The Hydrographic Society

UK & Ireland

Uniting the Hydrographic Community

A Quick Guide

About THS:UKI

The Hydrographic Society UK & Ireland (THS:UKI) is a learned professional society; our purpose is to raise awareness of the science of surveying at sea, and protect and promote the status of the hydrographic profession. Membership of THS:UKI includes companies, individual professionals and students, who are hydrographers, technologists, policy makers and educators.

Our Purpose

THS:UKI provides members with a range of relevant support and valued specialist services. We endeavour to raise awareness of the science of surveying at sea, and protect and promote the status of the profession.

THS:UKI provides a local and national focus for the discipline, and seeks to advance the education and training of practitioners and those engaged in the study of hydrography and related subjects.

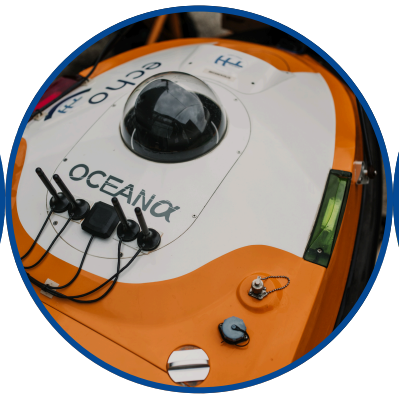
Our Strategic Objectives

1. to promote the science of surveying in both salt and fresh water environments, including the adjacent shore and hinterland
2. to encourage the broadest possible inclusion of people and organisations interested in hydrography and related sciences and create a network for their interaction
3. to promote the dissemination and free exchange of information between all those engaged in hydrography and related disciplines
4. to promote the highest level of accuracy and diligence in the application of hydrography and related sciences in accordance with internationally-defined standards
5. to promote the advancement of education and training for those engaged in or intending to engage in hydrography and associated disciplines
6. to offer support and guidance to those seeking Continuing Professional Development (CPD) in hydrographic surveying and associated sciences and technologies
7. to promote the broadest pursuit of technological innovation for the purpose of hydrography and related sciences and technologies
8. to raise awareness of the career opportunities offered by hydrographic surveying and associated professions
9. to promote the highest possible standards of health and safety by and for the application of hydrography and related science

We realise our objectives through:

- our updated, informative website incorporating news, forthcoming events, details of relevant courses & training and recruitment advertisements
- regular technical meetings and social activities within our Branches
- publication of our quarterly digital magazine *soundings*
- our specialist seminars organised centrally and in our Branches
- our frequently distributed e-Bulletin
- our online recruitment advertisement services
- our interaction with relevant academic institutions
- our Student & New Graduate chapter which supports those at the outset of their careers, helping them to forge links within the wider hydrographic community

- our local and national Education Funds
- the Alan Ingham Award scheme which recognises the very best research, innovation and application by students and graduates
- membership of the International Federation of Hydrographic Societies
- access to all the International Federation's publications including its Special Publications series
- opportunities to participate in the International Federation's HYDRO conference series
- national and international influence on the profession via representation at relevant national forums

