

EM Architecture

Royal Institute of British Architects East Midlands News and Comment

RIBA President Ruth Reed's Regional Tour



Mirror image at Nottingham Playhouse.

RIBA President Ruth Reed spelt out key messages on regeneration, education and the value that architects bring to communities in a changing world during a two-day tour in East Midlands.

During her fact-finding mission, Ruth went on city walkabouts, viewed award-winning buildings and held discussions with architects and decision makers in the built environment as well as spending time with students at the region's schools of architecture.

The prestigious visit began in Leicester where, hosted by the Leicestershire and Rutland Society of Architects, Ruth met regional members and students at the new Phoenix Square Film and Digital Media Centre.



President Ruth Reed with Kanti Chhapi, President of the Leicestershire and Rutland Society of Architects at Phoenix Square.



Julian Marsh shows RIBA members and guests around the digital art exhibition space at Phoenix Square.

Following a building tour with architect Julian Marsh, Ruth outlined her presidential agenda before taking part in a question and answer session.

Education is one of the priorities on Ruth's presidential agenda. "I want us to look at education and consider how we might re-evaluate it to equip the future members of the profession," she told members. "I believe that education is the core of architecture. We have a duty in the RIBA to promote architecture widely and that should start with the very youngest through school."

She also highlighted how new architecture was changing people's perceptions of places through landmark architecture, praising the way Leicester's new cultural quarter was full of "destination architecture", and commenting on the "continental feel" of the city's Highcross centre.

"What I have noticed going round the country is how places no longer define themselves by what they were. You no longer identify them with the industries that they used to be home to," she said.

She also highlighted the contribution that architects can make to communities in a changing world. "We really need to look at how we approach design from its inception. The performance of buildings will become very central."

The next day Ruth was in Lincoln, where she met the Vice Chancellor, and praised the University of Lincoln's transformation of the Brayford Pool. "We will look back on the last decade as being the great period of university expansion in this country. Those institutions which have used wit and imagination in their developments will have a real legacy."

That afternoon she visited Newark to get an insight into the international work of Benoy, whose current projects include a major mixed use scheme in Singapore and Nottingham's proposed new football stadium as part of England's 2018 World Cup bid. Ruth said many practices had begun work in the Far East and that in these recessionary times, more practices might benefit from seeking to export their talent.

Then it was on to the newly extended Newton Building at Nottingham Trent University to meet members of the Nottingham and Derby Society of Architects and contribute to the lecture by visiting Professor Eva Jiricna to the School of Architecture, Design and the Built Environment.

The following day Ruth visited *emda*, the regional development agency, to meet the Chief Executive and decision makers concerned with regeneration and urban development. She made a practice visit to Franklin Ellis in Nottingham before walking through the city to view some of the significant development projects, not least the Nottingham Contemporary, shortlisted for the 2010 RIBA Awards. There was time for a final practice visit, to CPMG in the Lace Market, at the end of a memorable two days for the region and its members.

RIBA Awards 2010

The shortlist

Woodside Lodge, Northampton, designed by *David Grindley Architects*

Creswell Crags Museum & Education Centre, Worksop, designed by *OMI Architects*

Housing at Museum Court, Lincoln, designed by *Jonathan Hendry Architects*

Think Tank, Lincoln, designed by *Marks Barfield Architects*

Nottingham Contemporary, Nottingham, designed by *Caruso St John Architects*

Jerwood School of Design, Oakham, designed by *Project Orange*



In the newly extended Newton Building at NTU. From left Ruth Reed, Eva Jiricna and Alina Hughes, President of NDSA.



Ruth meets staff at CPMG Architects, Nottingham.



Ruth and Julian Owen meet Jeff Moore, the *emda* CEO, and Diana Gilhespy, Exec. Director Regeneration.



With Professor Mary Stuart, Vice Chancellor of University of Lincoln, during a tour of the campus.



At Nottingham Contemporary with Regional Secretary Mark Jermy of Halsall Lloyd.



With David Franklin and Andrew Ellis during a practice visit at Franklin Ellis in Nottingham.



On the wharf in Newark with Regional Chairman Julian Owen and David Coyne, main board director of Benoy, one of the practices which Ruth visited.

RIBA EM Awards 2010

the region's own Awards for architectural excellence.

