

JUNE 2026

# CORENET YOUNG LEADERS NEWS UPDATE



## Annual Netball Wellness Event

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**Date:** 23rd July 2026

**Time:** 17:00 - 21:00

**Netball:** Geraldine Mary Harmsworth Sports Facility

**Drinks & Awards:** Rosy Hue, Elephant & Castle

Get ready for an exciting evening of fun, fitness, and networking at our Mixed Netball Tournament!

Whether you're a seasoned player or a complete beginner, this event is all about getting active and connecting with fellow professionals in a relaxed, inclusive atmosphere.

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# Skills workshop and networking



Thank you to everyone who joined us. It was a brilliant evening, and we loved seeing such a strong turnout from the CoreNet UK community.

From non-linear paths to unexpected turns, our panellists' stories were a powerful reminder that there is no single route to success. They spoke openly about the challenges they have faced along the way and how those experiences have shaped where they are today.



There were plenty of takeaways. You do not need to have everything figured out right now. Say yes to opportunities as they come. Do not be afraid to be the least experienced person in the room, that is often where the most learning happens.



Thank you again to our panellists for their honesty, insight and generosity. It was an inspiring conversation and a great reminder of the value of sharing experiences across our community.

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# OUR UPCOMING EVENTS...



- **End of Summer Social**  
Sept /Oct 2026 - TBC

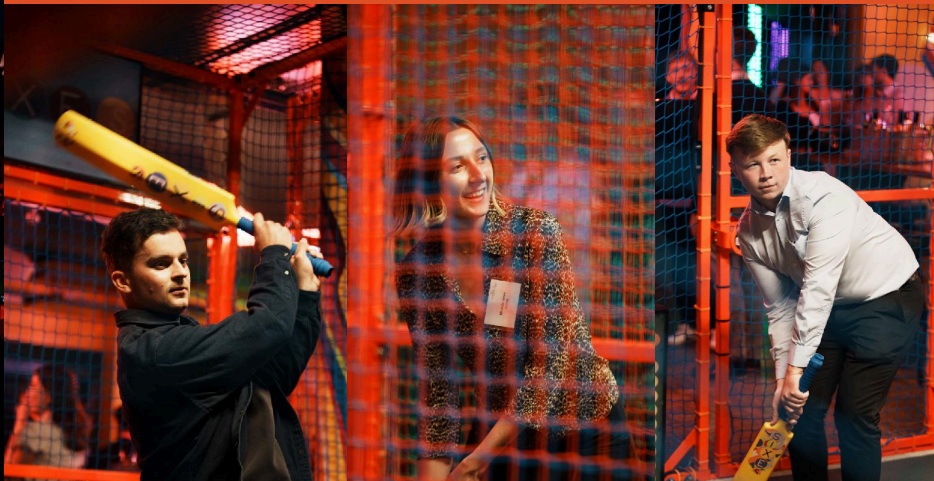


## SPRING SOCIAL

It was great to see such a strong turnout at the CoreNet Global UK Chapter Young Leaders Spring Social.

With over 130+ Young Leaders registered for the event, we were pleased to support new connections, some healthy competition and a reminder of how valuable it is to build your network early!

Thank you to everyone that attended, it was great to have you there and we hope you enjoyed it.



**THE CORENET UK  
YOUNG LEADERS  
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Our first WhatsApp exclusive event is about to be released. Join to hear all about it!



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# 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 Rosy Watts  
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## IN THE SPOTLIGHT

NAME: **ROSY WATTS**

ROLE: **PROJECT DIRECTOR**

COMPANY: **TURNER&TOWNSEND ALINEA**

### **AS THE CORENET YOUNG LEADERS VICE PRESIDENT, WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE OTHER YOUNG MEMBERS WITHIN THE INDUSTRY?**

My advice would be to put yourself out there and lean into every opportunity. This industry is amazing and there are endless opportunities to suit everybody's passions. Ask questions and get involved – there is so much more to this industry than your day-to-day role.

### **HOW HAS CORENET AND BEING THE VICE PRESIDENT HELPED YOU AND YOUR CAREER?**

Being involved in CoreNet has opened so many doors for me and presented so many amazing opportunities. It has allowed me to meet people in the industry I would not normally be exposed to at a wide range of events, whilst also learning and staying on top of the latest topics and trends.

Being VP of CoreNet YL has been so rewarding and has helped me understand what goes into planning great events, building teamwork and making sure members get the most out of their membership and events.

### **WHAT ARE SOME OF THE BENEFITS OF BEING A MEMBER OF CORENET?**

The biggest benefit is the access to others in the industry at a similar point in their career to you, allowing you to meet new people and build meaningful connections that will last your career.

## WHAT WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT WOULD YOU GIVE OTHERS TO JOIN CORENET?

I would say look at the annual events we host, and that should speak for itself. Most people that attend just one event end up joining CoreNet, so I would encourage everyone to come along to an event and find out for themselves.

## WHAT DO YOU ENJOY THE MOST ABOUT BEING THE YL VICE PRESIDENT?

The team! I am so lucky to be part of such a dedicated team. Everyone on the committee is a volunteer and does this because they love it. That is evident in the enthusiasm that everyone puts into planning and executing events.

All of the amazing events and initiatives we host during the year are a testament to how hard the team works and how much they love providing CoreNet YL members with opportunities and events, helping them to build their careers and networks.

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

I am currently a Project Director in the Occupier Commercial team at Turner & Townsend alinea. I am currently the project director for the relocation of a large financial company.