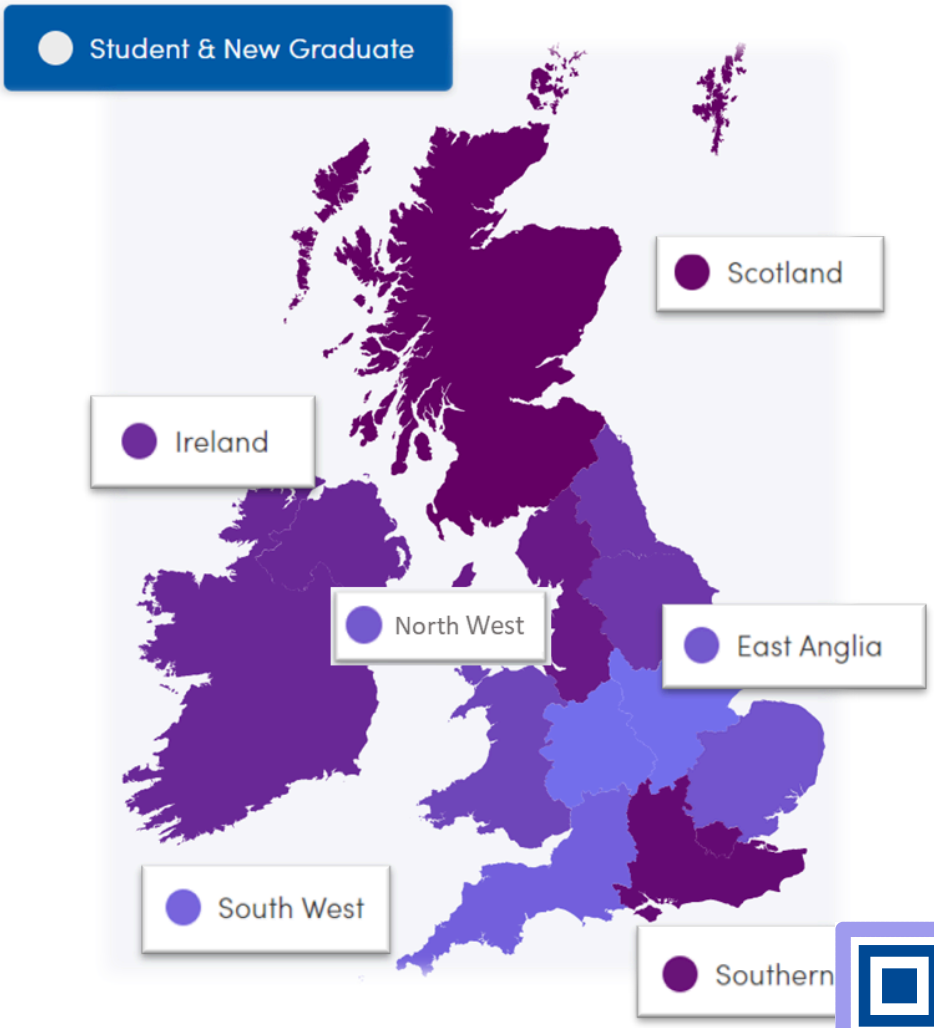


Our Branches

THS:UKI has several active Branches. The member-led Branches are at the heart of the Society.

The Branches organise regular technical evening meetings and social events.

Events are open to members, students and visitors alike, with the aim to provide opportunities to meet with professional friends and colleagues and to learn more about the latest developments within the industry.



View branch events here!

THS:UKI Board & Staff

The THS:UKI Board of Directors/Trustees are all volunteers elected by the members to run the Society on behalf of the members.

The Society Board is made up of:

- Chair
- Honorary Treasurer
- Honorary Secretary
- Branch Elected Directors
- Elected Directors
- Student & New Graduate Director

The Society has a Chief Executive Officer and an Operations and Engagement Manager working full time. If you have any queries or ideas for future collaborations, please contact OEM via **manager@ths-uki.org**

Committees & Working Groups

Working Groups and Committees are formed under the direction of the THS:UKI Board to carry out specific activities or projects.

The working groups currently active are:

- Education Committee
- *soundings* magazine Editorial Committee
- Engagement Committee
- Membership Committee
- Exhibition & Conference Working Group

Our Members

Individual Members represent all levels of expertise in the fields of hydrography, civil engineering, oceanography, geophysics and marine resource management, amongst others.

Corporate Member organisations include:

- oil and gas exploration companies
- contract survey companies
- port authorities
- government
- military and public service authorities
- petroleum companies
- research and educational institutions
- telecommunications organisations
- engineering consultants
- acoustic
- dredging and salvage contractors
- oceanographic and survey equipment manufacturers
- surveyors in all aspects of private practice

Membership is open to all individuals and organisations with any of these interests. No formal qualifications are needed.

Join today!

Individual Membership

Individual membership is the category of membership open to people who are studying, working in, or otherwise interested in hydrography and related disciplines such as oceanography, marine geophysics, nautical charting and marine surveying.

This category also includes three sub-types:

- Student
- New Graduate
- Retired

As an Individual member you receive a range of professional and community benefits.

The Hydrographic Society UK & Ireland entirely depends on support via Membership.

Professional Knowledge & Technical Competancy

Professional Recognition & Visibility

Employment & Career Opportunities

Career Development & CPD

Networking & Community

Corporate Membership

Corporate Membership of The Hydrographic Society UK & Ireland is open to all companies and organisations. Corporate Membership provides access to exclusive benefits, including:

- Targeted Marketing & Advertising
- Industry Presence & Brand Visibility
- Talent Attraction & Workforce Development

A directory of current Corporate Members can be found on the THS:UKI website.

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Targeted Marketing & Advertising

Talent Attraction & Workforce Development

Events, Networking & Market Access

Knowledge & Professional Insight

What our Members say

Membership of The Hydrographic Society UK is essential in order to remain current with industry practices and new developments.

The advantages of membership of The Hydrographic Society UK & Ireland are enormous. It enables the Society to continue to organise, and you to attend, its increasingly popular events which contribute toward Continuing Professional Development.

You get the opportunity to advertise your business, at a very modest cost, in Soundings magazine, the e-Bulletin and on the website.

I recently put out a tender to eight or nine organisations for the various elements of two entire vessel's worth of integrated survey system. Time was, as ever, short and I drew up the entire bid list from the Society's website. If your company wasn't there it was not invited to tender. From this, and many other points of view, the site is a very useful resource.

As an Individual Member you get to see all the adverts for job vacancies which your employer cunningly removes prior to circulation, and you can advertise yourself as a consultant on the Society's website.

The cost of membership is not as great as you might think and may be allowable against tax either as a charitable donation or as a professional fee. Some enlightened employers will reimburse your subscription fee.

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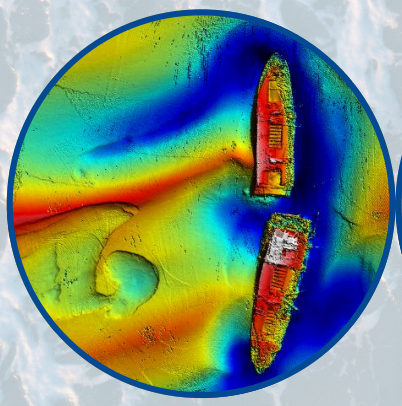
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