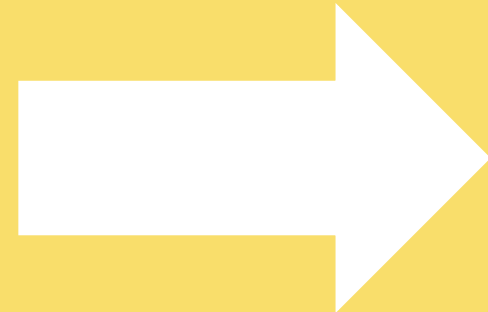


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TRAINING AND RECRUITMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR JUNE now live





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THEMES

TRAINING

LEADERSHIP + DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT

RECRUITMENT

OPENING UP WORK-PLACES + RURAL FOCUS

NOTE

Whilst each month will have a key **theme** to help focus learning and opportunities other topics and will also be available.



JUNE

SCHEDULE QUICK GLANCE

M	T	W	T	F
2	3 RURAL DEVELOPMENT	4	5 RECRUITMENT INSPO DAY	6 PROCESS AGREEMENT
9	10	11 DESIGN CODING HISTORY OF PLANNING	12 RICS CONFERENCE WELLBEING AND PLACE	13 TIKTOK with YOUNG PLANNERS
16 RTPI SCOTTISH PLANNING AWARDS	17	18 PRE-APPLICATION WEBINAR	19 HOPS CONFERENCE POWER OF PLANNING	20
23	24	25 LEADERSHIP PODCASTS RURAL PLACES	26 LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE EDINBURGH AND INVERNESS	27
30 WELLBEING WITH RTPI CONVENOR	1	2	3	4

*PRE-APPLICATION – STORY + SITE VISIT with MODA LIVING and the Minister for Public Finance - Date TBC for July.

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TRAINING...

Check out the different options for the month.

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SCHEDULE | Details (i)

WHO for

WHAT format

WITH whom

WHEN

NATIONAL PLANNING POLICY

**RURAL DEVELOPMENT
Policy 17 and 29**
Addressing key
challenges in rural housing

Cross sector

Webinar
unlimited spaces
Up-skilling

Improvement Service
+
- Savills
- Scottish Land Commission
- Robertson Group

3 June
2:00-4:00pm (2 hours)

Completed – thank you.

**WELLBEING -
APPLYING A PLACE
BASED APPROACH**
Cross cutting policies

Cross sector

Webinar
unlimited spaces
Up-skilling

Improvement Service
+
- Public Health Scotland
- Clyde Gateway
- Aberdeenshire Council

12 June
11:00am-12:00 noon (1 hour)

Register



JUNE

SCHEDULE | Details (ii)

	WHO for	WHAT format	WITH whom	WHEN
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE Cross cutting policies 1 EDINBURGH Cityscape + Greenspace	Cross sector	Walk Talk Learn 22 spaces + Social Picnic in Princes Street Gardens (weather permitting) BYO.	WSP + RTPI - Scottish Young Planners RICS – Matrics - Surveyors LIS – Landscape Architects RIAS - Architects	26 June EDINBURGH 4:30pm-6:00pm (1.5 hours) Social after - no restriction on no's. Registration email melissa.shields@gov.scot
2. INVERNESS Planning + Windfarms	Cross sector	Walk Talk Learn 22 spaces Council Office Training 15 spaces Windfarm visit + Social	WSP + HIGHLAND & ISLAND CHAPTER RTPI - Scottish Young Planners RICS – Matrics - Surveyors LIS – Landscape Architects RIAS - Architects	26 June INVERNESS Council Office Training – 2-3pm (1 hour) Windfarm visit 3-5pm (2 hours) Registration email sile.tang@highland.gov.uk Social after – no restriction on no,s.



