

IRISH PLANNING INSTITUTE

2014 YEAR IN REVIEW



IN 2014 WE...

Saw 40,000 unique visits to www.ipi.ie

Recorded 10,000 member CPD credits

Kept 2,328 social media followers up to date

Updated 333 delegates at our National and Autumn Conferences

Greeted 176 attendees at a black tie awards dinner in Dublin Castle

Heard from 68 expert speakers at IPI conferences and CPDs

Distributed 34 IPI publications to members including ezines, updates, Planning Issues, Pleanáil, Student Pleanáil and the Planning Law Digest

Articulated the voice of planning in 30 articles, interviews, opinion pieces and press statements

Completed 24 policy submissions representing planning and the profession

Advertised 19 planning jobs online

Participated in 13 high level groups and initiatives representing the voice of planners and planning and arranged 9 lobbying and representation meetings and policy forums

Presented 12 national planning awards

Held 10 Council meetings, 5 Technical and Education Committee meetings, 8 Membership and Professional Practice Committee meetings

Worked through 9 regional and sectoral branches holding local relevant events

Worked with 3 accredited planning schools, with 2 planning schools accredited for a further five years in 2014

Conferred 2 Honorary Memberships - Joan Caffrey and Jan Gehl

Chaired the Urban Forum until mid year, organising 2 policy colloquia (housing and density; landscape) and hosting 1 Urban Forum International lecture

Launched 1 new website and visual identity

For more information on any of our work visit www.ipi.ie or email info@ipi.ie



In addition to branch activities and our policy work through meetings and submissions, highlights of the year included:

January - IPI/NTA workplace travel plans event in Dublin with a further event in Cork in March – Announcement that IPI is to host the 11th Biennial of European Towns and Town Planners in 2015 – IPI meet Minister O’Sullivan and officials

February - National Planning Awards - with overall awards sponsor William Fry - presented at a black tie dinner in George’s Hall, Dublin Castle. DMURS wins overall award

March - New logo launched – YPN careers event in Cork

April – National Planning Conference in Limerick with over 200 delegates – New website launched – Planning Issues published

May – Law CPD and Institute AGM with six new Council members elected

June – First meeting of new council with Mary Hughes elected as president – IPI attends Housing Agency Summit – YPN elected mayor seminar

July – UCD planning courses accredited for a further 5 years – New committees for 2014/15 put in place - Joan Caffrey conferred with Honorary Membership – SPECIAL newsletter published

August – IPI approved for DPA to Northern Ireland Bar, approved for HMRC tax relief in October – Meeting with Minister Kelly – Law Digest published

September – Jan Gehl conferred with Honorary Membership – IPI policy statement issues paper consultation – SPECIAL multipliers meeting – President’s visits to accredited Planning Schools begin – UCC MPlan accredited for a further 5 years

October – Autumn Conference ‘Planning in a time of change’ held in the Gibson Hotel – Closing of first mandatory CPD cycle and commencement of second cycle – IPI participate in ECTP-CEU General Assembly – Council meet to mark 50 years of planning system

November – Training of councillors begins with the AILG – IPI gives expert evidence to Oireachtas Environment Committee – Planning and conservation CPD with the Irish Georgian Society – Planning Bill policy forum – IPI joins Global Planners Network – President discusses planning standards on RTE’s PrimeTime

December – Pleanáil and Student Pleanáil published – Grangegorman tour and Festive Cheer event - Survey of Planning Private Practice results published