



Subject: Regional Representative's Report 2024-2025 for the 113th AGM

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I have represented the Insurance Institute of Sheffield (IIS) at meetings for the North East Regional Group (NERG) since 2017. Following the re-organisation of the structure of the regions and frequency of meetings between representatives of local institutes and the regional representatives with the CII Council in 2019, I was elected to represent the IIS at the North East Regional Forum (NERF). Laura Scott is also now a representative to NERF from the Sheffield Institute.

The other NERF local institutes are: Newcastle, York, Hull, Middlesbrough, Leeds, Hull, and Halifax and Bradford (these two institutes joined together two years ago).

There have been three meetings of NERF in 2024-2025 and also monthly meetings of a Focus Group to plan NERF branded CPD events open to all members of the NERF local institutes. All meetings were held online via Zoom.

NERF has two representatives at the National Forum (LINF) meetings with the CII. The representatives are Melanie Jordan of the Leeds Institute and Laura Scott of the Sheffield Institute.

The Regional Membership Manager (RMM) for the NERF Local Institutes (Sara Price) also attends the meeting when possible, as do David Irvine and Matt Ward (also RMM's) from time to time.

I circulate my own notes from the NERF meetings to Council Members and also the formal meeting notes and any feedback from the National Forum meetings, when available.

The NERG "Flagship" Seminar was held on 8th October 2024 at the Wetherby Racecourse, on the topic of 'AI and the Future of Insurance: Envisioning tomorrow's journey'. It was a very interesting event and it was also a good opportunity for networking. The 2025 Flagship Seminar is currently being planned.

The Regional Forums are intended to facilitate the transfer of information, questions and concerns between the CII and the local institutes, in both directions. If anyone has any questions, concerns and suggestions of best practice which they want to be passed on both to other NERF institutes and the CII please let me know and I will relay them to future meetings.

Each local institute is entitled to send up to three representatives to the NERF meetings, although only one representative per local institute is entitled to vote when required.

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