JUNE

SCHEDULE | Details (iii)

WHO for

WHAT format

WITH whom

WHEN

DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT

**PROCESSING
ARRANGEMENTS**
Positive example

Cross sector

Blog
Up-skilling

JM Planning

June

**PRE-APPLICATION
DISCUSSIONS**
Positive example

Cross sector

Webinar
unlimited spaces
Up-skilling

NorthPlan

18 June
2:30-3:10pm
Register**PRE-APPLICATION
DISCUSSIONS**
Positive example

Cross sector

Story + Site Visit
50 spaces (approx.)
Up-skilling**MODA LIVING**
+
Minister for Public Finance**Date for July TBC**



JUNE

SCHEDULE | Details (iv)

WHO for

WHAT format

WITH whom

WHEN

KEY TOPIC

A BRIEF HISTORY OF PLANNING

The planning system from the 1940's onwards. Looking at some of the key people and policies, the changing relationship between central and local government, and will talk about what it was like to work in planning over the years

Volunteers
Planning Aid Scotland



**Planning
Aid Scotland**

Webinar

Planning Aid Scotland
+
Cliff Hague
Patron
Planning Aid Scotland
+
John Bury
Former Chair
Planning Aid Scotland's Board

11 June
12:30-1:30pm

Registration
Email Jo Elston
jo@pas.org.uk



JUNE

SCHEDULE | Details (v)

WHO for

WHAT format

WITH whom

WHEN

LEADERSHIP

LISTEN-UP!

Listen-Up! This is the title of a new idea of short podcasts. The first topic will be on **Leadership** with quick/inspirational sound bites and insights from leaders across the industry.

Cross sector

Podcasts

Leaders in the industry

- **Karen Anderson** | **President and Architect** | RIAS.
- **Neale McIlvanney** | **Interim Director Regeneration - Regeneration** | Inverclyde Council.
- **Helena Huws** | **Head of Place** | Network Rail.
- **Johanna Boyd** | **Chief Executive** | Planning Aid Scotland.
- **Paul Lawson** | **Planner** | Scottish Government and Chair of Scottish Young Planners Network
- **Dr Ombretta Romice** | **Senior Lecturer** | Strathclyde University.

25 June
published on
PARD LinkedIn



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SCHEDULE | Details (vi)

	WHO for	WHAT format	WITH whom	WHEN
PERSONAL				
YOUR WELLBEING	Cross sector	Webinar unlimited spaces	Laura Robertson Convenor RTPi + PLANNER Aberdeen City Council	30 June 2:30-3:00pm Register

TRAINING TOPICS RENEW EVERY MONTH

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TRAINING...DETAILS

From being inspired by podcasts to site tours.

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PROCESSING AGREEMENTS

Development Management

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Positive Example of Processing Agreements in Use

Location

- **Perth and Kinross Council** - Perth Road, Blairgowrie (23/01941/AMM)
- **Case Officer** – Gillian Peebles
- **Planning Agent** - JM Planning Services - John MacCallum



A good working relationship was achieved by the effective use of the Processing Agreement to keep track of the application's progress. Although the application was processed over a lengthy period, beyond the statutory 4-month determination period, the proposals required to be amended based on feedback from the Case Officer and key Stakeholders, with numerous documents needing to be revised and updated.

The approach adopted by both parties was for good communication and cooperation to help make the process manageable.

DETAILS

The Use of **Processing Agreements** is detailed in the Scottish Government's Scottish Planning Series, **Planning Circular 3/2022 Development Management Procedures** as below:

6.1 A Processing Agreement is an agreed framework for processing a planning application or related group of applications. The Scottish Government's expectation is that planning authorities and statutory consultees should actively promote and encourage the use of processing agreements associated with major or national developments and also substantial or complex local developments.

6.2 The Scottish Government has published a template for [Processing Agreements](#)

A draft Processing Agreement is prepared by the Council Planning Case Officer. It should contain relevant details of consultations with key stakeholders and should set milestones/target dates for their responses, for Planning Draft Report/Sign-off and for Committee Meeting/Determination, including any post committee legal agreement process. It requires to be reviewed, agreed and signed by the Applicant/Agent. A useful tool to record agreed extensions of time if an application exceeds the statutory determination period in order to facilitate any appeal against non-determination, if deemed necessary.

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Overall, as well as the application achieving a positive outcome, it had proved to be a successful process based on diligence and regular monitoring to carefully record the changes and, importantly, on the partnership approach to the effective use of the Processing Agreement by both parties.

