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Voice of the Civic Society Movement in the Region

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YHACS Futures Workshop **Saturday, 24th February, 10.30 am - Leeds**

There's still time to book your place(s) for our next YHACS Futures Workshop!

Last summer, we ran our first Futures Workshop to encourage members to think about how YHACS and member societies can prepare for what lies ahead. We are now offering places for a repeat workshop to be held at the offices of Leeds Civic Trust on Saturday, 24th February from 10.30 am to around 4 pm (doors open from 10.00 am). A free buffet lunch will be provided. The workshop will again be facilitated for us by Barbara Paterson of Paterson Consultancy.

Background:

Civic societies face two types of existential challenge: keeping going and dealing with the external pressures presented by the change that is happening all around us. These challenges are, of course, interlinked.

How do you recruit members, secure the services of volunteers and raise funds against a backdrop of social and technological change when people are leading busier and busier lifestyles with more demands on their time than ever? How do you make sure that your civic society maintains its relevance and appeal to current and prospective members? How do you find people willing to run your society, willing to take on responsibility for doing the work and willing to assume leadership roles? Meanwhile, how do you keep abreast of changes in society more generally, be they demographic trends, technological advancements or political uncertainties?

Our workshop is not intended to provide you with all the answers! Each society will be faced with its own challenges and will need to respond according to its own resources and within its own context. However, we do hope to be able to provide you with a structured way of thinking about some of these problems that we all face and that you will leave the workshop with some new perspectives to help you decide what to do next.

Perhaps you've already got the future sorted? Maybe you've already worked through what lies ahead and devised your plans accordingly? Well, in that case, why not come along to the workshop and share your ideas with us?

Please note that this is a workshop and will therefore require your active participation! You will be asked to do some thinking and to put forward ideas and responses to questions. There will also be some pre-workshop activity sent out in advance to those attending to stimulate your thinking and to help you

If you would like to book a place, please email me as soon as possible.

Civic Voice: War Memorials Condition Survey Workshop – Free workshop in Wakefield

Civic Voice have organised a workshop at Wakefield Civic Society's office at Wakefield Town Hall on Tuesday afternoon, 13th February. If you are planning to do a survey, or just thinking about it, do come along. It could be a great project for your society and a way to involve your members and other volunteers.

There are still places available for this free to attend event but you must book places in advance. You can do this on-line via Eventbrite [here](#). If you require any further information, please contact Anna Wilson, Senior Development Officer, Civic Voice – email: anna.wilson@civicvoice.org.uk

Civic Voice: Engaging Young People in Heritage – Free workshop in Leeds, 21st February, 9.45 am to 1 pm

Civic Voice are running another workshop in our region, this one in Leeds on

As we are now into the final year of the commemorations of the centenary of the First World War, Civic Voice wants to ensure that communities will continue to cherish and protect local war memorials beyond November 2018.

Recognising that young people are the custodians of the future, Civic Voice has organised a free workshop aimed at anyone who wants to engage with schools and/or youth groups to encourage them to explore their local heritage. The workshop will take place in Leeds, 17-19 Wharf Street on 21st February, from 9.45am – 1pm.

Led by the Learning Officer at War Memorials Trust, the workshop will help you discover:

- The best ways to approach a school/youth group
- Ways of linking activities to the curriculum
- Different types of learning activities that can be carried out with school or youth groups
- Resources available online
- Community stories and top tips from volunteers who have worked with schools

Although the workshop will use examples of activities relating to war memorials, the content of the workshop will be applicable to those wishing to engage with schools and youth groups with other types of heritage too.

For more details and to reserve your free place please visit <http://bit.ly/2D74a4U> or call 0121 792 8177.

If you have any queries about the workshop please do not hesitate to contact Anna Wilson, Senior Development Officer, Civic Voice – email: anna.wilson@civicvoice.org.uk

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