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News

North East Obesogenic Environment Network (NEOeN)

The term 'Obesogenic Environment' relates to the influences that contribute towards obesity, such as our surroundings, opportunities or life conditions. These include eating behaviour, physical activity, urban planning and design, policy, transport, environment, and culture.

North East Obesogenic Environment Network has been recently established to initiate integrated working partnerships within research, practice and the wider community.

The objective of NEOeN is to provide a networking facility across practice, academia and communities. Through cross-sectoral partnerships, there is potential to impact on the rising obesity rates in the North East of England.

NEOeN operates to terms of reference with a steering group, and is open to anyone with an interest in this agenda, regardless of their professional background.

On 17th October 2007 Foresight launched Tackling Obesities: Future Choices. The project aimed to produce a long-term vision of how we can deliver a sustainable response to obesity in the UK over the next 40 years.

In Jan 2008, the National Institute of Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE) launched Public Health Guidance on Physical Activity and Environment.

<http://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/index.jsp?action=byID&co=11679>

The guidance is for NHS and **NON NHS** professionals who have a direct or indirect role in and responsibility for the environment. This includes those working in local authorities, education, community, voluntary and private sectors.

Both of these pieces of work mark a new way of working, and NEOeN provides a facility for the North East to support this.

We believe the strength of the network is in our membership and we would like to invite you to join us. If you would like to join NEOeN or would like any further information, please see their website www.neoen.org.uk

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Job Vacancies on RIBA Jobs Website

RIBA members can now place job adverts on a dedicated regional page of www.ribajobs.com. RIBA Appointments offer a good value service for web advertisement and the site is linked to the regional web site.

RIBA Trust Exhibitions

Until 1 June 2008, V&A + RIBA Architecture Gallery, **Architecture Now: Up on the Roof**

The RIBA exhibition spaces are open Monday to Friday 10am to 6pm and Saturdays 10am to 5pm. Entry to all exhibitions is free. Evening or weekend functions sometimes affect gallery opening times. If planning a visit on a Saturday or late weekday afternoon, it is advisable to call beforehand. Contact: Tel: 020 7942 2000 or visit www.vam.ac.uk

Confidence Matters – Personal development conference for Women

RICS North East & Northern Society of Chartered Accountants

Date: Tuesday 18 March 2008
Location: Beamish Hall Hotel, Co Durham

This conference has been organised specifically for female professionals and aims to equip delegates with the skills they require to achieve their personal and work goals. Our speakers are highly respected personal development coaches.

Daphne Taylor is a qualified Chartered Accountant who spent 12 years as Group Financial Controller for 2 UK based plc's and one overseas. Discovering she was fascinated by how to get the best from her teams she undertook training in Neuro Linguistic Programming (NLP) and coaching and established an executive coaching business in 2003. She coaches senior business leaders in both public and private sector and as a team systems coach, Daphne also works with senior teams for a wide range of corporate clients.

Curly Uppington, again a qualified Chartered Accountant, was a partner in a Leeds based practice for over 15 years. She left the firm in 2000 to follow her heart and continue her quest to discover how to enable people to create their own magic. She is a master practitioner of NLP now running development workshops and coaching sessions for a number of plc's and public bodies.

Susanna Kelly and Kathryn Whittaker, Directors and Founders of one of the leading Image & Style Advice businesses and winners in this years Grazia O2 Female Entrepreneurs of The Year Award. Owners of the UK's first walk-in style advice centre, presenters of their own TV show "Fashion Face Off" on Sky's ChannelM and regular media commentators on all things stylish.

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This course offers the full Association for Project Management Professional Qualification endorsed throughout the world by the International Project Management Association (IPMA).

For further details please see separate attachment

Ignite Passion for Our Place 2020 **Can you help young people to get engaged?**

Our Place 2020 is a project for 11-13 year old school students aimed at enhancing their understanding of the impact of climate change and resource efficiency – inspiring them to want to create places where they will live which meet these challenges. What will the future be like? What type of jobs will there be? How can I make a difference? These are some of the questions that young people face when thinking about their community and is the aim of a project to inspire young people to think about their sustainable community.

The sustainable communities' agenda is very broad and can mean different things to different people. The joy of having a broad agenda is that it enables young people to think widely about change and how their community can become a starting point for shaping their future, discovering the breadth of careers and opportunities available to them and getting engaged with life!

The project will educate the pupils about regeneration and get them to think about the place they live, local community and their ideas for future living.

The competition.

The Our Place 2020 is an initiative sponsored by English Partnerships, IGNITE and One NorthEast. Schools are being invited to participate by addressing the question “What would my community look like in 2020” and to discuss this topic using the eight Egan themes (Housing and the Built Environment, Services, Environment, Equity, Economy, Transport and Communications, Society and Culture). The competition then asks the students to formulate their ideas, which can be thematic or overarching and to work with mentors to develop and present their ideas. ***That's where you come in!***

The project involves a regional competition, where young people will put their best ideas forward for how they see their future community in 2020. An interim final in June will see 8 schools chosen to go head-to-head in a regional final and prize giving event on 9 July.

The role of Mentors.

Mentors will come from many different backgrounds and will be matched to schools and projects by the Education Business Links Organisation Consortia (EBLOC). We would like to see mentors from all parts of the business and academic community – both young and old – to work with schools to both champion their ideas helping to shape them into a real future and to stimulate discussion – climate change, energy supplies, resources, water supply – What would our community look like?

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Your input.