Quotes

“The application was challenging in terms of its complexity and keeping track of all the updated documents throughout the process. However, thanks to your assistance and collaborative approach as Case Officer on the application, you helped to make the process smooth, aided by the effective use of the Processing Agreement”

John MacCallum - JM Planning Services

“Many thanks for your kind words. Been good working with you and your client over the last year on this one. Look forward to working with you on future applications.”

Gillian Peebles - Planner Perth and Kinross Council

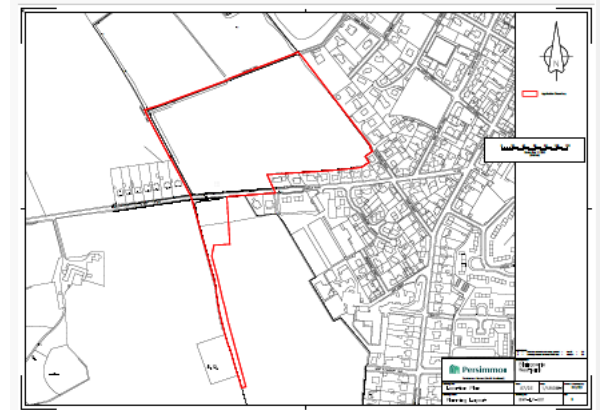
Key learning

- **Review at Regular intervals** – don't file away and forget!
- **Communicate** – it's good to talk/email!
- **Flexible** - changes or delays can be accommodated with updated versions signed by both parties once agreed.

Summary

Processing Agreements can be an effective tool if managed and reviewed regularly, with both parties adopting a cooperative and collaborative approach to keep an application's progress on track to agreed original or amended timescales.

Site plan



John MacCallum
Planning Consultant
JM Planning Services



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A BRIEF HISTORY OF PLANNING

Key topic

DESCRIPTION

The planning system from the 1940's onwards. Looking at some of the key people and policies, the changing relationship between central and local government, and will talk about what it was like to work in planning over the years.

REGISTER email Jo Elston | jo@pas.org.uk

DETAILS

WHO Planning Aid Scotland Volunteers
WHAT Webinar (unlimited)
WHEN 11 June 12:30-1:30pm
WITH **Planning Aid Scotland**
Cliff Hague
Patron
John Bury
Former Chair of the Board
WHERE Online.

WORTH KNOWING...

- **Capturing the event:** Photos may be taken during the webinar. Feel free to use your own socials.

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PLACE BASED APPROACHES TO WELLBEING

Key topic

DESCRIPTION

Real world examples of place-based work in action from

- **Andrew Whittet | Clyde Gateway** will share how they are using a collaborative, data-driven approach to address child poverty in Glasgow.
- **Angela Keith | Aberdeenshire Council** will reflect on the organisational journey undertaken to develop a corporate Place Strategy and Policy, and the mechanisms being adopted to embed and implement that strategy across the organisation, reflecting on the importance of partnership working, community participation and lessons learned.



REGISTER

[Place and Wellbeing Masterclass: Applying a Place-based Approach | Improvement Service](#)

DETAILS

WHO Cross sector – open to all
WHAT Webinar (unlimited)
WHEN 12 June 11:00am-12pm
WITH **IMPROVEMENT SERVICE**
Irene Beautyman
WHERE Online.

WORTH KNOWING...

- **Capturing the event:** Photos may be taken during the webinar. Feel free to use your own socials.

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PRE APPLICATION DISCUSSIONS

Development Management

DESCRIPTION

This webinar will provide a positive example of a pre application discussion that took place between **NorthPlan** and the **Highland Council**. It was for Talisker - a whisky distillery on the Isle of Skye.

You will learn about :

- Value of open communication.
- Details upfront.



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[Pre Application | Positive Example | Talisker](#)

DETAILS

WHO Cross sector
WHAT Webinar (unlimited)
WHEN 18 June 2:30-3:10pm
WITH **North Plan**
Graeme Laing
Director
WHERE Online

WORTH KNOWING...

- **Capturing the event:** We may take photos during the webinar. Feel free to use your own socials.

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PRE-APPLICATION & DELIVERY Development Management

DESCRIPTION

This is an opportunity to have site tour of Holland Park hosted by **MODA GROUP** in conjunction with **Glasgow City Council**.

