

EM Architecture

Royal Institute of British Architects East Midlands News and Comment

Twelve Shortlisted for RIBA EM Awards for Architecture 2009

Twelve impressive local building projects from across the region have been shortlisted for the 2009 RIBA EM Awards for Architecture, again generously sponsored by Ibstock Brick, and emda, East Midlands Development Agency.

The Awards, which will be presented at a special celebratory event in the autumn, are designed to celebrate the finest examples of architectural excellence in the region.

Buildings will also be considered for the RIBA EM Environmental Initiative Award which is awarded by RIBA in association with the sustainable development directorate at emda. The Award recognises the lead taken by the architect and design team in enhancing the brief and introducing ideas and proposals that will result in a low carbon design solution, and achieve an environmentally friendly building.

In the running for the 2009 awards are:

Derbyshire Buildings

- Milestone House in Green Lane, Derby designed by: *Evans Vettori Architects Ltd.*
- The Level Centre in Rowsley designed by: *Clash Architects Ltd.*

Derbyshire Houses

- Private house near Chesterfield designed by: *Derek Trowell Architects.*
- Rooftop extension at private house, near Matlock designed by: *Evans Vettori Architects.*

Lincolnshire Buildings

- Think Tank for innovative businesses in Ruston Way, Lincoln designed by: *Marks Barfield Architects*
- National Centre for Food Manufacturing at the University of Lincoln's Holbeach campus designed by: *Stem Architects Ltd*

Lincolnshire House

- Private house in Stamford designed by: *Paul Bancroft Architects.*

Leicestershire Buildings

- Curve Theatre in Rutland Street, Leicester designed by: *Rafael Vinoly Architects*
- John Lewis Department Store & Cineplex in Highcross Shopping Centre, Leicester designed by: *Foreign Office Architects*

Nottinghamshire Buildings

- The Minster School In Southwell designed by: *Penoyre & Prasad Architects*
- The New Art Exchange in Gregory Boulevard, Hyson Green, Nottingham designed by: *Hawkins/Brown Architects*
- Djanogly City Academy Theatre in Sherwood Rise, Nottingham designed by: *Marsh:Grochowski Architects*

Thanks to the Stalwarts Architect in the House

Many thanks to all those architects who volunteered to give their time for free to assist Shelter in this year's Architect in the House initiative. Although fewer clients than last year registered with the scheme, many did and all signs are that thousands of pounds will be raised for the charity. Extensive PR coverage in the local and national media has worked again to raise the profile of the profession.



Milestone House, Green Lane, Derby
Architects: *Evans Vettori Architects Ltd.*
Photography: *Mike Williams*



Private house in Stamford
Architects: *Paul Bancroft Architects*
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Level Centre, Arts Centre, Rowsley, Derbyshire
Architect: *Clash Associates Ltd*
Photography: *Martine Hamilton Knight/Roderick Coyne*



Curve Arts Centre, Leicester
Architect: *Rafael Vinoly Architects*
Photography: *Peter Cook/Will Pryce*



Private house near Chesterfield
Architects: *Derek Trowell Architects*
Photography: *Chris Webb*



John Lewis Department Store and Cineplex, Leicester
Architect: *Foreign Office Architects*
Photography: *Peter Jeffree/Helene Binet/Satoru Mishima*



Rooftop extension at private house, near Matlock
Architects: *Evans Vettori Architects*
Photography: *Martine Hamilton Knight*



The Minster School, Southwell
Architect: *Penoyre & Prasad LLP*
Photography: *Dennis Gilbert/Helene Binet*



Think Tank for innovative businesses, Ruston Way, Lincoln
Architects: *Marks Barfield Architects*
Photography: *Paul Riddle*



New Art Exchange, Nottingham
Architect: *Hawkins/Brown Architects*
Photography: *Tim Crocker/Helene Binet*



National Food Manufacturing Centre
Architects: *STEM Architects*
Photography: *Phil Crow*



Djanogly City Academy Theatre in Sherwood Rise, Nottingham
Architect: *Marsh:Grochowski Architects*
Photography: *Atul Lakra/Suzanne Hunt*

Low Carbon Awards With Designs on Energy Efficiency

A plan to establish awards which would recognise projects with good environmental credentials at the conceptual stage was taken a stage further when Marsh:Grochowski Architects and Nottingham Trent University presented the findings of a Low Carbon Awards study commissioned by RIBA East Midlands.