The closing date for entries is 5pm on Friday 28 May 2010. Your application form is enclosed with this newsletter.

- one East Midlands Awards
- two Out of Region Awards
- three Low Carbon Design Awards
- four Special Projects Award
- five Student Low Carbon Design Award

In addition to the mainstream Awards, NEW in 2010 – The Low Carbon Design Awards.

Established in association with *emda* the new Low Carbon Awards expand the existing Environmental Initiative Award, demonstrating and encouraging architectural lead and contribution to combating climate change and building a low carbon economy in the East Midlands.

All entries of buildings located in East Midlands and occupied between 1 Jan 2008 and 28 May 2010 will be eligible for the Low Carbon Awards. Provided the energy performance data meets a recognized energy performance standard for that sector, the building will go forward for shortlisting in the Low Carbon Awards. The ambition of the RIBA is to encourage, through celebration, architectural excellence in low carbon design. This new Awards stream will contribute to better understanding of user satisfaction, building performance and architectural value.

Inviting Entries into the Region's own Awards for architectural excellence.

Do you have a recent project, new or refurb that you are proud of? We are seeking to celebrate both small and large schemes, located in and out of the region. The closing date for entries is 5pm on Friday 28 May 2010.



RIBA Manifesto

The RIBA is hitting the campaign trail with Buildings Matter, a manifesto that is being distributed to all the national election candidates.

Members are encouraged to promote the manifesto locally. Hard copies are available from the regional office and it can be downloaded from www.architecture.com.

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50 buildings, 50 years

- a celebration of fifty years of regional architecture

Our plans for a celebration of fifty years of exemplary regional architecture have met with great enthusiasm and interest from many quarters. We are delighted to announce the success of our bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund.



We are indebted to Istock Brick for demonstrating their wholehearted support by sponsoring this project from its early stages. We are grateful to *emda* who have given us support during the development phase, including the design of the 50 from 50 logo.



Thank you to all those members who are helping us with the planning and production. We welcome Faye Le Blanc, who has joined us on this project covering for Jude Hall whilst she is on maternity leave.

The 50 buildings, 50 years exhibition will begin a regional touring programme in late summer.

Projects in Schools

Thank you to those who have offered to help with the important education strand. If you would like to be involved in the educational delivery (mostly to primary schools) or can offer any other assistance there is still time to come on board. Please email your expression of interest to Gwen at riba.eastmidlands@inst.riba.org.



David Makin shares a few stories with (left to right) - Mike Read of Redmak Urban Architecture and Design, Marie Sellar and Alan Wright.

Thanks for 40 Years to David at NDSA AGM

Thanks were given for four decades of service to David Makin when members met at the Living Room in Nottingham for the Nottingham and Derby Society of Architects' AGM.

David, who has retired from the branch council after 40 years said: "It has been a lovely experience to be on the council. I have made so many friends.

"At our peak we had a huge committee and did loads of things and really seemed to buzz along. Good luck to the NDSA and I hope people will come forward and serve on the committee to organise things."

New initiatives were suggested at the meeting, which was well attended by regular members as well as new colleagues.

In her President's report, Alina Hughes said it was part of her pledge to increase engagement with students. The branch was continuing to award student prizes and had also supported student projects at both the universities in Nottingham.

The NDSA has also sponsored the lecture series at Nottingham Trent University (see Branch News). Members have also offered professional advice on local schemes, such as Trinity Square and Sneinton Market.

Big Lottery Fund & Capital Projects

Are you looking for funding for a project? For guidance about technical requirements go to: <http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/> Anyone putting together a bid should contact the Enquiries Officer before applying where you can get information about the application process, policies and procedures. Tel. 0115 934 9300 or enquiries.em@biglotteryfund.org.uk

Narrative Space

University of Leicester, 20-22 April 2010
A 3-day international interdisciplinary conference exploring the interpretive potential of museums and exhibition spaces. Aimed at museum professionals, exhibition designers, architects and academics

Keynote Speakers: Peter Greenaway CBE
Adam Caruso, Caruso St John Architects
<http://www.leicester.ac.uk/museumstudies>



Architect in the House 2010

This year in the UK, around 53,000 homes will be repossessed. Almost two million households await social housing. And one in seven children are growing up in homes that are squalid, overcrowded, or temporary.