We are delighted that **Mr McKee MSP Minister for Public Finance** will also attend to hear MODA's story about their positive pre application experience, with the Council, through achieving delivery on the ground.

You will learn about:

- Positive pre application engagement.
- Delivery of 433 high tech apartments, across four buildings, with panoramic views.
- Quality place making considerations with attention to detail green spaces.



REGISTER A date will be confirmed for July and open for registration in advance.

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DETAILS

WHO	Cross sector (50 spaces approx)
WHAT	Story + Site Tour.
WHEN	Date tbc for July.
WITH	Mr McKee MSP Minister for Public Finance James Blakey Planning and Engagement Director Susan Connolly Planning Principal Glasgow City Council
WHERE	50 Holland Park Glasgow G2 4BA

WORTH KNOWING...

- **Transport and food:** You must fund your own transport on the day. Refreshments will be provided.
- **Capturing the event:** We will take photos/ vlogs. Feel free to use your own socials.

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Apartments & Flats To Rent At
Holland Park, Glasgow | Moda Living





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LISTEN-UP! PODCASTS LEADERSHIP

This month we are trying something new! By working in partnership and through collaborative conversations we will be issuing a number of podcasts from a range of leaders across our sector.

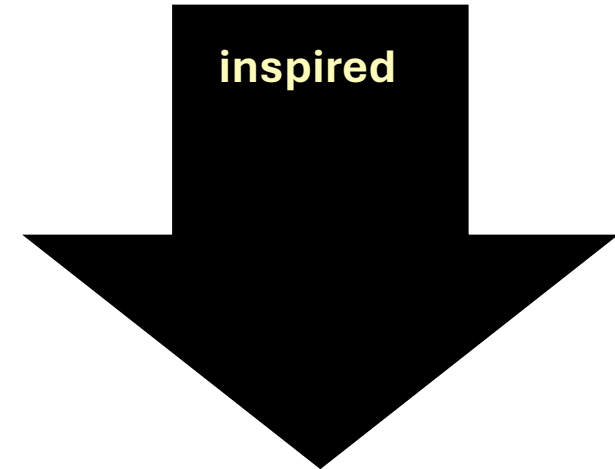
Listen-Up! to hear about different thoughts on leadership whether you are:

- **Starting** out and at the early stages of your studies/careers.
- **Looking** to go the next level.
- **Thinking** of joining the profession.

Listen-Up podcasts will issue on **25 June** on Scottish Government's Planning Architecture and Regeneration Directorate's [PARD LinkedIn](#)

check out who you can listen to and be

inspired



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LEADERSHIP | LISTEN-UP! PODCASTS

The line up...

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HELENA HUWS



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JOHANNA BOYD



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PAUL LAWSON



Planner & Chair



DR OMBRETTA ROMICE



Senior Lecturer



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LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE + PLANNING + WINDFARMS

Take some time out to breathe in the landscape and green space

WALK | TALK | LEARN



Following on from April's landscape architecture Walk | [Talk](#) | Learn experience, around Princes Street Gardens in Edinburgh, with **Rebecca Rylott** of WSP, we will be running another one at the end of this month. This time, however, through the support of **Sile Tang**, **Michael Ferguson** and **Ross Mcateer** of Highland Council, we will 'twin' with their landscape learning event led by **Rohan Sinha** of WSP. Both opportunities will be followed by Summer drinks. **More details**



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Landscape Architecture - Walk | Talk | Learn

National Planning Framework 4 Cross cutting policies

DESCRIPTION

This landscape design, planning and learning event is a cross-collaboration between the Scottish Young Planners Network (SYPN), Matrics via the Royal Chartered Institute of Surveyors (RICA), the Royal Incorporation of Architects Scotland (RIAS) and the Landscape Institute Scotland (LIS). It will be led by Rebecca Rylott, Landscape Architect, Fellow of the Landscape Institute and Technical Director at WSP. The 'walk | talk' has been designed to bring professionals together through a relaxed landscape architectural site visit tour examining both old and new landscape and urban design that has contributed to the old and new towns. The event will be followed by a picnic/drinks (BYO) weather permitting. If the weather isn't good, an alternative indoor place to socialise (post tour) will be provided. It's an opportunity to 'mix and meet' with peers working across the industry. Whilst doing so everyone will get to learn about and celebrate the rich landscape and architectural heritage of Edinburgh's World Heritage Site.



