

Every year at our Annual General Meeting, our committee for the previous year is dissolved, and nominations invited for members to stand for the following twelve months.

So who can join the North East & Cumbria committee? The simple answer is any member who's enthusiastic, has ideas and wants to get involved. We are always on the lookout for new members to keep the committee fresh, focussed and relevant to the membership.

In particular, we would welcome applicants from young professionals and those wishing to become more involved within the National Council when our current Representatives term expires next year.

Involvement in the committee counts towards your Continuing Professional Development and can lead, in the longer term, to participating in national CIHT activities. Please email us if you are interested.

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Your CIHT: News and Upcoming Events

Professional Interviews for 2018

The CIHT has announced the deadlines and dates for professional Interviews and accreditation during 2018. These dates apply to those who may be pursuing accreditation under the following

CEng Professional Reviews 2018

UK Summer Reviews 2018

Submission deadline: 20 April

Interviews held: 11 - 15 June

UK Autumn Reviews 2018

Submission deadline: 17 August

Interviews held: 8 - 12 October

Stage 2 Technical Report Interviews 2018

UK Spring Interviews 2018

Stage 2 Submission deadline: 23 March

Interviews held: 23 - 27 April

UK Autumn Interviews 2018

Stage 2 Submission deadline: 21 September

Interviews held: 29 October - 2 November

Transport Planning Professional

UK Spring Interviews 2018

Submission Deadline: 6 April

Interviews held: 7 - 11 May

UK Autumn Interviews 2018

Submission Deadline: 28 September

Interviews held: 5 - 9 November

For more information regarding submission deadlines, dates for other accreditation deadlines and to register please contact Britannia Walk using the following email address; education@ciht.org.uk

Regional events now promoted on Eventbrite

Due to the overwhelming demand from local members regarding our "An Introduction to" Seminar Series we have had to explore alternative means of registering all of the attendees without adding a significant burden on our Regional Secretary. As a result of this we are now using Eventbrite to manage our bookings for our routine events.

This system which is free of charge for both the attendant and organiser allows individuals to register to a seminar electronically and also add them to an electronic calendar of their choice.

For each event will have it's own unique page on Eventbrite which can be found on CiC and the CIHT NE&C webpages. They will also only be added under the profile name shown below;

"Darran Kitchener, CIHT NE&C Chair, 2017-19"



Council & Boards Update

Anthony Robinson (Regional Representative to Council)

CIHT Council is made up mainly of elected ordinary members and regional representatives. They act as the decision making body for the CIHT, delivering the strategy, business plans and outputs on behalf of the membership. Council generally meets four times per year.

November 2017 Meeting

In November, Council held its annual planning meeting, an all-day event that shapes the events and activities for the 12 months going forward, and ensures we are still aligned to the aims and objectives of the CIHT Strategic Plan.

Two events were held in the morning, involving an overview followed by workshop discussion and presentation of points and recommendations to Council. The two topics were:

- The Strategic Plan – reviewing our progress to date, and
- Exploring CIHT identity and our membership strategy

Both workshops generated lively discussions and some interesting ideas on how the CIHT positions itself, in response to continuing transport infrastructure investment, skills shortages and the diversity of our membership base.

The afternoon session saw a fascinating presentation by David Lavene, Policy Officer for Transport for the North. The next year will be transformative for TfN, as it publishes its inaugural transport strategy and becomes the first sub-national regional transport body in the UK. David gave a glimpse of the work being undertaken as TfN prepare for this, and the delivery strategy of major transport schemes planned for the north.

A lively debate followed as Council were asked how CIHT can support TfN, and certainly the Regions have a major role to play in ensuring we have the dedicated professional network and mentoring structures in place to ensure a success of delivering the varied and exciting schemes proposed over the next decade and beyond. Watch this space as the North East & Cumbria Region responds to the challenges and opportunities coming out of TfN.

Interested in representing our Region at Council?

