

# Yorkshire & Humber Association of Civic Societies

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*Voice of the Civic Society Movement in the Region*

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## **YHACS Design Workshops – 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

### **Please note change of dates**

#### **As advertised previously, we are organising our first ‘Design Workshop’**

The workshop will be facilitated for us by Elizabeth and Richard Motley of [IntegreatPlus](http://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 now run over two days in the New Year – Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> February 2019 and will be held at the Cedar Court Hotel in Wakefield. Please note that this is a change from our original plan to hold the workshop in November.

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.

**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:** YHACS will subsidise the cost of the workshop for YHACS members but we do need to ask for a contribution towards the cost of refreshments. We are therefore asking YHACS members attending to pay £50 to YHACS in advance. This will cover the cost of teas/coffees and a two-course lunch each day.

We will also offer the workshop to people who are not YHACS members (or are not a member of a YHACS member society) but at a higher cost of £75.

**Hotel accommodation:** We appreciate that some people may wish to stay overnight at the hotel and the hotel has quoted rates for dinner bed and breakfast of £110 per night based on single occupancy of a room and £130 per night based on double occupancy. To book at these prices, please telephone the hotel on 01924 276310. Please note that it may be possible to secure a better deal by booking on-line (there is, for example, an early booking offer available on the hotel's website now for anyone willing to book and pay in advance).

### **How to Book**

If you had booked places for the original November dates, I have already emailed you separately to confirm your availability or otherwise. If you haven't previously booked but would like to do so now, please email me ([kevintrickett@msn.com](mailto:kevintrickett@msn.com)).

Our Treasurer, Richard Ward will then contact you to arrange payment which can be made by bank transfer or by cheque payable to YHACS.

Spaces are limited, so please book early.

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## **YHACS Meeting Dates for 2019**

One of the things we hear over and over again when we send out invitations to our events is that members cannot come as they have 'previous arrangements' or 'prior engagements' which prevent them from attending.

As ever, we want to give members as much notice as possible of our programme of meetings in the hope that this will avoid such diary clashes and help to increase attendance at our events.

So, for 2019, we can now confirm the following arrangements:

YHACS AGM – Harrogate, Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> January 2019, (Old Swan Hotel)

YHACS Spring Meeting – Sheffield – date and venue to be confirmed as soon as possible

YHACS Summer Meeting – Selby, Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> July 2019

YHACS Autumn Meeting – Pontefract, Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Please put these dates in your diary now – *and keep them free!*

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# YHACS/Peter Spawforth Prize - Reminder

Have you submitted your entry yet?

You have to be in it to win it!

Yes, once again, YHACS will be offering prizes in our annual Award contest. The overall winner gets to hold the prestigious trophy for a year and receives a cheque for £200. The runner-up receives £100 and the third prize is of £50.

The essence of the competition is for your organisation to show the judges (the YHACS Committee) that it has made real progress during the year from 1 October 2017 to 30 September 2018 to entitle it to be called "Regional Civic Society of the Year". Examples of this are:

- Running a successful campaign or carrying out a specific project
- Getting to grips with technology by having an up to date website or using Twitter, Facebook or other social media to publicise your activities
- Maximising your publicity with a successful Newsletter or getting special coverage in the local Press about your concerns or campaigns
- Keeping your members and others informed of your activities
- Arranging social activities such as on-message talks and outings
- Increasing and satisfied membership
- Having good and productive relationships with other bodies, including your local council
- Managing your funds properly, including having adequate subscription levels
- Having good management by delegation and sharing of jobs – and an up to date Constitution

You get to decide on what you enter but, as usual, we are asking you for evidence of what it is you have achieved. **An entry form is attached and we ask that you return it to us by 4th November.**

Judging will then take place later in the month with the results being announced at our AGM in Harrogate on Saturday, 26th January 2019.

**Kevin Trickett MBE**  
**YHACS Chair**