The findings of this important piece of research, presented at the East Midlands Development Agency, focused on proposals for future regional Low Carbon Awards.

Recognising that architects are the leaders of the building team, and with the issue of low energy design becoming increasingly important, the study set out to applaud and demonstrate architectural initiative in achieving environmentally sensitive design and to encourage the development of a low carbon economy in the region.

The study proposed that a Low Carbon Award should be integrated into the RIBA EM Awards for Architecture process. The award would be looking for a holistic approach to achieving high levels of technical performance, predicted and tested, from a design that is also conceptually strong, innovative, enduring, well-functioning and a joy to inhabit.

Laureate Poem 'Frozen Music'

The Poet Laureate, Andrew Motion, has written a poem to celebrate the RIBA's 175th Anniversary. The RIBA poem and links to further discussions on whether there is architecture in poetry and poetry in architecture can be viewed at: www.architecture.com/TheRIBA/175thAnniversary/Poem

FROZEN MUSIC by Andrew Motion

An eye, shaded for better judgement, peers from the cave mouth and imagines four walls, a roof, windows and a door. The dream hardens and the door locks.

Another eye, perfectly used to daylight, swings the door wide open and imagines city blocks, a grid, work-lives and a home. The dream finishes and the lives begin.

Another eye, still occupied by the horizon, looks up straight at the sun and imagines pathways, a bridge, courtyards and a song.

The sun sets and the song continues.

The things we build, by linking earth with air, all settle us to shape and share the world; where form meets function, beauty matches truth: our better selves take root and quicken there.

Andrew Motion © Antonio Olmos

RIBA EM 'Out of Area' category – shortlisted projects

Culm Valley Integrated Centre for Health, Cullompton, Devon designed by brp Architects.

Studio for an Artist, Woodbridge, Suffolk designed by 2hd Architects



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Region Scoops Record Eight RIBA Awards

With winners in Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Northamptonshire and Nottinghamshire, the region is celebrating an unprecedented year in the nation's leading competition for architecture.

The 8 winners are:

Derbyshire:

The Level Centre, an innovative new arts centre in Rowsley for people with learning disabilities.

Leicestershire:

The new John Lewis department store and Cineplex linked to Leicester's refurbished Highcross Shopping Centre; the vibrant new Curve theatre on Rutland Street; and the newly extended and refurbished David Wilson Library at the University of Leicester.

Nottinghamshire:

The New Art Exchange in Hyson Green for Black and Asian arts; Highfields Automotive and Engineering Training Centre in Nottingham Science Park; and the newly re-built Minster School in Southwell.

Northamptonshire:

The adaptation and conservation of No. 82 Derngate.

Praising the winners, Tony Parr, Chairman of RIBA East Midlands, said: "This is an absolutely fantastic result for the region. The scope of the winning buildings, from a new school in an historic minster town to an iconic contemporary 'factory for theatre', demonstrates the high quality architecture which is being created across the East Midlands."



Notice of Annual General Meeting

— tour of Highfields Automotive engineering training college, Science Park Nottingham

All East Midlands members of RIBA East Midlands, chartered, graduate, student, and affiliate are invited to attend the 2009 AGM. A buffet reception at 5.30pm on Thursday 3 September at No 1, Science Park, Nottingham NG7 2RU will be followed by a brisk meeting. Nominations from the membership are invited for 2 vacant seats on the Regional Council. There will be guided tours of the RIBA Award winning Highfields - automotive and engineering training college designed by Hawkins Brown for Blueprint.

For further details use the reply form enclosed or tel:01522 837480

East Midlands to host Inter Regional Golf Tournament

On 14th September, golfing architects from all over Great Britain and Eire will be at Notts Golf Club (Hollinwell) where the East Midlands region will be the proud hosts of this year's RIBA Inter Regional Golf Tournament. As a region, we have come second in the tournament for the last two years, so we're on a mission to win it on home territory!

