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Save the date! YHACS Design Workshops are coming!

Members have been asking us to do more on ‘Design’: we’re responding by offering our first ‘Design Workshops’

We know that our member civic societies play a unique role in helping to influence planning outcomes but we also know that many of our members feel at a disadvantage when it comes to discussing elements of design with professional planners, architects and developers.

Unless your committee is fortunate enough to have access to specific expertise, making sense of plans and articulating your thoughts for or against a proposal can be a daunting prospect, particularly if you end up having to speak at planning meetings.

Our members tell us that they would appreciate some help in developing their skills to better understand how to make sense of plans – particularly in identifying what constitutes good design. With this in mind, we have made arrangements to run the first YHACS Design Workshop.

The workshop will be facilitated for us by Elizabeth and Richard Motley of IntegreatPlus, a not-for-profit social enterprise consultancy based in Sheffield. IntegreatPlus offer architectural, planning and economic development support to communities, local authorities and built environment professionals to help deliver their “place-based ambitions”.

Dates and Location

The YHACS workshop will run over two days in the autumn – Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th November 2018 at a location to be confirmed in Wakefield. The workshop will start at 10.00 am and end no later than 4 pm each day. We encourage anyone attending to come to both days. We appreciate that some people may wish to stay overnight and we will provide details of hotels that you might wish to consider.

Programme

The *provisional* programme (subject to change) is as follows:

Day one:	Morning	Building based design principles
	Afternoon	Built for Life – place based principles
Day two	Morning	Housing design and innovation
	Afternoon	Personalised housing choices

Cost

Refreshments, including a light lunch, will be provided on both days.

We will need to make a charge to attend the workshop, towards the cost of facilitator fees, room hire and refreshments. It is envisaged that this will be in the region of £20 per day for YHACS members but we will confirm this once we have more information on numbers and the venue we intend to use.

The workshop will be open to people who are members of a paid-up YHACS member society or to individuals who are members of YHACS (see below). Depending on take-up, we may open the workshop to others but at a higher price, yet to be decided.

What to do now – Expressions of Interest Invited

To make this workshop a success, we need to get an idea of how many people are likely to attend. At this point, therefore, we are inviting expressions of interest in attending. Once we know how many people are likely to attend, we will advise you of the actual cost and venue and also invite bookings.

If you or any of your colleagues would be interested in attending, please email kevintrickett@msn.com to reserve your place(s) but do not send any payment at this stage. It would be helpful if you could do this by 13th July.

Once we have final details, we will ask you to confirm your booking.

Individual Membership of YHACS

Has your society renewed its membership of YHACS for 2018? If not, you could be losing out personally! Not only will your society cease to receive details of our events and copies of our newsletter, but you will also miss out on discounted admission prices to any events for which we might make a charge.

In recent years, we know that some societies have made a decision not to renew their membership of YHACS while other civic societies have decided to close down altogether. This means that individual members of those societies have also lost access to YHACS benefits and we have been asked to consider offering individual membership of YHACS.

The YHACS constitution already allows for this category of membership. After much discussion, the YHACS committee has agreed to invite individuals to take out personal membership of the Association for £10 per year where the individual is not a member of a YHACS member society.

Our first advice is always, of course, for individuals to join their local civic society and to encourage their society to take out or retain membership of YHACS but we recognise that it might not always be possible.

If you are interested in taking out individual membership of YHACS, please email our Treasurer, Richard Ward (r.m.ward1@btinternet.com) and he will email you a membership form.

YHACS and GDPR – the new YHACS Privacy Policy

As we made clear in our last bulletin, all civic societies need to consider how they comply with the latest legislation on data protection – the General Data Protection Regulation – which came into effect in May this year. In accordance with the advice we gave, YHACS has developed its own Privacy Policy and this is [available to read](#) on our website (on our publications page). As you will see, we have decided to apply the latest thinking on this – i.e., we don't need to get all our current members and contacts to opt in to receiving communications from us: we will simply continue to contact you as we have always done. However, if anyone in receipt of our emails wishes to be removed from our mailing list, they can opt out at any time by email us on info@yhacs.org.uk and asking to unsubscribe.

More on Design

New report on housing design from the Policy Exchange

There has been a new report published by the Policy Exchange on housing design. The report, entitled *Building More, Building Better* can be downloaded from the Policy Exchange website [here](#).

Growing Design Quality launches in Hull

Fancy a free design workshop in Hull? As well as running the YHACS Design Workshop in Wakefield in November, IntegreatPlus are also part of Design Network and are offering a free design workshop on Growing Design Quality in Hull on the morning on 16th July from 9.30 am to 1 pm.

To book places, please visit the [Design Network website](#)

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