Shelter gives immediate, expert aid and advice to anyone affected by the housing crisis. The charity also campaigns for long-term change to make life better for future generations.

As an RIBA chartered architect, you can get behind your Institute - and help Shelter make a lasting difference to the lives of families in housing need - giving an hour of your time by signing up to Architect in the House.

The mechanics are simple: you get matched with a homeowner in your area looking to improve or expand their living space. You give them a free 60 minute consultation, and they make a suggested donation of £40 to Shelter.

That's it. It could lead to bigger things; many practices find that an Architect in the House consultation is the first step to a paid commission.

Over the past 13 years, the generous support of RIBA architects has raised over £1 million for Shelter.

Registrations for the scheme launch from 19 April 2010 online at www.architectinthehouse.org.uk. Alternatively visit the website now to pre-register your interest and receive a reminder email once the scheme has launched.

Awards in Other Regions

If you have a project you are proud of outside the East Midlands then contact the local RIBA regional office to find out about eligibility for other regional Awards programmes. Several regions, including East, South and South East, South West and Yorkshire operate their own Awards schemes. See www.architecture.com



Michael Ellison hands over to Noel Barrowclough as President of the Lincolnshire Society of Architects.

Noel's Mission to Bring RIBA Members Closer Together

Noel Barrowclough, the new President of the Lincolnshire Society of Architects, has a mission to cross boundaries to link RIBA members in Newark and Lincolnshire.

Noel, who lives just inside Nottinghamshire, believes it makes sense for the LSA to organise events which will appeal to architects living on both sides of the county border. "Bringing architects in Lincolnshire and Newark closer together is very logical," he says.

A Yorkshire lad, Noel grew up in Leeds before studying at the Hull School of Architecture. He joined the RIBA after qualifying in 1983, and his first job was with the Hull City Architects Department where he worked on cultural projects, including a complete refurbishment of the Hull New Theatre "which was quite an exciting project at the time."

In 1987 he moved to Gordon Benoy and Partners, now Benoy, in Newark and later worked for Fellow Hallet Associates and the William Saunders Partnership before setting up Studio-G Architecture with partner Steff Wright at Collingham five years ago.

The practice specialises in sustainable architecture, mainly residential, along with some education and conservation work and some commercial.

Noel, who will be promoting sustainability during his presidency, is married with three grown-up children and, outside work, enjoys concerts "from blues to classical" and international cricket matches.

RIBA CPD EVENTS



CPD Programme 2010

All at Clifton Campus, Nottingham - 14:00-17:00

For bookings, fees and discounts contact riba.eastmidlands@inst.org, 01522 837480

Here is the CPD programme for 2010. It represents a local and cost effective way to build your professional competence and develop your personal skills. By attending the events you will gain valuable CPD hours with the added benefit of the opportunity to meet other local members and share best practice. All the seminars meet the highest industry standards and cover the majority of the elements of the RIBA's Core Curriculum.

Fees

We have frozen all fees at 2009 rates and offer reduced rates for students and those who are currently unemployed.

CPD Club Membership Season Ticket

The Season Ticket gives you the option to bulk buy your CPD in advance. This provides an economical and structured approach to training and development for all construction professionals. The Season Ticket lasts for 12 months and covers 11 seminars at a cost of £396 plus VAT, making each seminar a mere £36.

Pay-as-you-go

If you prefer to pay for seminars individually, you can book on a pay-as-you-go basis. Seminars cost £56.50 plus VAT for RIBA/CIAT members, £25 plus VAT for students or £77 plus VAT for all others.

Diagnosing defects in buildings: cause and defect?

12 May

Professor Malcolm Hollis, Chartered Surveyor and Building Pathologist

It is fundamental that all building professionals have a thorough understanding of building defects. This half-day seminar will make a comprehensive examination of defect diagnosis through a wide range of building failures including diagnosing the causes and identifying where are errors being made.

Site Inspections: are you fit for the job?

26 May

Nicholas Jamieson, Architect, Director Barbara Weiss Architects.

Inspecting building works during the course of their construction covering what to inspect, when to inspect, tools needed, contractual issues, inspection v supervision, testing, monitoring, records etc. Case law, security and health and safety issues related to inspections will be included along with many other practical aspects of the architect's role on site.