Apart from sharing your skills and knowledge, mentors would be required to:

- March 2008: Attend a launch event
- March to June: Work with schools; 2 half days in the first month, monthly visits thereafter.
- Be an email buddy using the e-communications system

- June: Attend the competition heats
- 9 July: Attend the competition final

6 key benefits of being a Mentor.

- Your **company** can benefit from participation since engagement with this activity can link you in to the regions' **Business Ambassador** scheme.
- Your **company** will be demonstrating your approach to corporate social responsibility
- **Mentors** and **companies** will benefit from the profile and PR which will be generated from this initiative
- **Individuals** will be able to develop their skills giving added benefit to their company including gaining a certified Mentoring Qualification.
- Expand your **network** and by meeting like-minded people from other core occupations that help deliver sustainable communities.
- **Broaden your thinking** about sustainable communities by meeting others from different occupations who are also involved.

If you are interested:

Contact: Catriona Lingwood on 0191 383 7435
 Elsie Hopper for Tees Valley on 07787801500
 Christine Vickers for Tyne and Wear on 07812 974 962
 Carole Richards for Northumberland on 07809 457 411
 Pauline Vipond for Durham on 07712 285 356

Dates for the launch:

Tees Valley at 09:30 on 3 March, Stockton Education Development Centre, Junction Road, Norton.

Tyne and Wear, at 09:00 on 5 March at Nissan Sports and Social Club, Nissan, Sunderland

Durham and Northumberland to be confirmed.

Further information:

<http://www.ebcltd.org.uk/MasterclassMentors.html>

Events

Architects on Architecture – ‘The Ibstock Lecture Series’

A new RIBA North East lecture programme – ‘Architects on Architecture’ was launched on Wednesday 13th February. The next lecture is being held in Lecture Room 2, Herschel Building, Newcastle University, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 7RU.

The new programme has been developed in conjunction with Ibstock Brick Ltd who have kindly agreed to sponsor 8 events throughout the year. The events are also supported by both Newcastle and Northumbria Universities.

The third lecture will be given by Bill Gething, a long-standing partner of Feilden Cleff Bradley Architects. He has been involved with many of the projects that have contributed to the practice’s reputation for sustainable design. One of the first practices to develop expertise in sustainable design, Feilden Clegg Bradley has

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received numerous awards for its work in this area including a Queen's Award for Sustainable Development and the Civic Trust's Sustainability Award.

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RIBA CPD Core Event 3 – Building Regulations Update

Speaker –

Owen Edwards MRICS MBE, Chartered Surveyor and member of The Association of Building Engineers. He is an experienced building control practitioner having commenced his career with Oxford City Council in 1987. Owen progressed via roles as senior surveyor, team leader in Building Control and Building Control Manager to his present position as a Senior Project Manager for Butler and Young Approved Inspectors.

Venue - Gateshead Civic Centre, Regent Street, Gateshead, NE8 1HH

Date - Thursday 20 March 2008, 2 – 5pm, registration commences at 1.30pm

For further details please see separate attachment or contact the Regional Office.

RIBA CPD Non-Core Event – Make Low-Carbon Housing a Reality

Speakers –

Gavin Hodgson, BRE Environment Gavin is currently a senior consultant at BRE, who specialises as a technical author and project manager on the Energy Saving Trusts Best Practice in Housing Programme. After completing a degree in environmental monitoring he joined National Energy Services where he became a well-known SAP trainer, providing energy efficiency ratings and advice to architects and the wider housing industry. Gavin regularly lectures on the topics of airtightness, thermal bridging and passive solar design.

John Willoughby, Registered NHER Assessor and Trainer EcoHomes Assessor, Approved consultant for Action Energy Design Advice Scheme

Venue - Durham County Cricket Ground, Chester-Le-Street, County Durham

Date - Tuesday 25th March 2008, 10am – 5pm, registration commences at 9:30am.

For further details please see separate attachment or contact the Regional Office.

Core Event 4 – Employment Law

Speaker:

Russell Brown. Partner at Glaisyers Solicitors

Russell Brown is Head of the Employment Team at Glaisyers Solicitors acting exclusively in the field of employment law. He advises clients on a broad range of contentious and non-contentious employment issues. Russell regularly contributes to HR publications, is responsible for the provision of employment training to clients and speaks to various groups and organisations including the BBC and SKY television. In 2006 Russell became the first solicitor to be accredited by RIBA to deliver Employment Law seminars.

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Venue: The Bridges Room, Gateshead Civic Centre, Regent Street, Gateshead, NE8 1HH

Date: Thursday 17 April 2008, 2 – 5pm, registration commences at 1.30pm

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Non-Core Joint Event – CDM 2007

This half-day seminar will explain the significant changes introduced by the 2007 Regulations and the effect of these changes on architects. Full hand-outs will be provided.

Content: Overview of new CDM 2007 Regulations
The role of the CDM coordinator & differences in documentation
Effect on clients and designers
Effect on site
Open forum

Speaker: Steve Bielby – Steve is currently working as CDM Coordinator on 18 schemes in Yorkshire with a number of local architects. Bielby and Charles are a practice of Chartered safety advisors specialising in construction safety and CDM coordinator in particular. They have been involved with the CDM Regulations since their inception and have acted, initially as planning supervisors, and now as CDM Coordinators on over 150 construction projects varying in build cost from £25,000 to £250,000,000.

Venue: Bedern Hall, Bartle Garth, St Andrewgate, York, YO1 7AL
See website www.bedernhall.co.uk for a map and further details of this beautiful venue in the centre of York.

Date: Wednesday 9 April 2008, 2 – 5pm, registration commences at 1.30p

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