

The Transport Planning Society

An Introduction





What is the Transport Planning Society?

The Transport Planning Society (TPS) provides professional development and a meeting place for all those working in the transport sector and leads the response to emerging policy challenges.

We are dedicated to facilitating, developing and promoting knowledge and understanding best practice in transport planning. We provide a focus for all those engaged in transport planning, from a full range of backgrounds and professional affiliations.

What does the Transport Planning Society do?

Improving education and training to create skilled professionals

To meet the needs of transport planners and their employers the Transport Planning Society provides a Professional Development Scheme and, in partnership with the Chartered Institution of Highways and Transportation, a professional qualification – the Transport Planning Professional (TPP).

Many employed, including several of the largest, have adopted the Professional Development Scheme – you can see a full list at www.tps.org.uk/main/professionaldevelopment.

For more information on the TPP visit www.tpprofessional.org.

Identifying and promoting good practice

We use a variety of methods, including informative and networking events, a newsletter, email bulletins and our website to enable the identification and sharing of good practice among members.

Connecting with the regions and nations

We look to include all our members in the society by providing events around the UK. We have a growing number of regional and national branches that are actively promoted through a programme of regular events and discussions. To locate your nearest branch please visit www.tps.org.uk/main/regions. All our regional and national branches welcome ideas and assistance in running events.

Engaging with younger professionals

We encourage younger professionals to become involved in debate, discussion, research and training. We do this through our Bursaries programme, which provides funding to individuals to prepare a research paper that will be both stimulating and relevant to our members and the wider transport planning community.

Promoting working in the sector as an attractive career option

We work to create a positive public perception of the transport planning industry and promote the wide range of careers available to encourage recruitment of young people and other underrepresented groups. We do this by promoting careers information and by advertising job vacancies on our website.

Developing links with other organisations and professions

The TPS is supported by the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (UK), the Institution of Civil Engineers, the Chartered Institution of Highways and Transportation and the Royal Town Planning Institute. We work together to provide co-ordinated events, key consultation responses and promotion.

The TPS and RTPI run a joint venture - The RTPI-TPS Transport Planning Network. The group strives to further integrate the fields of spatial and transport planning. Membership is free and benefits include fortnightly email bulletins with the latest transport planning news, events and provision of professional support.

We also look beyond the transport industry to share good practice and foster links with other related sectors. We seek to inform other institutions, companies and policymakers about key transport planning issues.

Why should I join the Transport Planning Society?

Individual Membership

Individual membership is open to transport professionals and students who have a genuine interest in transport planning and wish to further their career.

You can join as a Student member, a Standard member or as a Designated member. Please visit our website to see the membership fees.

Individual benefits:

- Free attendance at TPS meetings and events throughout the country, featuring high profile speakers, stimulating policy debates, social events and great networking opportunities with fellow transport professionals
- Eligibility to apply for the Transport Planning Professional Qualification
- 30% discount on three key transport publications - Local Transport Today, New Transit and Planning
- The opportunity to get involved in discussions on key technical and policy issues in transport, including regional events, and further your professional development
- A copy of All Change, the bi-annual TPS newsletter, and regular email news and event bulletins
- Discounts at TPS-supported events and conferences, including the annual Transport Practitioners Meeting
- Eligibility to apply for a Bursary Award for younger professionals and become the new 'TPS Bursarian of the Year'
- Voting rights on matters related to the AGM and other meetings

How to become a Designated Member:

- Designated Membership is for those with the Transport Planning Professional (TPP) qualification, provided by the Society together with the Chartered Institution of Highways and Transportation (CIHT)
- Candidates applying for the TPP must be members of the Society or CIHT, and if they are TPS members and not CIHT members they must apply for Designated Membership when they apply for award of the TPP
- Designated Membership will not be awarded until the TPP qualification is awarded
- In accordance with good professional practice, Designated Members are required to maintain at least 25 hours of Continuing Professional Development (CPD) a year and to work in accordance with the Society's Code of Professional Conduct

Organisational Membership

Organisations can support and benefit from the work of the Society through Corporate or Stakeholder membership. Please visit our website to see the membership fees.

Corporate benefits:

- A licence to use the TPS Professional Development Scheme for local authorities and organisations employing a total of no more than 20 staff
- Access to the society members to circulate material of direct professional interest
- A corporate membership card that allows one employee to attend TPS events for free
- Discounts at TPS-supported events, including attendance at the annual Transport Practitioners Meeting
- Great networking opportunities with like-minded organisations
- Multiple copies of All Change, the bi-annual TPS newsletter, and regular email event and news bulletins

Stakeholder benefits:

- A licence to use the TPS Professional Development Scheme, together with advice on establishing and managing the Scheme, participation in Scheme Workshops and identification as a Scheme user on the TPS website
- Branding on our website with a link to your website
- Free advertisement of job vacancies on our website
- Stakeholder membership cards that allow between two to five employees to attend TPS events for free
- Opportunity to host evening meetings in association with the TPS on topical issues your organisation is leading on.
- Discounts at TPS-supported events, including attendance at the annual Transport Practitioners Meeting and the Evening Lecture series
- Discounts of up to 20% on staff attending PTRC training courses
- Access to undergraduate recruitment through the Undergraduate Work Experience scheme
- Being seen as an organisation in tune with current transport thinking and developments
- Great networking opportunities with like-minded organisations
- Multiple copies of each issue of All Change, the bi-annual TPS newsletter, and regular email event and news bulletins

Both individuals and organisations can be members of the Society.

How can I join the Transport Planning Society? To join the Transport Planning Society complete an application online at our website www.tps.org.uk. Alternatively, contact us at info@tps.org.uk and we will send you an application form. Please note that the Institution of Civil Engineers (ICE) process membership applications on behalf of TPS.



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