

CIHT North West 2020 Newsletter

Message from CIHT North West Chair



Lindsey MacDonald,
CIHT North West Chair

What a strange year it has been. Who would have predicted this time last year the situation we are in today. Like many of us, the NW committee have had to adjust to new ways of working and technology.

Despite the social constraints of lockdown, the committee has recruited 6 new members and has formed a larger events committee to bring our members more CPD opportunities than ever before.

In the interests of sharing information, the CIHT has launched CIHT Connect, a discussion forum platform. Connect allows members to share ideas, network and have technical discussions amongst more.

I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

CIHT North West Events

In a year where we can no longer meet in person the North West CIHT have shifted to a series of online events. One highlight being the series of careers talks where we gained perspectives from colleagues across the industry on their careers and any advice they could share.

We had to unfortunately postpone our combined Annual Highways Conference and Northwest Transportation Conference, yet they will be rearranged in 2021. Amongst the cancellations was the 2020 Awards Dinner, however we will be announcing the 2020 award winners of those who applied shortly. The 2021 Awards Dinner has been tentatively arranged for 20th May 2021

Upcoming events for 2021 include:

- Pavement Skid Resistance (Concept and Design)- Ian Walsh
- The 2020 Cycling LTN and Manchester's Bee Network – what good bike infrastructure looks like in 2021 – Various Speakers
- Mersey Gateway Event – Speaker TBC
- Stem Event- Speaker TBC
- And much more.

If anyone has any ideas of events or what they want to see/ hear from in events, please get in touch with Alex Parkin at: a.parkin@pellfrischmann.com

'A day in the life of a CIHT North West Member'



*Katerina Kampouri, MEng,
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When I tell my friends and family that I am a crowd consultant everyone is a little confused and the story of "what I do" begins...I am a consultant of crowd behaviour and transport modelling. My job is extremely unique and fascinating, I feel so lucky that from a civil engineering background I ended up learning in depth the science of crowd modelling. I am involved in amazing large-scale research projects that focus in crowd management and

behaviour analysis. I work with tremendous partners from both academia and industry. Our clients include famous stadia or smart cities, cruise ships, high buildings, exhibitions, museums, universities and big events with millions of visitors. Thus, I have to combine analytical and research skills in order to utilise these projects which require rapid data gathering and study of spaces. Crowd Dynamics has given me many opportunities and helped me extend my knowledge and develop new skills. My involvement in the North West committee offered me the chance to meet great people, well-qualified and kind to help me in each step of this amazing journey. I would like to thank all of my colleagues for their support and wish you all Merry Christmas and a Happy New year!

Young Professionals Chair Update

"I was very excited for taking on the NW YP Chair role, taking over from Anna Craciun, a tough act to follow. I remember we sat down in February 2020 and came up with some wonderful ideas of events to do over the course of the year, or certainly enough to take us into the autumn. Then, we were hit from Covid, which changed everything. Since everything moved to online meetings the engagement dropped and we certainly weren't able to do the events we had planned, so I'm hoping that when all this is over we can pick up and have a lot to look forward to as a group and hopefully welcome some new faces.

The YP festival back in October 2020 was great, I really enjoyed the talks and discussions and even took part in a few myself, it was a credit to those who organised it. I do hope though that next year it will be in a traditional face to face format so I can see friends in the institution who I really only see at these kind of events and have a well-deserved drink after the year we have all had."

Jordan Edge, CIHT YP NW Chair

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