Nominations are open now for members interested in joining Council as the North East & Cumbria representative, from September 2018. It's a fantastic opportunity to help steer CIHT at the national level, as well as meeting fellow members from the wider transport infrastructure community, and at all levels of experience. You must be either a member (MCIHT) or Fellow (FCIHT) and be based predominantly in this Region. Council meetings are held four times per year at CIHT headquarters in Britannia Walk, London.

[Click here](#), or [contact us](#), for further information.

CIHT Bulletin: Regional Sub Committee Updates

Following the changes to the North East and Cumbria Committee Structure at the start of this year we have sought new ways to update the Membership on the activities that are being delivered locally. Each Sub Group is asked to submit an update report to the wider Committee every few months and the key points of these reports have been summarised below. Should you have any questions, or would like to contribute to CIHT activities locally [contact us](#).

Northumbria

At the heart of the Region, the Northumbria Subgroup are continuing to push ahead and deliver the majority of the events within the Region. With the help of local employers, Guest Speakers and the dedication of Committee Members we continue to identify and deliver the majority of the annual program in this location. In the coming months additional events are planned to be delivered which includes the annual Quiz, Young Persons Presentation Evening and the AGM.



Members of the NE&C promoting the Institution to prospective members

Teesside

Over the course of this calendar year Teesside as a Sub Group have come on leaps and bounds and have started to get both themselves and the CIHT more fully recognised within the Borough. They've engaged with Teesside University and assumed their rightful place with other professional institutions in the local area. There have been a few changes with the Region and with members changing roles within the Borough. Despite this the team continue push forward with the "Introduction to" program of events and the standalone series of events that the NE&C are used to delivering. This includes recent trips to the Middlesbrough Transporter Bridge that are well received by those who attended.

Cumbria

Whilst the smallest of the sub groups Cumbria have recently delivered a committee meeting in the region in addition to a Committee meeting in Carlisle. The priorities of the group in the coming months is to continue to promote the presence of the Sub Group through emails, networking with local employers and engaging with the other professional institutions.



The A591 under reconstruction in Cumbria following Storm Desmond

Academia

Newcastle and Northumbria Universities are continuing to progress there long standing program of events for students and those who wish to attend. The Seminar Series for Newcastle which occurs during a Wednesday lunchtime continues to be popular with all those who attend. Newcastle University have now began to challenge their Students immediately after these Seminars with a series of hypothetical workplace scenarios designed to challenge students reasoning and further prepare them for future professional roles. Should anyone have any suitable scenarios, perhaps based on previous experiences you are invited to send them to roger.bird@newcastle.ac.uk.

CIHT North East and Cumbria 2017 Annual Dinner



Over 200 guests gathered to celebrate the successes of the regional highways and transportation industry at CIHT North East's annual dinner and awards ceremony in October.

The event, the principle local highways and transportation social of the year was held at once again at the Assembly Rooms, Newcastle Upon Tyne. During this we saw the Region's chair Darran Kitchener and CIHT President Andreas Markides address attendees before four awards were presented.



A view from the balcony of the Assembly Rooms

The award for Project of the Year went to Northumberland County Council and Carillion for their Morpeth Northern Bypass scheme – a £31M, 4km link road which finished under budget in April.

The road completes a strategic link between the A1 and south east Northumberland, unlocking land for housing and development as well as relieving congestion in Morpeth. Innovations employed during the project included a full BIM process and the delivery of intelligent asset information for future maintenance. The award was sponsored by Farrans.

A package of cycling and walking improvements in Tynemouth won the Sustainable Project Award for North Tyneside Council and Capita. This scheme on a busy section of the A193 Broadway delivered hybrid cycle tracks along the existing highway and kerb line, continuing across driveways and side road junctions and giving cyclists priority over vehicles. The award was sponsored by Jacobs.

Rachael Oliver of Sunderland City Council was successful in receiving the Young Professional Award, sponsored by Milestone Transport Planning. Rachael, an ambitious and hard working technician, has according to her employer progressed to a level well beyond her relatively short working life and embraces the council's core values of 'Proud, Decent and Together'.

The Apprentice of the Year Award went to Adam Jensen of Jacobs who is already making valuable contributions to a range of high profile and complex projects and demonstrated strong commitment to both his work and personal development. The award was sponsored by Arup.