Planning: designing in the system

23 June

Simon J Smith, Managing Director SSR Planning.

Peter Stewart, Architect, Director Peter Stewart Consultancy.

An update on legislation and review of handling issues with planning officers and departments including the impact on sustainable design, renewable energy, housing densities, design guides, the appeal process and formal/informal consultations.

Design in the planning system, Design Reviews, regional panels, local panels, conservation area panels how these programmes are carried out, how they relate to each other and to the planning system and how to prepare for them.

Designing Solutions for Access and Safety

28 July

Neil Smith, Associate Head of Inclusive Design, Buro Happold Ltd.

Brian Abbs, Associate Head of Health and Safety, Buro Happold Ltd.

An update on the DDA, and Part M of the Building Regulations with particular focus on design solutions, European standards, the new BS/CoP 8300, important access issues related to BS 9999 and inclusive design relating to BREEM.

An update on CDM, a look at other design and construction site management issues and a detailed look at producing details that deliver a safe building design through construction and in maintenance. Presentations based on best practice and the delivery of practical solutions that are fit for purpose.

Towards Zero Carbon: pipe dream or reality?

25 August

Rob Cartwright, Hockerton Housing Project.

Justin Halewood, BRE BREEM Technical Advisor.

The content will be based around the practicalities of '0' carbon homes, retrofitting existing homes (ideas and solutions) and micro-generation (heat and energy sources, their pros and cons). The impact on the current building stock, detailing, use of materials, sustainable technologies & energy will be covered.

BREEM and its application to commercial buildings in particular covering the background to the development and introduction of BREEM, what a BREEM assessment is and looks at, its UK and international application, the aims, objectives and scope of BREEM, BREEM assessors, when it's required and why it should be used.

Architectural Design: confidence and contemporary

22 September

Sarah Wigglesworth, Director Sarah Wigglesworth Architects, professor of Architecture at Sheffield University.

The current state of the theory of architectural design and how it has changed over the past few decades. A refresher and update providing confidence and raising awareness about contemporary style of design and trends as well as fashions (fads) to be wary of. All building types are covered as well as the influence that modern technology, legislation and resources have on architectural design.

Contracts: which one?

27 October

Sarah Lupton, Architect, Partner of Lupton Stellakis Architects, Reader and Lecturer Welsh School of Architecture

Adrian Dobson, Architect, RIBA Director of Practice.

Which Building Contract to select and with a review and look in detail at some of the newer forms. An insight into some of the recent changes to Building Contracts and why they have been made. A review of recent case law and how this affects the administration of contracts and the Architects role including contract formation, design liability, extensions of time, certification, payments and completion.

A detailed look at the suite of RIBA Agreements designed to provide the components of a flexible system to create contracts tailored to the needs of individual projects. Designed to suit both paper and electronic usage the full versatility of the forms enable the Architect to customise the content of the components to suit the project in question.

Contemporary Construction: how does brick stack up?

24 November

Michael Driver, Architect, Director Brick Development Association.

Dr Ali Arasteh, Principal Structural Engineer - BDA

The use of bricks and brickwork in the contemporary construction industry covering manufacture, specification and innovative uses. The session will also include the use of brickwork as a structural material and its use relative to Eurocodes and EC6. Case studies will examine the application of principles and the wide ranging application of the versatile building material.

Urban Regeneration: designing for the public realm

DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED

Paul Taylor, Landscape Architect, Associate Director BDP.

Jaimie Ferguson, Urban Designer, Associate Director BDP.

Buildings, spaces and landscaping to create a desirable public realm for people. A look at general issues regarding design, delivery and management of public spaces and their infrastructures. The event will include the impacts on urban regeneration, the wellbeing of people who occupy and use them as well as the social, economic and political factors influencing the design process. National and international case studies to illustrate the core issues presented in the sessions.



Members of the Lincolnshire Society of Architects on the tour of Think Tank.

Tour of Think Tank for LSA Members

A talk by London-based Marks Barfield Architects, designers of the London Eye, and a tour of the award-winning Think Tank was a highlight of the Lincolnshire Society of Architects' Annual General Meeting.