You will learn about:

Soft and hard landscaping features around Princes Street Gardens and surrounding area.

REGISTER email melissa.shields@gov.scot by Friday 20 June (midday).

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DETAILS

WHO Cross sector - open to all - 25 spaces.
WHAT Site visit and Picnic
WHEN 26 June (4:30-6:00 pm) followed by either picnic/drinks (BYO) weather permitting in Princes Gardens.
WITH **Rebecca Rylott – WSP**
SYPN/RTPI + Matrics/RICS + RIAS + LIS + SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT
WHERE **Edinburgh**
Scott Monument - inside Princess Street Gardens.

WORTH KNOWING...

- **Transport and food:** You must fund your own transport on the day and provide your own food etc.

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Landscape Planning + Windfarm Visit

National Planning Framework 4 Cross cutting policies

DESCRIPTION

This landscape planning learning event is led by the Highlands and Islands Chapter (RTPI) and is a cross-collaboration between the Scottish Young Planners Network (SYPN), Matrics via the Royal Chartered Institute of Surveyors (RICA), the Royal Incorporation of Architects Scotland (RIAS) and the Landscape Institute Scotland (LIS). It will be led by Rohan Sinha, Chartered Landscape Architect and Technical Director at WSP who specialises in landscape planning. The training will commence at 2pm with a brief seminar on Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment (LVIA), its correlation with planning followed by a guided site visit to the under-construction Strathory Wind Farm with key viewpoints - ending with a social in Inverness.

You will learn about:

Understanding Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment and its correlation with planning.

REGISTER email Site.Tang@highland.gov.uk by Friday 20 June (midday).

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DETAILS

WHO	Cross sector – open to all.
WHAT	Training - 22 spaces 2pm Windfarm Visit -15 spaces 3-5pm Drinks social - no restriction 5pm
WHEN	26 June
WITH	Rohan Sinha - WSP with Highlands and Islands Chapter Team plus Highland Council with SYPN/RTPI + Matrics/RICS + RIAS + LIS + Scottish Government
WHERE	Inverness - Town House, IV1 1JJ

WORTH KNOWING...

- **Transport** : Car sharing will, kindly, be organised by the RTPI Highlands and Islands Chapter.

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RICS Matrics UK



RIAS

The Royal Incorporation of Architects in Scotland
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YOUR WELL-BEING

Stay well under pressure

DESCRIPTION

Listen to Laura talk about her thoughts on wellbeing, supporting each other and being kind while reminding us how important it is to look after yourself. Hear how she looks after herself whilst carrying out everyday planning commitments.



Plus, the end of June marks, over, three months since the launch of the National Planning Skills Commitment Plan. We will pause for the holidays, allow everyone time-out and space to re-charge whilst we review. Thank you.

REGISTER [Your Wellbeing](#)

DETAILS

WHO Cross sector – open to all.
WHAT Webinar (unlimited)
WHEN 30 June 2:30-3:00pm
WITH **Laura Robertson**
Convenor
Royal Town Planning Institute
Senior Planner
Masterplanning, Design and
Conservation Team
Aberdeen City Council
WHERE Online.

WORTH KNOWING...

- **Capturing the event:** We will look to take some photographs while online.

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Royal Town Planning Institute



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WORK | TRAIN | LEARN

UNIVERSITY OF HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS

Check out the CPD learning opportunities, via short courses, that are available at the University that you can do whilst working.

The following have an environment theme.

- [Sustainability - UHI](#)
- [Rural Community Development CPD](#)



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CONFERENCES

New Towns and Design Codes:
Designing the evolving city



11 June - Glasgow

[Register](#)

+ CPD Certificate



Royal Chartered Institute of Surveyors
+
Deputy First Minister | Kate Forbes | MSP

12 June - Glasgow

[Register](#)

+ CPD Certificate

HOPS
Heads of Planning Scotland

Annual conference

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19 June - Kilmarnock

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OPENING UP WORK-PLACES + RURAL FOCUS

RECRUITMENT...

