The role of the RTPI in developing and delivering planning education and practice

– why we’re proud of planning

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Summary

• The Institute and its corporate objectives
• Shaping and informing policy and practice
• Supporting and developing members
• Developing and delivering education
• Empowering Communities
• Effective Governance
• Proud of Planning, Proud of Planners
No need for Planning or an Institute: Just Sustainable Growth!
The Royal Town Planning Institute consists of:

- 23,000 members
- 8,000 women and 15,000 men
- International 1,100 members in 82 countries
- Scotland has 2,100 members
- Wales has 1,100 members
- Northern Ireland has 560 members
- Republic of Ireland has 280 members
- The Institute has a very strong International brand
Characteristics of a profession

- Extensive period of education
- Specialist body of knowledge
- Testing of competence
- Code of professional conduct or ethics
- Exclusion, monopoly and legal recognition
- Work autonomy (independent thinking and judgement)
- Status
- Mobility
- Public service and altruism
Professional Institutes

- Set and maintain standards of training and ethics
  - Develop and monitor professional education programmes
  - Provide CPD and lifelong learning
  - Operate a Code of Professional Conduct
- Provide support for individuals engaged in that profession
  - Member services
  - Member engagement
  - Collective voice
- Act as learned societies for the advancement of the profession
- Public benefit
RTPI corporate objectives

• Shaping and informing policy and practice
• Supporting and developing members and membership numbers
• Developing knowledge and raising standards in the profession
• Empowering communities
• Achieving and maintaining effective governance and management
Shaping and informing policy and practice

• Influencing government policy for example the National Planning Policy Framework
• Taylor Review Group
• 3rd National Planning Framework (NPF3) and the draft Scottish Planning Policy document (SPP)
• Playing a role in ESPON 2013 - the European Observation Network on Territorial Development and Cohesion
• Small project impact research (SPIRe) scheme
• Journal of Planning Theory and Practice
• RTPI Briefing Room
Shaping and informing policy and practice

The study report and compendium of maps are at: www.mapforengland.co.uk
Supporting and developing members

Be recognised as a leader in the field of education and lifelong learning

Develop and support a professional body of members

Build a culture of learning

Committed to providing the best possible support and opportunities for education and lifelong learning
Supporting and developing members

Career Support
Job hunting, CV & interview advice, internships, working for yourself

Management
Management factsheets, planners creating better places, related articles and information

Starting in private practice
Starting in private practice guide, Consultancy by current and former public sector employees, Independent Consultants Network, Risk Management & Professional Indemnity Insurance

Workplace support
‘Ask the RTPI’, free employment law advice & workplace related articles
Supporting and developing members

Providing networking opportunity through regional and other events and the Institute’s network structure i.e. Young Planners Network

Planners in the Workplace initiative

Learning partners initiative

Providing mentoring opportunities

RTPI Briefing Room and publication of Good Practice Notes (although dated)
RTPI North West Region

- Provides CPD training for planners locally
- Over 1,700 attendances at 25 events in 2012
- Works with Universities and other Institutes to devise CPD events
- Annual updates for students and licentiates on the APC process hosted by University of Liverpool
Developing and delivering education

Work in partnership with education providers

Accredited 110 courses offered by 32 universities

RTPI Ambassadors – promoting university education

Supporting university research for example the SPIRe scheme (Small project impact research)
Empowering Communities

Welcome to Planning Aid
Planning Aid England offers planning advice and support to individuals and communities. We believe everyone should have the opportunity to get involved in planning their local area, and provide people with the knowledge and tools to achieve this.
Effective Governance

Institute is a Charity with a Board of Trustees

General Assembly

Recent changes to Institute’s governance

- Changes to Vice President role
- Chair of the Board
- Committee restructure
Why am I proud of planning:  
Because it avoids this ........
Proud of Planning, Proud of Planners

• Planning is an art and a science

• The RTPI Centenary

• Planning Heroes: ‘a guiding hand to the trend of natural evolution’

• Young Planners and Planning Awards
Titanic Experience, Belfast, Northern Ireland
Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama, Cardiff, Wales
Convention Centre, Dublin, Republic of Ireland
Clyde Regeneration Project
As President am I Proud of Planning – Yes I am!