Guests to the dinner also heard from Durham Constabulary's PC Craig Johnson who delivered a presentation about the Mini Police Initiative, which was the Chairman's Charity for the evening. In total £1,115 was raised for the charity – a fun and interactive volunteering opportunity for nine to 11 year olds.

Once again the North East and Cumbria is grateful to all those who attended and made the event, once again the seminal event in the Regions social calendar, with particular recognition of those who were nominated for one of the Annual Awards. We look forward to welcoming you all back next year.



Guests of the enjoying a night of entertainment and networking (left) and CIHT President Andreas Markides addressing the audience (right)

CIHT Bulletin: Region continues to punch above it's weight

Young local Professional receives National recognition

During the Autumn, long-time associate of the NE&C and last year's Young Professional of the Year, David Auld went down to London to represent the Region at the 2017 CIHT Awards.

Following a close run contest in London, he was eventually presented with a coveted 'Highly Commended' certificate at the national finals and congratulated for his achievements by all present.

On receiving his certificate David modestly said *"I was a little surprised to get even this far and credit to Kaine Lynch as the overall winner. Despite that I'm grateful to the CIHT for allowing me to take part in this and importantly to my employers Jacobs for supporting me throughout this incredible experience."*

David continues to work closely and support the CIHT locally by generating interest in his workplace and supporting younger members of staff to become more experienced transportation planning professionals.

This had been planned to go into the Autumn Newsletter, however had to be pulled last minute because of the overall size of the document; apologies for making you wait David!



David Auld receiving his certificate from his Manager Richard Peaty.

NE&C Website and Communications

During November's CIHT annual meeting the North East and Cumbria was recognised for their excellent work promoting the Institute.

Judged by Britannia Walk to possess the best communications and delivery mechanisms over the last 12 months, the North East and Cumbria were recognised and given the Website and Communications Award for 2017.

This work is principally undertaken by volunteers, Anthony Robinson (AECOM) and Jonathan Barlow (South Tyneside Council), with external support from fellow colleagues within the NE&C this small team compiles and delivers all promotional materials associated with the Region.

On hearing the news of the win Darran Kitchener remarked *"We're progressing a bold and ambitious program of events over the course of the next two years. In order to successfully deliver this, we must ensure that all of our materials are produced to the highest standard in order to deliver maximum impact. It's a testament to the programs ongoing success that the contribution of our volunteers who make this happen be recognised at a national level. Well done to all"*

The North East and Cumbria are currently delivering their "An Introduction To" Seminar Series- a program of events designed to assist professionals gain the knowledge required for professional accreditation. For more information on this visit our website; www.ciht.org.uk/ne



Website and Communications Officers Jonathan Barlow and Tony Robinson with this years award.

Membership

Our membership is always growing and the tables below show the latest figures by membership grade and also their geographic location.

With over 770 members; an increase since September, the North East and Cumbria continues to show signs of continued growth across the Region. By this time next year, it's more than likely we'll have surpassed 800 members and pushing onto four figures!

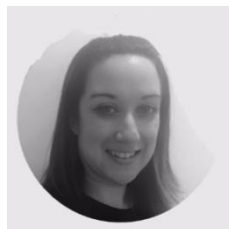
Students make up a significant proportion of our regional membership –over 37% – reflecting the strong relationships that we have with key Sixth Forms, Colleges and Universities across the region. We have made positive progress on encouraging young professionals and apprentices and apprentices to join CIHT, but there is still lots of work to be done. As always, please encourage your colleagues and new starters to register for CIHT membership and where necessary to switch their grades. Information about the various membership grades, and the benefits to CIHT membership can be found [here](#).

| Area | Members | Member % | Percentage Change Since August '17 |
|---------------------------------------|------------|-------------|------------------------------------|
| Northumberland, Tyne and Wear, Durham | 539 | 70% | 13% |
| Teeside and Darlington | 105 | 14% | 8% |
| Cumbria | 101 | 13% | -8% |
| Other | 26 | 3% | 86% |
| Total | 771 | 100% | 11% |

| Membership Grade | No of Members |
|---------------------------|---------------|
| Lifelong/Honorary Members | 28 |
| Fellow | 38 |
| Member | 379 |
| Associate | 10 |
| Graduate | 11 |
| Apprentice | 17 |
| Student | 288 |
| Total | 771 |

A Day in the Life of...