From different ways of opening-up work-places to a rural focus working in remote areas.

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DeCelles | Senior Historic Buildings Adviser

INSPO DAYS...

The Scottish Government (Planning Architecture and Regeneration Directorate) ran it's third **Recruitment Inspo Day** on 5 June. Since November, last year, we have now welcomed, almost, 100 people to spend a short day, with us, learning about our work whilst also having the opportunity to meet, online, and talk with **Mr McKee MSP - Minister for Public Finance**.

To create these days, we are not only grateful to our Colleagues, who have met and presented to attendees, but we are also very appreciative to all the representatives, across the industry who have partnered with us. This includes **Lesley Carrus**, Team Manager at Edinburgh City Council, **Hannah Belford**, Consents Strategy Manager at SSE Renewables, **Duncan Smart**, Senior Planning and Environmental Policy Manager at Scottish Power and **Steven Robb**, Deputy Head for Historic Buildings and **Devon DeCelles**, Senior Historic Buildings Advisor both of Historic Environment Scotland. Thanks to everyone for sharing their professional and personal stories about what planning means to them.

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Fancy opening your work-place?



Let us know as we would be happy to talk through and give you some ideas.

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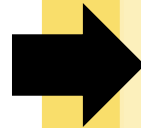
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TIK-TOK



Exciting news...

TikTok is coming to the profession!

To help draw in/attract/open-up the built and natural environment profession, to a whole new audience and age group, we will be starting a **TikTok** account. This is a first for Scotland in terms of using this social media platform as a way to communicate what we do.

The **TikTok** account will be run by **Young Planners Ross MacFarlane** and **Holly Gray**.

With this month's themes focusing on 'Leadership + Development Management' together with 'Opening up Work-places + Rural Places' we thought we would kick-start **TikTok** with 'days in the life of working in a planning office'.

Watch the TikTok space from 13 June.



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RURAL PLACES

Scotland has beautiful rural areas to work and live.

On 25 June, we will issue a range of insights called **‘In your own words’** from some built environment professionals who live and work in the Highlands and Islands. In the meantime, Highlands and Islands Enterprise has some fantastic videos that give a great overview of the region.

Enjoy looking at their talent attraction websites and videos. [Talent attraction website](#)



[Highland Ambition video](#)

[Inward Investment](#)

[Highlands and Islands video](#)

[People working on net-zero in the Highlands and Islands video](#)

[Video about living and building a career in the Highlands and Islands](#)

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Highlands and Islands Enterprise
Iomairt na Gàidhealtachd 's nan Eilean

[Highlands and Islands Enterprise](#)

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BURSARIES £150K



This year the **Scottish Government** invested **£150,000** in providing **30 Bursary Grants (£5,000)** per Post-Graduate student. Deadlines for applications will start towards the end of June.

<https://www.rtpi.org.uk/news/2025/march/bursary-opens-to-support-the-future-planning-pipeline-in-scotland/>



University
of Dundee



RTPI Scotland
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MENTORING OPPORTUNITIES WITH THE RTPI



RTPI | RTPI mentoring

Range of different mentoring opportunities

- **Career development mentoring**
Registration now open for mentors and mentees is now open.
- **Chief Planners of Tomorrow**
- **APC mentoring** [Guidance](#)



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LICENTIATE OPPORTUNITIES WITH



Planning
Aid Scotland

Planning Aid Scotland wrapped up the second round of their Licentiate Mentoring Scheme at the end of April. They will be announcing the next round of their Scheme soon. If you would like to know more about the Scheme, interested in taking part or wish to become a mentor please contact:

Jo Elston | Volunteer Co-Ordinator | jo@pas.org.uk

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AWARD WINNING WORK



RIAS Awards

The Royal Incorporation of Architects in Scotland (RIAS) recently announced the eleven winners of the 2025 RIAS Awards.

This year's cohort represents one of the most diverse line-ups ever recognised, encompassing everything from **private homes** and **civic spaces** to **heritage restorations** and pioneering **public infrastructure**.

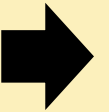
From the rugged shores of Harris to the heart of urban Dundee, each winning project is a testament to creativity, craftsmanship and deep respect for context and community. These projects now form the longlist for the prestigious **2025 RIAS Andrew Doolan Best Building in Scotland Award**.