My day-to-day role typically consists of being site-based, attending meetings with contractors, design teams and client commercial meetings. Each day varies depending on priorities and I am always kept busy. I am supported by a fantastic team who work on the project full time alongside me. It is an amazing project to be involved with and I have learnt a lot since starting on the project two years ago.

## WHAT WAS YOUR PATHWAY INTO THE INDUSTRY?

My pathway into the industry was not a traditional route. I studied Business Management at university and then thought I wanted to work in beauty PR... after doing an internship and helping out at London Fashion Week, and realising it was not quite as glamorous as I thought and more Devil Wears Prada, I went back to the drawing board.

After loving accountancy at university, I looked into roles that use a similar skill set, and that is how I stumbled across Quantity Surveying. I applied for a grad role at alinea and, after six months of backpacking, joined as a graduate alongside doing a part-time master's, and I haven't looked back since.

## What do you enjoy the most about your role?

I love working with different people and collectively looking at ways to problem solve. Every team you work in is different and being exposed to so many different people with different experiences allows me to gain knowledge and insight from a wide range of people.

Given the industry we are in, a lot of our day-to-day roles are around problem solving and looking for solutions for our clients. This presents learning opportunities regularly and gives you purpose, working towards a common goal.

## What lesson have you learnt which you think is most valuable to you now?

Failure is always a lesson! Every day is a learning experience and is building you to be equipped for the future – embrace every challenge.

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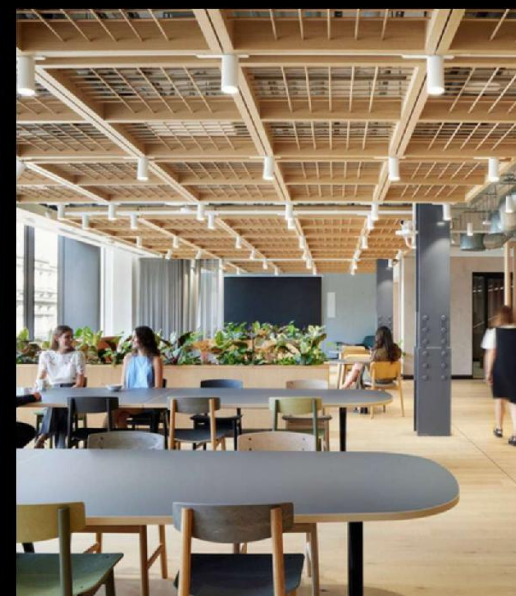


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# CASE STUDIES

## LEWIS SILKIN

FACT were appointed to guide Lewis Silkin through product selection, specification, delivery and installation. Having never undertaken a full move, design and fit-out, the practice relied on our audit of existing furniture to identify items for reuse or a second life elsewhere. All new pieces were benchmarked against agreed sustainability criteria, helping the new office achieve BREEAM Excellent.

To address the client's unfamiliarity with the process, we created trial spaces to test behaviours and preferences, feeding results into workshops, trials and showroom visits. From the shortlist we supported HLW in finish selections, managing the budget throughout and negotiating savings. Despite landlord restrictions complicating logistics, the project was delivered on time.

## BBC UK

Working with the BBC and Sheppard Robson is a privilege. The interior scheme was shaped around neurodiversity and sustainability, drawing mainly on UK-based manufacturers while also considering international suppliers with strong environmental credentials. The BBC is a complex environment. Strict security protocols limit access, requiring inductions and training, while installations are usually out of hours and the Newsroom poses particular challenges. Yet the collaboration is always rewarding.

The BBC values the people it works with, showing genuine curiosity about the individuals and businesses involved – from carpenters who craft guitars in their spare time to small enterprises committed to supporting their local communities. This human focus brings added meaning to each project.

## NETFLIX

Netflix approached FACT with the ambition of redefining the furnishings for their new HQ, aligning seamlessly with our Climate Theory initiative. Working with P&W and the client designer, we set sustainability criteria at the heart of decision-making – prioritising locally sourced, vintage and used furniture while maintaining strong design appeal and budget discipline. Over three months, we tested and reviewed samples, partnered with innovative suppliers, and toured vintage dealers across the south-east to secure and reserve suitable stock. A full furniture audit also allowed us to repurpose existing Netflix assets, either directly or through refurbishment by our upholstery partners. Every new piece was scrutinised against strict sustainability standards and sourced from the UK wherever possible. In total, the project achieved an estimated carbon saving of nearly 69,000 kilograms.

## PARTNERS GROUP

FACT collaborated closely with the design team to develop detailed specifications for loose, bespoke meeting room and systems furniture. We carefully selected products, materials, and colours to create distinct moods for different areas within the workspace. This thorough approach ensured that every element aligned with the overall design vision, ultimately resulting in a dynamic, vibrant, and community-focused workplace. Our choices contributed to an environment that fosters energy and a sense of belonging among employees. We also worked to balance innovation with practicality, ensuring that the furniture not only reflected the design ambition but also supported day-to-day functionality. Sustainability and durability were key considerations throughout the process, with an emphasis on long-term value. Our role included budget management, for which we worked alongside the QS to meet all project requirements without compromise.



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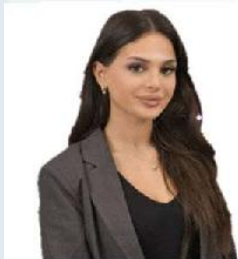


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## THE ATKINSRÉALIS TEAM WHO WILL BE SEEING YOU THERE!



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Regional Director



**Zerya Oner**  
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