Name
Jen Searle



Title
Senior Consultant at AECOM

Terms of reference
I'm an experienced Transport Planner experience working on projects working throughout the North East and across the UK.

Suitability for the job
I graduated from Northumbria University with a Geography degree during 2007, after which I progressed to doing an MSc in Transport over at Newcastle.

Where based
Newcastle upon Tyne on the Quayside- there are certainly less attractive places to have your dinner on a sunny day.

Transport to work
I travel to work everyday on the Metro; nice and sustainable and gives me time to relax after a day in the office.

Top of In-tray
I've several reports to review and finances to process.

Best aspects of the job
Without doubt the best part of being a consultant is the problem solving and seeing things you helped deliver being built.

Worst aspect
The perception that a big PLC like AECOM don't converse with small to medium size developments and companies.

What is the most important transport issue today
Increasing prices, unreliable service and inconvenient connections on the rail network are decreasing the incentives for people to stay out of their cars. We need to do more to encourage sustainable travel both regionally and nationally.

How do you relax
After spending a day in front of the computer I like nothing better than to relax and read a book. When they're not available and when the season starts I also enjoy watching Tennis.

Ambition
To work across different geographies expanding my experience and knowledge.

Upcoming Events

Young Professionals Presentation Evening 2018 - Call for Papers

The CIHT will once again be holding our Young Professionals Presentation Evening at the start of 2018. In addition to be one of our most popular events during the calendar year, it's also a great opportunity to give young professionals a chance to gain practice in presentation skills by providing them with the opportunity to deliver a presentation to their peers.

The competition for the North East and Cumbria will be held on the 14th March at a venue to be confirmed. Entrants are invited to prepare a 10-minute presentation on a subject of their choice. The presentation will be followed by questions from a panel of judges, who will assess the candidates and decide upon the winner.

The winner will receive a prize and be given a chance to represent the Region in the National competition later in the year. This gives them further opportunity to gain additional personal and professional prestige.

If you are interested in participating, please send an abstract outlining your proposed topic along with your contact details to northeastandcumbria@ciht.org.uk by Monday **5th February 2018**. All entries will be reviewed and shortlisted by the end of the Month all finalists will be contacted shortly afterwards.

Stephenson Walks- A Guided Tour around Newcastle and the life of Robert Stephenson

Join us as we support the Institute of Civil Engineers (ICE) locally as they celebrate their institutions 200 year anniversary.

As part of this fantastic milestone the local Branch are organising a series of guided walks around Newcastle Upon Tyne. These take into account hidden local gems within Newcastle and Gateshead which played a part in the life and career of one of Britain's (and the North East's!) greatest Civil Engineers; Robert Stephenson.

These are expected to occur on the following dates;

- 7th June (between 6pm and 7.30pm) and;
- 23rd and 24th June. (Time TBC)

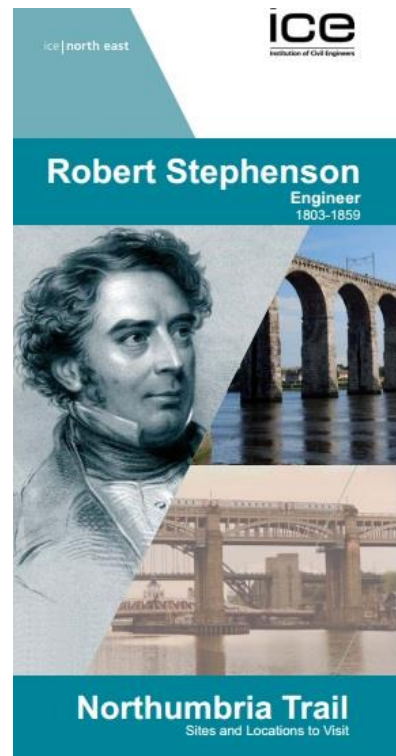
A local guide will be guiding those who attend around places that shaped Robert Stephenson's career from humble beginnings to a world renowned and recognised professional. Following the event there will be an opportunity to network and engage with like minded Transport and Engineering colleagues.

