

# Transport Planning Society

## PROFILES OF NEW DIRECTORS ELECTED TO THE TPS BOARD 2021

### 1. Tom Van Vuren

I have been a TPS member since the start and take great pride in being a Chartered Transport Planning Professional. The Society plays an important role in ensuring that transport planning is recognised as a profession, an important profession carried out by dedicated and well-trained and accredited practitioners.

As a Board member I intend to champion three things:

1. Continuation of previous Boards' efforts to increase the visibility of transport planning as a career, for example by being more evident on social media and in the non-technical press and related to pressing societal challenges.
2. Reviewing and improving the relevance of the Society for all transport planning professionals, making membership more attractive locally and value-added over just something to sign up for as part of the Professional Development Scheme.
3. Publicly celebrating successes of members (individuals and member organisations) to support the above two objectives.

### 2. Rose Yorke Barber

Transport planning is a wonderful profession that I feel fortunate to have found. It plays a fundamental role in issues I care about strongly: environmental quality, community, health and equity. The Transport Planning Society (TPS) promotes awareness and appreciation of this rewarding profession, championing and facilitating best practice and high-level policy. I want to be a board director to be actively involved in furthering these causes.

Equitably tackling the climate crisis through policy is my main area of expertise. I recently received a distinction in my MSc Global Energy and Climate policy and was a TPS bursary finalist for the climate crisis topic, producing a research paper on monitoring carbon emissions. I hope to support TPS initiatives to further the dialogue, innovation, practice and policy in this field, for example with involvement in COP26. I am currently leading the monitoring of Islington Council's ambitious low-traffic neighbourhood programme.

### 3. Nichola Byrne

Nichola Byrne is an Associate Transport Planner with almost eight years' experience in consultancy, largely focused on public sector strategic transport planning.

Nichola completed the Professional Development Scheme to achieve Incorporated Transport Planner in 2019, then Chartered Transport Planning Professional in 2020.

She is now a PDS/TPP mentor to three early career professionals at WSP. She has a keen interest in promoting continued professional development.

At WSP, Nichola was Birmingham Office Lead for the early career development Professional Growth Network. At Mott MacDonald prior to this, she was UK Transport lead for the Young Professional Excellence network and worked with the Chartered Institute for Highways and Transportation to support the setup of the Transport Planning Apprenticeship Scheme.

Nichola's enthusiasm for professional development and interests in future mobility, decarbonisation and transport policy, to shape future transport planning, make her an ideal candidate for the Transport Planning Society Board of Directors.

#### **4. Georgia Corr**

As a transport planner at the London Borough of Ealing I lead on a range of behaviour change programmes to encourage active travel. Additionally, I am studying a part time Transport Planning MSc at the University of Westminster.

In 2019 I was announced as the TPS bursary winner and had the pleasure of presenting my research at the TPM and TP Day. The support and encouragement the society has shown me has inspired me to stand as a Board Member so that I can help provide similar opportunities to other young professionals. If elected, I would like to do further outreach work with Universities to inspire the next generation of Transport Planners and raise the profile of the Society. Further, the pandemic has highlighted the importance of building digital communities, I would also seek to foster new online methods to connect transport planners, helping to reimagine the lost physical connections.

#### **5. Christopher Mills MRTPI**

Senior Associate, Stantec

I am an urban and transport planner with over 20 years of work experience, around half working as a consultant and half working for TfL.

I have been a Director on the Board of TPS previously, including Financial Director (2011-2014), and look forward to another opportunity, volunteering to organise debates, social events, looking after the accounts and administering TPP. I will bring the same enthusiasm and now have a wider range of experience to bring to TPS.

I support the TPP qualification and see its positive impact on staff development. I will happily become involved with its expansion. I would also like to grow TPS membership in universities, starting at South Bank University where I currently teach Sustainable Transport Planning.

As an RPTI member, I see it important to maintain the good relationship TPS has with land-use planning organisations. I will look into greater collaboration with the RTPI.