The RIBA Inter Regional Golf Tournament has been played since 1975. At the outset, it involved the five North and Midland regions, by 1980 all regions together with Scotland, Ulster and Wales, with Eire joining in 1999. The tournament is now a permanent fixture in the golfing calendar for many architects, played over fantastic courses such as Hoylake, Turnberry and Royal County Down, and though a serious golfing event, it is also a great meeting of friends.

This year's event will include a practice round on Sunday 13th, with the main golf tournament played over 18 holes on Monday 14th followed by a presentation dinner at Eastwood Hall. It is hoped that the perils of the recession will be avoided and although sponsorship has been hard to find, Forbo have once again offered to support the event. In addition, all regions are being represented again this year – that's seventy seven participants!

This year's East Midlands region team is already chosen and ready for battle! However, we are always looking for new faces to take part, especially in other golf matches arranged over the course of the year. If interested then please contact David McSwiney on 0116 204 5816 or dmcswiney@rg-p.co.uk

Call for Entries East Midlands Regional Construction Awards

With support from emda, these regional Awards aim to recognise and reward innovation, skills and training, and sustainability in construction, across the region and are promoted by CIC East Midlands. The winners from within each region will go forward to a national final that will take place in November 2009. Projects may be submitted to one of nine categories: skills and training infrastructure, environmental/sustainability, innovation business, heritage, contractor of the year, small business of the year client of the year, project of the year. Deadline for submissions 28 August 2009. Further info visit www.emcbe.com/awards-2009.htm

"Learn" and Earn

A learn and earn scheme that benefits fulltime students of architecture in employment. This scheme takes advantage of the tax situation.

Simply put: the practice pays no more and the student pays no NIC or tax. For further details see www.architecture.com/northwest or contact riba.northwest@inst.riba.org

Career Chain

Career Chain supports the retention and development of engineering and construction across the East Midlands. Offering a range of services including career guidance and job search support together with specific training and development opportunities. www.careerchain.org.uk. You can contact the Career Chain team at: 0845 61 85 089 Email amazon@negroup.co.uk

ABS resource

The ABS redundancy information pack is available as a download on www.absnet.org.uk. An application form for those needing specific help is also available as a download.

RIBA President Praises Odeon Restoration in Leicestershire

The restoration of the old Odeon Cinema, now the Athena, was praised by RIBA President Sunand Prasad when he was the principal guest speaker at the Annual Dinner of the Leicestershire and Rutland Society of Architects (LRSA).

Sunand Prasad also viewed the award-winning Curve theatre before crossing Rutland Street to the Athena, where the event took place.

"A significant contribution to British architecture was made by the Odeon cinemas in the 1930s with their distinctive Art Deco style, which inspired Bollywood," he told guests at the dinner.

Welcoming Sunand Prasad, LRSA President Kanti Chhapi said he wanted the society to promote the role of the architect as the essential creative spark at the heart of construction projects.

"In the current climate there is a need for special ideas to respond to ever increasing challenges," he told members, fellow professionals and civic guests.



National RIBA President Sunand Prasad and Kanti Chhapi, President of the Leicestershire and Rutland Society of Architects, by the Curve in Leicester's Cultural Quarter.

Adapting to a wetter future

Scientists predict rising sea levels and more extreme weather patterns over the coming years, which in turn will cause greater risk of tidal flooding, inland flooding from rivers and surface water run-off. Meanwhile, intense pressure for new housing means more new development within the floodplain. Add a nervous and increasingly risk adverse insurance industry, and it is obvious that architects need to get to grips with how to design with flooding in mind.

Therefore, the latest RIBA Climate Change Toolkit, Designing for Flood Risk, takes a design-led approach to exploring best practice, and is aimed at practicing and student architects, urban designers and landscape architects, but has also seen great interest among clients, planners and other urban professionals. The guide is available free to download from www.architecture.com/climatechange.

RIBA Chartered Practice 2009/10

RIBA Chartered Practice status serves as a mark of quality and is all about ensuring potential clients of your design excellence and service quality in what we know is a competitive market.

