

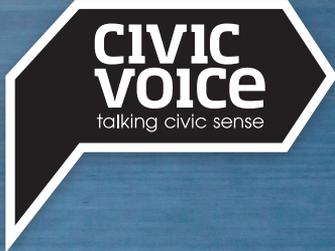


Civic Voice

Convention and AGM

20–21 October 2017

Wakefield







Welcome

Dear Delegate,

Welcome to Wakefield and to our eighth annual Civic Voice convention and AGM. The Wakefield Civic Society is delighted to act as host this year and is proud to share with everyone the magnificence of the architecture of this historic city.

Our theme this year is the 'Big Conservation Conversation' – a subject that has particular relevance as we celebrated 50 years of conservation areas. We will be hearing about how societies and trusts across the country are making real contributions to their communities – adding value to their conservation areas through their voluntary efforts.

On Friday, we will base ourselves in the fantastic Unity Works and you will have opportunities to accompany very knowledgeable guides on walks around the fascinating city of Wakefield, including local conservation areas, or visit the award winning Hepworth Wakefield art gallery.

As usual there will be opportunities on Friday evening to enjoy networking with colleagues from civic societies across England as we hand out the Civic Day Awards. Saturday is packed with workshops so do make the most of them and get along and hear from civic societies across England.

If you are making a weekend of your visit to Wakefield, you might wish to join us for a guided walk of Wakefield's civic quarter on Sunday morning.

We hope you will find the varied programme of workshops a source of inspiration and information and that you will participate actively in the different plenary sessions, particularly those that relate to our further development. Just as importantly, we are sure you will find time to meet old friends, make new ones and network with other people around the movement who share your opportunities, challenges and enthusiasm.

Have a great time in Wakefield and together let's have a 'Big Conservation Conversation'.

Joan Humble
chair, Civic Voice

Kevin Trickett
president, Wakefield Civic Society





Friday

UNITY WORKS

- 9:30 **Registration commences**
with refreshments and networking
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- 10:00–11:00 **Talk and workshops** (see overleaf)
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- 11:00–12:00 **Workshops** (see overleaf)
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- 12:00–12.15 Refreshments
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- 12:15–12:30 **Welcome**
Joan Humble, chair, Civic Voice
Kevin Trickett, president, Wakefield Civic Society
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- 12:30–12:50 **Wakefield Civic Society – who we are**
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- 12:50–1:00 Break
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- 1:00–1:20 **Civic Voice**
Laura Sandys, vice-president
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- 1:30–3:00 **Walks and workshop** (see overleaf)
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- 3:00–3:30 Refreshments
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- 3:30–5:00 **Walks and workshop** (see overleaf)
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- 5:30–7:00 transport from Unity Works to Cedar Court Hotel

CEDAR COURT HOTEL

- 7:00–11:00 **Convention dinner**
includes entertainment from the Theatre Royal Wakefield's
Youth Academy; presentation of the Civic Day awards;
raffle; exhibits to view; networking opportunities





Saturday

CEDAR COURT HOTEL

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- 8:30 **Registration commences**
with refreshments and networking
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- 9:00–9:30 **Civic Voice annual general meeting 2017**
i. Welcome; ii. Apologies; iii. Chair's presentation; iv. Treasurer's financial update;
v. Discussion; vi. Ratification of chair, Joan Humble, and treasurer, Martin
Gunson (proposed by Phil Douce); vii. Appointment of independent examiners
(proposed by Martin Gunson); viii. Any other business, including regional forum
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- 9:30–9:40 **Official welcome**
Cllr Denise Jeffrey, deputy leader, Wakefield Council
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- 9:40–10:00 **Civic Voice chairs' address**
Joan Humble
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- 10:00–10:30 **Historic England**
Trevor Mitchell, regional director
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- 10:30–11:00 **Civic Survey 2017**
results, plans for 2018 and group discussions
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- 11:00–11:15 Break
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- 11:15–12:15 **Workshops** (see overleaf)
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- 12:20–1:20 **Workshops** (see overleaf)
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- 1:30–2:15 Lunch and networking
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- 2:15–3:30 **Workshops** (see overleaf)
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- 3:30–4:00 **Marsh Civic Awards**
presented by David Brooker
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- 4:00 Finish

Sunday

- 10:30–12:00 **Wood Street Conservation Area**
optional tour with Kevin Trickett



Friday

10:00–11:00

COUNTY HALL, CIVIC QUARTER AND CONSERVATION AREAS

Wakefield is county town for the West Riding area and the West Riding Magistrates met in the Court House on Wood Street. In 1889, the West Riding County Council was established and commissioned the building of the County Hall. Wakefield Civic Society's Kevin Trickett is your guide through this historic space.

LOCAL HERITAGE LISTING

Join this workshop to learn how the Sevenoaks Society have managed to develop a Local Heritage List and learn about how can get involved to.

