

Chairs Report

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My two-year term as the North West Region Chair has come to an end and it is time to pass on the role to Lindsey MacDonald.

I am immensely proud of the achievements of the committee during my time as Chair and although a challenge to juggle with work and home life, I have thoroughly enjoyed the role and found the experience personally rewarding.

The role of chair has given me a greater insight into the governance of CIHT as an institution but has also highlighted how much of the Region's success is due to the dedication of the committee members who give up their own time. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all the committee members, and those who support the committee for your continued hard work and selfless contribution to ensuring members in North West are engaged in and provided with opportunities to learn, share ideas and network. It has also made me realise that we are fortunate to have long standing committee members who bring a wealth of experience and knowledge to the committee. The support and guidance from these committee members is vital to the succession of the Region's committee and I have been grateful for the support and mentoring I have received during my time as Chair.

The main challenges for the committee over the last year have been as a result of system/ process upgrades and changes with roles at a central level however, despite these, the committee has remained focused on the Region Action Plan and has delivered on its targets.

Some of the highlights of this year include exceeding the 1000th member target, delivering a number of technical and YP CPD events, delivering a successful Annual Conference and Annual Awards Dinner and a study trip to IOM. I would like to thank all those individuals and organisations who have supported the NW Region, particularly over the last year as without your contribution the committee would not have been as successful in its delivery of such events.

The YPC has gone from strength to strength with all YPC members playing an active role in organising technical and social events. Positive feedback, a growth in membership and a growing YP network, particularly in Manchester, are clear signs that the hard work of the YPC is coming to fruition. The challenge for next year is to keep the momentum going, with support from the Region committee and from CIHT centrally critical to this. This year's YP Conference in Manchester is a fantastic opportunity for the Region and the YP network, and as a committee we are keen to contribute as best we can to ensure the success of the event.

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North West Region Chair 2017-2019