



NEW CHAIRMAN FOR WOMEN IN PROPERTY

The Association of Women in Property's new Chairman from March 2004 is Kathy Toon, Partner of the Real Estate Group DLA, international law firm.

Kathy Toon said, "Our membership is growing daily and stands at over 1000. As we grow we must make sure that our services meet our members' needs. During my year of office I want to set up help lines to help individuals deal with particular issues.

"I see this new initiative as an extension to our unique mentoring programme where we offer members a mentor who is both a member of our Association and with professional training in mentoring.

"In a male dominated property and construction world being mentored by another woman and one who is not part of the mentoree's organisation provides unique support. We know this has worked informally and now we are offering a profession trained service.

"Encouraging students to enter the property and construction industry remains on our agenda and we will continue in our visits to school and university career days and seminars."

This year's National Conference will be in Birmingham from 24th-26th September entitled "Development for the Future – it's sustainable, it's responsible but is it feasible?"

The Association of Women in Property provides a dynamic forum for the professional development of women in the property and construction industry, to enhance business opportunities, exchange views, network and gain knowledge. It seeks to promote the role of women in the wider business community and to encourage more women to take up and develop their careers in property.

The Association was set up in 1987 as a national networking organisation for women in the property and construction industry. Currently it has eight regional branches and over 1000 members and runs over 100 events throughout the country.

For further information on joining the Association contact Fiona Alfred, National Administrator 0207 603 4746 or email F.Alfred@btinternet.com or www.wipnet.org

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Editors' Notes

National Association of Women in Property is a national organisation, with over 1,000 members and 8 regional branches. It represents all disciplines within the property and construction industry and provides a forum for business opportunities, the exchanging of views, networking and personal development.

DLA is an international law firm with over 3,600 staff - over 1,800 fee earners, including more than 380 partners globally.

DLA's recent awards include: Excellence in Practice Standards from The Law Society Gazette Centenary Awards 2003; FT Best Workplaces in the UK and EU 2003; The Sunday Times 100 Best Companies To Work For, 2003 for the third year running, Law Firm of the Year from The Lawyer Awards 2002 and Investors in People accreditation.