PLACECHECK

Learn how you can use the Placecheck tool as the first step to a community-led conservation area appraisal, with Placecheck founder, Rob Cowan.

11:00–12:00

COLLABORATIVE PLANNING AND CHARENTES

Hear how Civic Voice and JTP, through utilising collaborative planning principles, offered an alternative community vision for the future of Paddington Pole.

COMMUNITY LED CONSERVATION AREA APPRAISAL

The Oxford character assessment toolkit will help you make your own assessments of the character of the landscape and built environment. Learn how it could be your first step to undertaking a conservation area appraisal.

LOCAL HERITAGE LISTING

See Friday 10:00–11:00.

1:30–3:00 and 3:30–5:00

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THE HEPWORTH WAKEFIELD

This David Chipperfield-designed gallery opened in 2012 and is dedicated to the life of Wakefield-born sculptor Dame Barbara Hepworth. It stands on the bank of the River Calder and is part of Wakefield's Waterfront, a key development area in the city's regeneration plans.

Please note: due to the location and duration of this tour attendees will not have time for another afternoon tour. From the Hepworth you will be taken to Cedar Court Hotel.

THEATRE ROYAL WAKEFIELD

There has been a theatre on the Drury Lane site since 1776. Today's building, which dates from 1894 was designed by Frank Matcham.

WAKEFIELD CATHEDRAL

There has been a church on the site since Saxon times; the church becoming a Cathedral in 1888. Today, the skyline is dominated by the spire which, at 247 feet, is the tallest in Yorkshire.

WAR MEMORIAL

With less than 12 months left until the end of the national commemoration for the First World War, join Civic Voice team member Sandra Taylor on a workshop to discuss how you can help save war memorials and access funding.

Please note: Some of the above walks may be weather dependent and workshops will be available if needed.

Saturday

11:15–12:15, 12:20–1:20 and 2:15–3:30 | Workshop rooms allocated on the day

ACT

Come along and discuss the future of the Alliance and how we can move forward with lobbying and campaigning on behalf of our cathedral towns and cities.

CHARITY COMMISSION AND GOOD GOVERNANCE

Last year, the Charity Commission consulted on a proposed code of governance. If your civic society is a registered charity, you need to attend this workshop to get yourself ready!

GROWING A CIVIC SOCIETY

Are you wondering how to get more members? How to get more volunteers? Learn from Civic Voice's Ian Harvey, Pontefract Civic Society and The Goole Society – two groups who are growing and making a difference. Discuss your strengths and weaknesses with colleagues.

HELP US SHAPE THE NPPF REVIEW

Civic Voice will be holding an APPG on the review of the National Planning Policy Framework in March 2018 as part of the Government's own review of the legislation. Come along to share your current experience of how it is working and help shape and influence our response through our expert panel.

HERITAGE OPEN DAYS

To mark the 50th Anniversary of the act which introduced them, come and hear about how Sheffield Civic Trust and other civic societies used Heritage Open Days to celebrate their conservation areas – and lots more! And share your thoughts about Heritage Open Days 2020.

INFLUENCING THE AGENDA: TOGETHER WE ARE STRONGER

Join Lyn Hobson from the UK Parliament's outreach team to discuss how you can play a role in helping Civic Voice raise the importance and the impact of loss of conservation staff with Parliament and MPs.

LEARN HOW TO LIST YOUR LOCAL WAR MEMORIAL

Join Civic Voice team member Anna Wilson on a workshop to discuss how you can help save war memorials by adding it to the National Heritage List for England.

LOCAL DESIGN AWARDS

Over 100 civic societies across England give out regular awards to new buildings/schemes in their local area. Learn how civic societies are recognising good and share your thoughts on the future of the national design awards.

NATIONAL CIVIC DAY

Civic Day 2017 celebrated 50 years of conservation areas with over 600 events being organised saying 'my conservation area matters'. Learn what Southgate District Civic Trust got up to, and let Civic Voice chair, Joan Humble, inspire you to get involved in 2018.

REGIONAL FORUM: A VOICE IN THE MOVEMENT

Share your thoughts with Helen Kidman, chair of the Civic Voice regional forum, on how the civic movement can work better together. Generate ideas, use your voice and help shape your national movement.

STREET DESIGN FOR ALL

Colin Davis, who has a long established track record of promoting 'common sense' solutions to street design, returns to update on how to get things done with a sneak preview of his book on 'Streetscapes'. Afterwards, Colin will hold a street design drop in – bring along projects or ideas for free analysis and help.

WHERE IS THE MONEY COMING FROM?

Why it is okay to have money from the private sector, and to learn some of the challenges and opportunities involved in getting Heritage Lottery funding. Leeds Civic Trust and Colchester Civic Society are your guides.

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