



Mark Harrison

In 5 years' time, I would like to see the CIHT as a community where all members feel they have a valid contribution to the future of transport, supporting safe, affordable and environmentally positive transport investments.

Tell us about yourself and your professional background, including why you want to be a Council Member:

I am a Senior Transport Planner specialising in business cases and transport decarbonisation. I am an advocate for promoting sustainable transport investment and have developed the Carbon Impact Assessment for West Yorkshire, which now forms a key part of the region's assurance framework. Having won the 2021 CIHT Young Professional award for this project, I have been representing Young Professionals as a Member of Council, where I have learned much about the Institute and the role of Council Members.

I feel I am making valued contributions on Council, having found my feet in recent months and I am looking to extend my role for a further two years, so I can continue to contribute and raise the profile of Emerging Professionals within the Institute. I would like to support greater EP involvement, making sure the voices, ideas and solutions of the future are represented.

How will your particular skills and experience benefit Council? Give some examples from your professional or personal life that show you have the right skill set to contribute to the work of Council.

I hope that my technical background can support the CIHT in influencing change for the better, whilst encouraging greater active involvement from a diverse membership. My work in supporting sustainable transport investment is something not only relevant to current policy, but also in addressing key challenges in influencing the future of transport.

I have demonstrated, through my involvement to date with the CIHT, that I am willing to contribute to, organise and lead discussions. In all instances, I look to remain personable and credible to promote progressive and collaborative discussions. I like to think of myself as someone who promotes inclusivity and diversity, as without these the best outcome is not always achieved. I like to see myself as a mentor and a role model to those around me, supporting other team members in their own development, mentoring university students and those seeking professional accreditation/chartership through the CIHT.

Professional Affiliations:

Member of the CIHT (MCIHT)

Education and Qualifications:

The University of Hull, BA Geography, 2014 ; The University of Leeds, MSc Transport Planning (Masters Bursary from the Rees Jeffreys Road Fund), 2016 ; APMG Better Business Cases Practitioner, 2020

Present Post or Occupation:

Senior Transport Planner, Mott MacDonald.

Past and Present Service to the Institution:

Yorkshire & The Humber Young Professionals Committee Member, December 2019-present

CIHT Young Professional Award winner, 2021

CIHT Council Member, March 2022-present

TRAFFEX Panel Discussion: Encouraging young professionals & new entrants into the highways & traffic management sector – Representing the CIHT and highlighting the challenges/support available to new entrants and young professionals into the industry.

Yorkshire & The Humber Young Professionals Chair, June 2022-present

Yorkshire & The Humber Regional Committee Member (YP representative), June 2022-present

CIHT Young Professionals Summit talk/discussion – 'The Future of the Young Professionals Network' – November 2022

CIHT Employment Trends Survey Development – November 2022-present

Member of the Emerging Professionals Network – January 2023 – helping to establish the EPN with a strong network base in the industry, share views and ideas, enable members to develop new skills and hear from influential people in the industry.