To renew your Chartered Practice Membership, and for any other enquiries relating to benefits and services please e-mail us at marketing@inst.riba.org call +44 207 307 3800

Graduate Talent Pool

'Graduate Talent Pool' – an online matching service for employers who want to offer internships and graduates who want to take them - will go live in September. Register today online at www.dius.gov.uk/graduate_talent_pool.co.uk.

Most employers will want to offer a wage which recognises the balance between the benefits a graduate brings and the skills and experiences they require. However, graduates already claiming Job Seekers Allowance for six months or more will be able to do an internship for up to 13 weeks alongside claiming benefit and looking for work.

RIBA Film to watch on line "Inclusive Design: creating a user's world."

This film is intended to be a highly useful tool for student and practicing architects/designers, clients, planners and others involved in the built environment. The role and relationship of the architects, the client, the user advisors, access consultants, and other members of the design team are examined in the film (clips 1 to 7). The film provides viewers with differing practical examples of inclusive design. <http://www.youtube.com/user/RIBAVIDEO>

RIBA CPD EVENTS



CPD Programme 2008/9

All East Midlands CPD events will help you meet the requirements of the RIBA CPD Core Curriculum. They are held at the Clifton Campus, Nottingham Trent University, unless otherwise stated

To book: tel: 01522 837480 or email riba.eastmidlands@inst.riba.org see enclosed flyers for fees and booking information

Guerrilla Tactics

13 August 2009, Birmingham
Based on the successful annual event at the RIBA, this regional one day Guerrilla Tactics conference at Millennium Point, Birmingham is aimed at small practices and will give a strategic insight to marketing, branding, business planning, fee negotiating, accessing new markets and maximising profits. At £30 + VAT (£40 for non-members) this is an opportunity not to be missed. Book via riba.westmidlands@inst.riba.org. tel:0121 233 2321

The annual Guerrilla Tactics will run on 17 and 18 November at the RIBA.

Risk Management

26th August
Best practice guidance on aspects of Construction Law

This seminar is designed to deal with architects' rights and duties - the lawyers speak. The session will include the following topics and give ample time for questions and answers:

- Due diligence
- Duties to clients
- Duties owed by the architect to the contractor and to third parties
- Architects' intellectual property rights
- Fees - Getting paid
- Architects acting as expert witnesses

Sustainability

23rd September
This seminar will highlight the implications of sustainable issues on design and construction, keep you abreast of new developments and bring you up to date with new and up-and-coming legislation. It also looks in some detail at issues relating to development and refurbishment of existing buildings.

Diagnosing Defects

28th October
Understanding building defects and improving design by learning from failures. An overview of some past problems with case studies relating to structural, cladding and material failures.

Health, Safety and the CDM Regulations

25th November
This half day seminar is aimed at architectural practices and will give broad and detailed information about how they should manage their day to day health and safety working practices. It will include their duties and roles in the health and safety process; the Construction, Design and Management Regulations; and what and who the Health & Safety Executive (HSE) is targeting.

CPD - discounted rates available

In addition to the student membership, concessionary rates are available on request for those members on reduced RIBA subscription rates or a demonstrably low income.

To discuss in confidence please contact John Edwards at RIBA East Midlands on Email: j.edwards@inst.riba.org

50|50 Call for 60s and 70s Project

RIBA East Midlands is planning a celebration in 2010 looking at 50 architectural schemes in the East Midlands since 1960, and we need your help.

We are currently seeking nominations from the 1960s and 70s so if you have a favourite building which you suspect was built in these decades or you know of a building from this era which deserves inclusion then we would love to hear from you. This is an opportunity to uncover, showcase and above all celebrate the brilliant and diverse architecture which the East Midlands has to offer.

Your suggestions will help us achieve this. Please email: riba.eastmidlands@inst.riba.org providing as much information as possible about your chosen building(s).

