

CORENET YOUNG LEADERS NEWS UPDATE



CORENET MENTORING SCHEME

OPEN TO MENTORS AND MENTEES TO APPLY

The CoreNet Young Leaders Mentoring Scheme is back - and applications are open until Friday 13th February!

This 12 month, 1-2-1 mentoring programme connects ambitious Young Leaders with inspiring industry professionals, helping participants build confidence, gain clarity and fast-track their career development.

The scheme supports career development, goal setting, and work-life balance, offering impartial guidance from mentors outside the mentee's organisation.

A "Meet the Mentors" Coffee Morning is hosted on Wednesday 25th March at the start of the programme to enable in-person introductions and provide an opportunity to network with fellow participants.

If you're a CoreNet Young Leader, now's the time to apply. Not yet a member? A 30-day free trial gives you access to this opportunity.

We're also inviting experienced Corporate Real Estate leaders to step forward as mentors and help shape the next generation of talent.

[APPLY NOW!](#)

Big opportunities. Meaningful connections. Real impact.

Click on the link to hear directly from [Penny Tonks](#), a mentor, and [Ellie Relf](#), a mentee, who took part last year, as they share their experience of the programme and the impact it had on their professional journey.



[APPLICATIONS CLOSE FRIDAY 13TH FEBRUARY - DON'T MISS OUT!](#)

OUR UPCOMING EVENTS...

MEET THE MENTORS

Wednesday 25th March 2026

An exclusive coffee morning for members applying to the mentorship programme.

Join us for:

- In-person introductions
- Networking with fellow participants



SAVE THE DATE

- **Spring Social**
Thursday, 30 April 2026
- **Skills Workshop**
June 2026
- **Networking Netball**
July 2026
- **End of Summer Social**
September 2026



THE BUDDY SCHEME

The CoreNet Buddy Scheme pairs new members with an existing CoreNet member ahead of in-person events, helping to create a welcoming and supportive introduction to the CoreNet community.

The scheme is designed to help new members feel confident, connected, and included, offering an informal opportunity to ask questions, understand how events work, and build relationships before attending in person.



If you are a CoreNet member and would be interested please get in contact with Sarah Kelly sarah.kelly@overbury.com or Rosy Watts Rosy.Watts@italinea.com.

YOUNG LEADER SPONSORSHIP PACKAGES

We still have opportunities open to sponsor CoreNet Global UK Chapter Young Leader Events in 2026.

We've refreshed the packages to provide broader and more consistent brand exposure throughout the calendar.

Whether you want the full Networking package or have your eye on a single event that aligns with your business, we have the details below of the ways you can be involved.

If you would like more information or would like to be a sponsor please contact Sarah Kelly or Rosy Watts at sarah.kelly@overbury.com, Rosy.Watts@italinea.com



YL Networking Package	YL Wellness & Skills Package	YL Solo Event Package
<p>This package includes marketing exposure across our two largest networking events, each attracting around 100–150 attendees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spring Social – March/April 2026 • End of Summer Social – September/October 2026 • 5 complimentary event places (not limited to young leaders from the sponsoring company) • Feature in our YL CoreNet UK member newsletter • Opportunity to bring marketing materials (in coordination with the YL committee) • Access to professional event photography • Access to the guest list following the event 	<p>This package provides brand exposure across our two most popular skills and wellness events, each drawing around 100–150 attendees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skills Workshop – May 2026 • Networking Netball – July 2026 • 5 complimentary event places (not limited to young leaders from the sponsoring company) • Feature in our YL CoreNet UK member newsletter • Opportunity to bring marketing materials (in coordination with the YL committee) • Access to professional event photography • Access to the guest list following the event 	<p>This package offers the opportunity to sponsor one key Young Leader event of your choice, providing focused brand exposure and engagement.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sponsorship of one Young Leader event (choose from Spring Social, End of Summer Social, Skills Workshop, or Networking Netball) • 3 complimentary event places (not limited to young leaders from the sponsoring company) • Feature in our YL CoreNet UK member newsletter • Opportunity to bring marketing materials (in coordination with the YL committee) • Access to professional event photography • Access to the guest list following the event

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THANK YOU TO THE SPONSORS THAT HAVE ALREADY SIGNED UP FOR THIS YEAR:



OPEN CALL FOR PANEL TOPICS AND IDEAS

We're looking for new topics and ideas to discuss.

If you're an individual with some interesting ideas and topics then get in touch.



IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Name: Amreta Chana

Role: UK Real Estate Manager

Company: PwC

WHAT WAS YOUR PATHWAY INTO THE INDUSTRY?

I earned my undergraduate degree in Construction Management from Birmingham City University, followed by a master's in Real Estate at Kingston University. Afterwards, I was fortunate to secure a position as an Assistant Estate Surveyor at Stevenage Borough Council, where I gained practical experience managing a large portfolio. My responsibilities included property management, leasing and lettings, valuations, and measurements. During this time, I completed my APC and qualified as a chartered surveyor.

Later, I joined Workman LLP, a fast-paced workplace where I managed extensive portfolios for diverse clients. Additionally, I supported colleagues working toward their APC qualifications. I then moved to my current role at PwC.

