

Yorkshire & Humber Association of Civic Societies

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Voice of the Civic Society Movement in the Region

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YHACS 20th Anniversary Lunch

Thank you to everyone who attended our 20th Anniversary Lunch in York on 23rd November. Altogether, the event was attended by 67 people from the Civic Movement across the region and special guests including the Lord Mayor of York, Cllr Janet Looker and her Consort, Tracey Simpson Laing, Ian Harvey, Director of Civic Voice, Neil Redfern from Historic England, and, of course, our guest speaker, Sarah McLeod of the Wentworth Woodhouse Preservation Trust. Thanks also once again to York Civic Trust for their help.

A full report and pictures will appear in our next newsletter.

LOOKING AHEAD – DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Although our programme of meetings and events has now drawn to a close for 2019, your committee has been busy making plans for another busy year in 2020 and arrangements are already in place for three of our quarterly meetings. If you haven't already done so, please put these dates in your diary now:

- Saturday, 25th January 2020 – Our Annual General Meeting, Cedar Court Hotel, Harrogate
- Saturday, 25th April 2020 – our spring meeting will be in Beverley
- Saturday, 25th July 2020 – our summer meeting will be in Addingham

Can you help us with our autumn meeting?

If your society would be willing to co-host our autumn meeting, we'd love to hear from you!

FANCY JOINING THE YHACS COMMITTEE?

We will be holding our Annual General Meeting in Harrogate on 25th January 2020. The AGM is traditionally the time when we invite members of our member societies to put themselves forward to serve on the YHACS committee. To continue as an effective and active association, we need to attract able and willing volunteers!

So, we're issuing the appeal now to help us prepare for any changes to the committee. Would you like to do a stint as a YHACS committee member? The duties are not onerous – but we do ask that you take part in our events (usually four members' meetings per year) and committee meetings (usually three or four times a year between the members' meetings). Much of our work is done by email, so access to email is also important. We're particularly keen to recruit someone with a legal background following the death of Richard Ward, who was, as many of you will know, a retired solicitor.

Attached to this bulletin is a nomination form. If you'd like to join the committee and don't have anyone to nominate you, don't worry! Just let us know and we'll do the rest.

Please bear in mind that YHACS is a registered charity and that, as a member of the YHACS committee, you would become a trustee of the charity.

There are vacancies on the committee so we can take new members. Also, three of the officer posts (deputy chair, treasurer and secretary) can also be nominated for. Anyone elected to the committee or to one of the officer posts nominated, would serve for a period of one year, but can be re-elected each year without limit. The post of chair is now filled on a three-yearly basis and will next be available for nominations in January 2021.

CIVIC VOICE SURVEY

– your chance to help shape the Civic Voice strategy

Have you completed the Civic Voice survey yet? This is your chance to help shape the strategic plan to be launched at the Civic Voice conference in Blackpool on 1st May 2020. You, and your members, can complete the survey here: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/MXV3Z23>

The deadline for completion is 31st December 2019.

Kevin Trickett MBE, Chair, YHACS

