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LOCAL TRANSPORT PROJECTS



Tony is one of the two founders and Directors of a small, but vibrant and growing, transport consultancy based in Yorkshire, now active across the country.

He is jointly responsible for the future of the company, and for delivering a good service on time to demanding local authority and private sector clients.

Tony's earlier experience of working in the public sector has given him "many skills which help in my private sector role", although taking the plunge to create a new private sector operation was "a steep learning curve".

The variety of his projects, and "being in control of my own destiny", are important rewards for facing the hazards of the commercial world.

Tony initially took the opportunity to become indentured and was supported through college by the local Council, spending five years in general highway engineering. He specialised in sustainability issues, and Local Transport Projects, his Company, is at the cutting edge of developing this area of work. His work at Hull on 20mph zones and Newland Avenue (a shared space high street) are well known.

Now on IHIE Council, he wants to see its profile raised further, and he would also urge school leavers to consider a career in Highway Engineering as it "offers the chance to make a really positive difference to people's lives."

Council Nominations Requested

Members who would like to put their names forward for election to the IHIE Council for the year starting June 2009 should complete and return a nomination form before 10 March. Download a form from www.ihie.org.uk

The IHIE Council is a friendly policy forum with great influence that contributes to the professional standing of engineers and technicians.

There are two vacancies for ordinary members and a vacancy for a regional

member resident in Wales. Fellows, Members and Associate Members are eligible to stand for these vacancies and vote. Nominations must be supported by six proposers who are corporate members.

Council members need to commit to at least 4 days a year to national meetings and days or evenings to local Branch events. Travel expenses are covered by IHIE. All Council members serve on at least one standing committee which meets on the same day as Council.

Civils Women Presidents

As part of the celebrations concomitant with the year of the four women presidents – IHIE, ICE, IStructE and the Institute of Physics (see Highways 12/08) – all were invited to a WISE event attended by Princess Anne on 13 January 2009. HRH, who is patron of Women into Science and Engineering (WISE), visited Westminster Academy, a technology school in North London.

View the photos at:

www.flickr.com/photos/25103947@N00/sets/72157612553450934/detail/
Susan Broadaway, IHIE President 2006-2008, is wearing the black fleck outfit.

Training and Development

Traffic Signal Control: implementing the design

6-9 April 2009, Nottingham

IHIE's annual course for signal engineers on implementation and maintenance.

£850 fully residential if booked by 31st January 2009. £895 thereafter

Preparing for your Review

31 March, London, WC1

19 May, Taunton

In depth advice and support in going for CEng, IEng and EngTech

Introduction to Development Control

28 April, Bristol

Start here for newcomers to DC: An overview of planning law and policy and the role of transport development control staff

Improve your skills in Traffic Signing

7 May, London

The course to maintain your expertise in direction and warning signing

Supported by DfT

Durable Surfaces

A third course delivered by Jeff Farrington.

Date to be arranged. Email if interested deputy@ihie.org.uk

Annual Highway Maintenance Conference & Exhibition

14 May 2009, Northampton

The IHIE/Highways annual conference.

Course success for young offenders

A group of young offenders has completed a construction course at Leicestershire County Council's Highways Training Centre.

The group learned about different types of equipment and vehicles, construction materials, as well as health and safety and took part in a practical exercise.

Bill Liquorish, Chairman of the Market Harborough Highways Forum, said. "This course has provided the young offenders with a chance to learn about aspects of the construction industry, and to think about whether it is a career they would aspire towards in the future."



contacts and links

www.ihie.org.uk

www.ihie-southern.org.uk

www.homezones.org.uk

www.motorcycleguidelines.org.uk

Sign up for Discussion groups

<http://uk.groups.yahoo.com/group/ukhighwaydevcon/> - Development Control Group moderated by IHIE

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/homezones-discuss-1/> - An independent Home Zones site

<http://www.ihie.org.uk/tsgforum/> - CSS Traffic Signals Forum

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