WHAT IS YOUR CURRENT ROLE AND YOUR DAY-TO-DAY RESPONSIBILITIES?

I am part of PwC's internal Real Estate team, specifically in Estates Management, Acquisitions, and Strategy. Over my four years at PwC, I have managed the UK office portfolio, handling everything from daily property management to building rapport with landlords and managing agents, overseeing acquisitions, conducting rent reviews, and coordinating lease renewals and licenses.

My responsibilities require working closely with various stakeholders, such as solicitors, to ensure legal documents are accurately prepared and completed. A significant aspect of my position is reviewing PwC's real estate strategy, which means collaborating with external agents and gaining insight into our businesses needs and future plans so that our portfolio aligns with them.

WHAT MOTIVATED YOU TO JOIN THE YOUNG LEADER CORENET BOARD?

Upon joining PwC, I was introduced to the benefits of Young Leader membership by a colleague who previously served as President. Motivated by the prospect of board service, I aimed to broaden my professional network and enhance my competencies.

I have now been on the board for two years and I have found the experience to be highly rewarding. The board offers significant opportunities to organise a variety of events and to further develop through participation in diverse and challenging initiatives.

HOW HAS CORENET HELPED YOU?

I've gained a lot from this experience, especially by meeting other young professionals in the industry and expanding my network. It's also pushed me to try things outside my usual comfort zone—like recently helping organise the Future Focus Panel, where I ended up sitting on the panel.

This event was hosted at Goldman Sachs HQ and focused on discussing the skills that future Corporate Real Estate leaders will need. The Young Leader board encouraged me to take part, and I'm glad I did, as it gave me an opportunity to share my thoughts and insights on such an important topic. The whole experience has really helped me grow my personal skills.

KEY SKILLS NEEDED FOR MY ROLE AND WORKING AT PWC

Working at a large organisation like PwC involves interacting with numerous teams and individuals. It's essential to regularly connect with different groups to stay informed about their activities, which helps deepen my understanding of the business. Building strong relationships internally is crucial, but external connections matter too. Staying updated on outside developments is important so that relevant information can be brought back to the company. Being agile is another vital skill, since things are constantly evolving; being prepared for change and having systems in place helps ensure smoother transitions when adjustments occur.

WHAT ARE CHALLENGES YOU FACE WITHIN YOUR ROLE?

The most significant hurdle is accurately predicting and managing space requirements in the wake of widespread hybrid working. It is something we are continuously trying to review through data. This involves rightsizing our portfolio, understanding peak vs. off-peak usage, and designing flexible spaces that can adapt to varying team sizes and work styles throughout the week. It's a balance between efficiency and effectiveness.

WHAT IS A STANDOUT MOMENT OR YOUR BIGGEST ACHIEVEMENT IN YOUR CAREER?

In 2017, I was shortlisted for the RICS Surveyor of the Year in the Asset Management category. At that time, I had just begun my career and had not yet passed my APC, so being shortlisted was a significant achievement for me. Although I did not win the award, I was pleased to have reached that stage. A more recent accomplishment was serving on a panel at the Goldman Sachs auditorium. This was an important milestone in my career, and I thoroughly enjoyed the entire experience. The positive feedback I received afterwards was especially encouraging.

WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE YOUNG INDIVIDUALS LOOKING TO GET INTO THE INDUSTRY?

For young individuals looking to enter the corporate real estate industry, especially within a dynamic firm like PwC, my primary advice is that corporate real estate is fundamentally about business enablement, not just property transactions, and to simultaneously build a robust toolkit of both technical and interpersonal skills. This means grasping core real estate principles and financial acumen, while also mastering communication, negotiation, and stakeholder management to effectively translate business needs into strategic space solutions.

Seek hands-on experience, proactively network within organisations like CoreNet Global, and critically, embrace the transformative power of PropTech and the growing imperative of ESG, as these will define the future of our industry. Be curious, adaptable, and ready to champion how physical space can drive organisational success and enhance the employee experience.

WHAT LESSON HAVE YOU LEARNT WHICH YOU THINK IS MOST VALUABLE TO YOU NOW?

An important lesson is to proactively seek out opportunities and present yourself confidently. As a young professional, it can be intimidating to step outside of your comfort zone; however, engaging in activities such as networking or volunteering for unfamiliar tasks can significantly enhance your confidence. Often, others are experiencing similar challenges and uncertainties. It often boosts your profile and creates more future opportunities.

WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON SUSTAINABILITY IN CORPORATE REAL ESTATE?

My thoughts on sustainability in corporate real estate are that it has transitioned from a "nice-to-have" add-on to an absolute strategic imperative for businesses today. It's not just about being environmentally friendly; it's a multi-faceted approach that deeply impacts a company's financial performance, brand reputation, talent acquisition, and long-term resilience.

It is also great to see, as an occupier, how Landlords are now keen to engage and have important conversations about sustainability. I think it is crucial to have these open conversations with landlords as it then leads back to ensuring the Real Estate portfolio aligns with the business strategy.

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