RIBA resources for the recession

See the members' area of www.architecture.com which can be accessed with your RIBA membership number. Here there is expert guidance and practical advice for individual members and for practices and information on external organizations and what they offer to members' businesses, graduates and students. Contact the regional office if you do not have access to the web site. 01522 837480 or riba.eastmidlands@inst.riba.org

Northampton Society of Architects

Dining Meetings

The time of meetings is 6.30pm for a 7pm start.

Wednesday 9th September 2009

Venue: To be confirmed near Brackley
Speaker: Andrew Wheeler of Letts Wheeler

Wednesday 25th November

Venue: Northampton & County Club
Speaker: To be confirmed

2010 dates for your diary: March 3 and March 31.

Nottingham & Derby Society of Architects

NDSA – Expressions of interest invited for schools work

Members of the Nottingham and Derby Society of Architects are invited to help with a proposed schools education programme with, mainly, primary schools across both counties and cities. With your help the project will engage pupils with their built environment using design projects which could link them to a significant building in their area or inspire them to think about what architecture may look like where they live, play or work 50 years forward.

Many of you will already be helping schools with careers talks etc and this gives a further opportunity to share design ideas and architecture with young people.

This educational programme will link with (amongst others) the Building Schools for the Future, the region's 50|50 buildings project and RIBA Architects in Residence framework, see www.architecture.com/educationandcareers/. To register your interest please contact riba.eastmidlands@inst.riba.org

Student Awards

This year sees the inauguration of the EM Student - Low Carbon Awards. All four regional Schools of Architecture are represented in the entries, the winners will be announced in October.

AJ top 100

The following practices with East Midlands offices feature in the AJ top 100:

- 51 - Lewis and Hickey
- 64 - Stephen George and Partners
- 75 - Pick Everard

National Councillors 2009-2012

Thank you to John Kellett who is stepping down from the RIBA Council at the end of August after 4 years in office. Welcome to Bill Smedley, of R G +P Leicester who has been duly elected to serve for 3 years from 1st September. Derek Cottrell continues with election to a second term of 3 years. These are your representatives on National Council. Do contact them with your concerns, views and comments on the RIBA's work and services. Contacts overleaf.

East Midlands team

We are pleased to welcome three new members to the East Midlands team:

- Sandra Hartley
– Regional Administrator
Jude Hall
– Project Development Officer
- Rebecca Glennon
– Placement, Research Preparation & Graphic Design



From left to right, Jude, Sandra and Rebecca.

The views expressed in this newsletter are not necessarily those of the RIBA.

Architecture meets Jazz 2009



Now in its fifth year, this event has gone from strength to strength taking place, this year, at two venues. The eclectic mix of architecture and jazz performed to a packed Engine Shed at the University of Lincoln on 20th June.

Since May seven schools from across Lincolnshire have been busily creating architectural models for the event's 'Water World' design project. They have researched and designed a futuristic building to be sited in an area threatened with rising sea levels considering a vision of the built environment in 50 years time. Their work was mentored by members and students from the University of Lincoln and a winner announced on 20th June.

Mark Hodson, Hodson Architects, kicked off the evening event with a fascinating talk on the design process for projects undertaken by their award winning green practice. The event culminated with high-energy jazz performances from Lincolnshire's marvellous Jazz Youth Orchestra, Dave O'Higgins and his Biggish Band and the breathtaking Jazzotech Dancers.

MP for Lincoln Gillian Merron was unable to attend the event this year but sent the following message 'Architecture Meets Jazz is an exciting collaboration between music and the most artistic of the engineering disciplines. It may seem an unusual mix – but I know it works because I was so glad to join you last year'.



An upturn in design quality

The RIBA has been working hard to ensure that design quality is at the heart of the eventual economic upturn. Following the new Minimum Design Standard announced for schools – a first for any public sector building programme – the declared aim is to introduce similar minimum design standards across all Government building programmes.

This follows the RIBA Public Affairs team's major success in persuading the Government to include a duty on all local authorities to achieve good design in last autumn's Planning Bill. We have long argued that good design facilitates the delivery of attractive, functional and sustainable homes, schools and workplaces which enables local communities to prosper. We hope that, with these measures in place and more to follow, once the economy turns, we will be better placed to ensure high quality design right across the built environment than ever before.