

Yorkshire

Contaminated Land Forum

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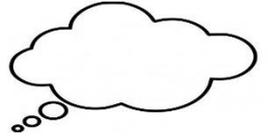
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Welcome to our Newsletter!

Yes, we know it's a bit retro, but the YCLF steering group thought that a newsletter would be a great way to give our members an idea of what we're up to, and most importantly give you the opportunity to let us know what you want from the forum

– we hope you find it useful.

Thoughts on events



We try to run three events a year, and take our turn to organise the annual Northern Fora Joint Conference (with North West Brownfield Regeneration Forum and North East Contaminated Land Forum). Our events are typically in February, September and November / December, with the Joint Conference being in June or July. In 2020, it is our turn to organise the Joint Conference.

The current (April 2020) Covid-19 situation is clearly causing uncertainty with regard to social and professional gatherings, and while we're planning in the background for the Joint Conference, at this stage we are not in a position to confirm date or venue – please keep an eye on our LinkedIn feed for updates.

We are of course all hoping that the situation will improve quickly, and to that end we are making plans for **our September 2020** event, which again will focus on **young professionals**. This year we have decided to open the floor to **you to present**. Each presentation will be limited to 10 minutes on any aspect of the profession you are passionate about. This is likely to be based around a case study for part or all of a project you have worked on - if you found it interesting, it's a good bet others will too. Presenting to peers is a fantastic opportunity to practise delivering complicated information in a simple manner, plus it gives you the opportunity to polish your presenting skills.

In the event we are not all able to gather for the presentations, YCLF will look to use interactive media to ensure the event still goes ahead. Offers of presentations and a brief summary should be sent to **Liz Hart (Liz@lithos.co.uk)** or **Julia Reynolds (JHReynolds@nhbc.co.uk)**.

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Call for Early Career Professionals

In addition to the planned September event (above) YCLF are thinking about forming an **early career sub-committee** and are looking to hear from interested individuals to gauge the wider appetite for this. Early career professionals shall inherit the industry that we have been fortunate enough to shape and their engagement in its future is key. As an influential forum in the north, YCLF feel a duty and recognise a need to encourage input from the early career demographic giving them the opportunity to present their work and share their ideas. Not only this, but it is also great CPD on the journey to Chartership. If you are an early career professional and like the sound of being part of a dynamic team of volunteers to shape the future of contaminated land in the UK, please get in touch.

Plea for Help – Website Support

I'm sure no-one will mind us admitting that none of us on the YCLF steering group are an IT genius! Speaking for myself, I would not know my HTML from my HDPE. Therefore, our web site design and maintenance capabilities are generally left to one of our more IT-competent members of the steering committee, Orna, to take care of (thank you Orna!). To help alleviate our IT pressures, we are looking for an IT savvy volunteer to give our web site a makeover. If you are interested and would like to volunteer, please get in touch.

We Want to Hear From You

As an active group in north, we like to think that we provide a reasonably full programme of events to give us all the opportunity to catch up, network and share our trials and tribulations and indeed celebrate our successes. But underpinning the success of our events is good communication between YCLF and its members to ensure that we are accurately identifying and dealing with the emerging trends and issues that are pertinent to our industry. To keep this up, please keep in touch with your ideas and suggestions as they are always welcome.

Who's Who in YCLF ?

The YCLF steering group consists of the following members (all volunteers), representing a broad range of regulators, consultants, contractors, lab service providers, academics and land-holders.

- Ann Barker, Bradford MDC - Chair
- Zoë Cooper, Socotec - Treasurer
- Eleanor Walker, Leeds CC
- Julia Reynolds, NHBC
- Ian Parkinson, PWA Geo-Environmental
- Duncan Scott, Vertase FLI
- Orna O'Toole, NHBC
- Peter Knight, Tata Steel
- Jenny Lightfoot, Arup
- Jason Drake, Atkins
- John Scott, Barnsley MBC
- Liz Hart, Lithos
- Nicola Power, Sheffield Hallam University
- Jane Crossley, Professional Remediation
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