For more information and confirmed details please contact the ICE locally; icene@ice.org.uk

Alternatively to download the leaflet please see the link below;
<https://www.ice.org.uk/getattachment/c4025218-ae88-43ae-8dec-8d2be92cbe37/attachment.aspx>



2017's participants in addition to Past Regional and National Chairmen Anthony Robinson and Steve Rowsell



The front cover of the Stephenson Trail leaflet

Events Programme for 2018

The North East and Cumbria have had an exceptionally busy year delivering activities across the Region for the benefit of you, the membership. With a strong program of activities lined up for 2018 there's never been a better time to take part in CIHT activities.

Annual Dinner & Awards

18th October – Annual Dinner & Awards Ceremony

Full Programme of Events

- 11th January** – An Introduction To: Road Safety Audits. Presented by Stuart Kay (Sweco). Sweco, Gateshead
- 24th January** – An Introduction To: Highways Design and Construction. Presented David Shotten (A-One+). A-One+, Darlington
- 25th January** – An Introduction To: Data Collection & Traffic Modelling. Presented by Grant Wilson (Tracsis), Devrim Kara (PTV) and Tim Beech (Jacobs). Jacobs, Newcastle
- 30th January** – An Introduction To: Transport Policy. Presented by Jonathan Spruce (Transport for the North). Arup, Newcastle
- 7th February** – An Introduction To: Planning, Environmental and H&S Laws. Presented by Neil Robson (Ward Hadaway). Ward Hadaway, Newcastle
- 8th February** – Access Careers Event, Newcastle University
- 15th February** – CIHT North East & Cumbria Annual Quiz
- 21st February** – An Introduction To: Business Cases and COBA. Presented by Anthony Robinson (Aecom). Aecom, Newcastle
- 28th February** – Technical Seminar: Newcastle Airport Masterplan Proposals. Presented by James Cowen. Newcastle Airport.
- 8th March** – An Introduction To: Public Sector Stakeholder Engagement. Presented by Matthew Payne (Waterman Aspen). Milestone Transport Planning, Gateshead
- 14th March** – Young Professionals Regional Presentation Competition
- 22nd March** – An Introduction To: Public Consultation Techniques. Presented by Martyn Earle (Barton Willmore). Barton Willmore, Newcastle
- 25th April** – An Introduction To: Strategic Planning of the Highway Network. Presented by Nick Bryan (Capita). North Tyneside Council
- 26th April** – An Introduction To: Road Construction Materials. Presented by Chris Dancer. Northumbrian Roads, Heworth, Gateshead
- 10th May** – An Introduction To: Designing Public Transport Interchanges. Presented by Arup. Arup, Newcastle
- 17th May** – AGM
- 7th June** – Stephenson Walks- A Guided Tour around Newcastle and the life of Robert Stephenson
- 13th June** – An Introduction To: Travel Planning. Presented by WSP. WSP, Newcastle
- 23, 24th June** – Stephenson Walks- A Guided Tour around Newcastle and the life of Robert Stephenson
- 11th July** – An Introduction To: Managing Transport Systems. Presented by Gordon Harrison (Nexus). Nexus, Newcastle

Events for 2018 in Planning

Qualifications – Membership & Qualifications Drop-in session

Qualifications – University Recruitment Events

YPG – Spring Social Event

Seminar – Joint IAT / CIHT Seminar, Cumbria

Seminar – Joint TPS / CIHT Seminar, Teesside

Visit – Nexus Shields Ferry, South Shields

Visit – The Victoria Tunnels, Newcastle

Visit – North East Land, Sea and Air Museum, Sunderland

Seminar – Legal Implications of Road Safety Audits, SoRSA

Scheduled Committee Meetings - all 5:30 for a 6pm start

8th February – Arup, Newcastle

12th April – Teesside, venue TBC

17th May – AGM, venue TBC