WINNERS

1. Aldourie Castle Estate
2. Caochan na Creige
3. Ellengowan Regeneration
4. Fairburn Tower
5. Gairnshiel Jubilee Bridge
6. HMP & YOI Stirling
7. Kinloch Lodge
8. Riverside Primary School
9. Rosebank Distillery
10. The Nucleus Building
11. Union Terrace Gardens

Take a look and be inspired

[RIAS Awards 2025](#)



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RIAS Awards

Aldourie Castle Estate

Ptolemy Dean Architects

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RIAS Awards

Caochan na Creige

Izat Arundell

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Fairburn Tower

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The Nucleus Building

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Union Terrace Gardens

Stallan-Brand & LDA Design

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AWARD WINNING WORK



SHORT-LIST

The **RTPI Scotland Awards for Planning Excellence 2025** showcase and celebrate the best plans, projects and people. The winners will be announced at our **RTPI Scotland Awards Ceremony** on **June 16th**. If you are interested in sponsoring the Scotland awards, please contact [RTPI Scotland](#).

A stepping-stone to RTPI's national celebration

All the **Scotland Awards** local winning entries will be put forward for the **RTPI Awards for Planning Excellence National Awards***. The national finalists will be announced in mid-October. And the winners will be honoured at a celebration ceremony taking place in London on 27 November.

*All **Young Planner of the Year** winners will be entered into the national shortlist and will be judged by the national judges and the top five will become national finalists.

Congratulations to the 2025 shortlist





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AWARD WINNING WORK

Best Plan

National Planning Framework 4 | Planning, Architecture and Regeneration Directorate, Scottish Government
Hagshaw Energy Cluster - Planning for Net Zero | LUC
The Hawick Place Plan | The Paul Hogarth Company
Flow Country World Heritage Site | Highland Council

Best Project

Water Row Masterplan | Glasgow City Council
Rowanbank Gardens | Edinburgh City Council
The Bruce Obelisk Restoration Project | Falkirk Council
The Edinburgh Futures Institute | Edinburgh City Council

Planning Authority of the Year

Edinburgh City Council

Young Planner of the Year

Rim Chouaib | Kevin Murray Associates
Ian Scott | Ryden LLP



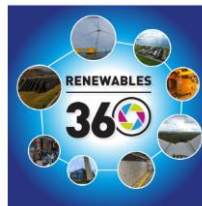
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RENEWABALES360

Scottish Renewables have taken 'opening-up workplaces' to a whole new level click on the link and see for yourself.

The **Renewables360** project gives Google Street View users the power to go off-road and step inside renewable energy hubs, seeing for the first time how clean power is produced and transmitted.

Using 360 degree cameras and the processing power of Google Street View **Renewables360** takes users on a journey behind the scenes of an industry which employs more than 42,000 people and generates more than 100% of Scotland's electricity demand.



Renewables360

- Stirling Energy Centre
- Kincardine floating offshore windfarm
- Renewable Parts warehouse
- Cruachan Power Station
- Shawfair District Heating
- Solar EV Charging and Battery
- Renewable Energy Control Room
- Muirhall Windfarm
- Queens Quay Water Source Heat Pump
- Orbital O2 Tidal Turbine
- Billia Croo Wave Energy Test Site
- Fall of Warness Tidal Energy Test Site

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LOCK16



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To help with the delivery of rural skills apprenticeships check out

Lock 16

Scotland's **Centre of Excellence** for Canals & Traditional Skills will be located near Lock 16 on the banks of the Forth & Clyde Canal in Falkirk.

The Centre, which will see Scottish Canals partner with Historic Environment Scotland, will focus on developing pathways into heritage skills training, volunteering, and employment within the historic environment sector.

A range of activities including school engagement, pre-apprenticeships, modern apprenticeships, as well as upskilling and sector support activities such as 'train the trainers' will help develop a template for skills development work across the country.

It marks a significant investment in retaining and passing on traditional craft, engineering and construction skills essential to helping to maintain Scotland's built and industrial heritage, including thatching, stonemasonry, black-smithery and environmental conservation.

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