The building, which won an EM Award for Architecture, provides hi-tech, energy-efficient and cost-effective managed offices and workspaces for innovative businesses as well as conference, exhibition and meeting spaces for the wider community.

Members saw how young companies were growing in a building which provides individual offices for business start-ups.

RIBA Golfers host Tournament

Architects from RIBA East Midlands hosted the 34th RIBA Inter Regional Golf Tournament at Notts Golf Club Holinwell in September. The East Midlands' team of David McSwiney (Capt), James Boon (V Capt), Rob Forbes, Melvyn King, Jim Morton, Ben Stephens and Rob Woolston came 5th out of the 11 regions behind winners Yorkshire. Thanks go to Notts Golf Club, Forbo Nairn and the EM Regional Office for all their support.

Many thanks also to Bill Evans who has retired as East Midlands Captain after 30 years. Bill extends his gratitude to all those who have been involved with the team and we are particularly grateful to Wendy for her undying efforts during that time.

2010 fixtures

29 April 2010
v Yorkshire RIBA
Lindrick Golf Club

15 July 2010
v West Midlands RIBA Golf Society
(The Charles Green Trophy)
Northamptonshire County Golf Club

9 August 2010
Tri Professions match v Institute Civil Engineers and v Institute of Highways and Transportation
Longcliffe Golf Club

13 September 2010
RIBA Inter Regional Tournament
Ramside Hall Hotel & Golf Club, Durham
30 September 2010
v East Midlands RICS (The Shires Team Trophy)
Horsley Lodge Golf Club

New faces are always welcome contact James Boon on 0115 9474020 or james@mc-a.co.uk

Leicestershire & Rutland Society of Architects

Annual Dinner

7.30 for 8pm April 30 2010, The Athena, Leicester

This is taking place for a second year at the Athena, a Cultural Quarter venue. The evening's entertainment includes a four-course dinner, the LRSA Design Awards presentation and dancing to the live band Walking George. There will also be a charity raffle in support of the Architects Benevolent Society and Shelter. Tickets cost £37.50 or £29.50 for full-time students. For more information contact Jill Middleton on 0116 247101, e-mail: ajm@sparchitecture.com

Nottingham & Derby Society of Architects

NTU Lecture Series

The Society continues to support the lecture series at Nottingham Trent University. The final lecture in the series of four takes place on Monday May 17 when Peter Bishop, Visiting Professor at NTU and Town Planner and Director of Design for London, will speak in the Sir Harry and Lady Djanogly Lecture Theatre on the City Campus. Arrive at 5.30pm for a 6pm start.

Become Involved with Your Branch

If you are interested in getting involved in future activities contact Alina Hughes at alina@2hd.co.uk or Zoe Blatherwick at zoe.blatherwick@hlpdesign.com

Northampton Society of Architects

Dinner Meetings at the County Club, Northampton

James Gorst at March Meeting

Guest speaker James Gorst of James Gorst Architects Ltd illustrated a wide range of Listed historic and contemporary house design solutions - including a carbon neutral house. James also presented some beautifully crafted and lavishly detailed interiors that served to remind us that good design is timeless, reports NSA President Tony Herring.

Meeting on 2 June 2010

The speaker will be confirmed nearer the time for the next Dinner Meeting on June 2. Further dates for your diary are 8 September 2010, 24 November 2010 and 2 March 2011.

For further details contact Tony Herring on 01280 841356; e-mail tony.herring@member.riba.org.

Emergent Joint Core Strategy - Northampton

Individual NSA members have contributed comments for the future strategic planning for the Emergent Joint Core Strategy for the county. There is concern however that there appears to be no architectural liaison or input. As all ideas, comments and suggestions will be taken forward to the final adopted plan in 2010, we encourage members to contact: Development Plans Team @ West Northamptonshire Joint Planning Unit: Tel. 01604 837837 to give their views on the document and encourage more involvement from architects and designers.

Annual General Meeting

Tony Herring was re-elected President and Dominic Kramer is continuing as Secretary following the Annual General Meeting at the offices of GSS in Northampton on March 31.

Lincolnshire Society of Architects

Visits

The branch is planning a series of visits to buildings and places of interest as well as some social events during the year. For details contact Noel Barrowclough on 01636 894913, e-mail: noel@sga-llp.co.uk.

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