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We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give.

[Sir Winston Churchill](#)

*British politician (1874 - 1965)*

## NEWS

### **RIBA North East Office**

The RIBA North East has now moved to Room 210, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Wynne Jones building on the Northumbria University City Campus. The postal address will remain the same. We are currently suffering severe disruption to the telephone line and the old office number (222 0186) is now defunct. We will inform all members when a new line has been installed. If you wish to contact the office please email [zoe.townsend@inst.riba.org](mailto:zoe.townsend@inst.riba.org), please accept our apologies for this distribution.

### **Obituary to Tony Lester who died on the 18th. July 2008.**

Tony Lester graduated from Manchester University School of Architecture in 1951 after service in the Royal Navy in the Far East. After working in Manchester and Leicester he joined A.J.Elder in practice in Middlesbrough (later Elder Lester Associates) in 1957. The practice then opened a further office in Billingham and was responsible for the planning and development of the new Town Centre. When, under Local Government reorganisation the various local authorities were amalgamated to form the new Teesside Unitary Authority the practice moved to new offices in Yarm where after the retirement of A.J.Elder he became senior partner. He continued in the practice until he retired in 1987 but continued to practice on his own and acted as consultant to Eternit advising on the overcladding of high rise housing blocks etc. Whilst not being involved in Branch or Regional Affairs of the RIBA he was a loyal supporter of the Institute and served on a committee at Portland Place in dealings with the Cement and Concrete Association

John.L.Richardson

### **The RIBA launches 'RIBApedia'**

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The Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) today launches RIBApedia, an initiative from the Research and Development Department offering an innovative new resource for studying and research.

Aimed at the architectural research community, RIBApedia will form a collaborative and free source of information that anyone can contribute to. The web pages can be easily edited by anyone who has completed a free registration process.

Utilising the same 'mediawiki' software popularly used by Wikipedia, the tool enables users to generate and update information on a number of topics, including:

- Study guidance and reading lists
- Research papers and study venues
- Research and study awards
- Profiles of research institutions, funding bodies, and practices engaged in research
- Profiles of schools of architecture - courses, specialisms, bursaries, and awards
- Profiles of professional societies including student societies and discounted student membership
- Links to research and study blogs, journals, and online databases
- Invaluable guidance on obtaining research funding (including worldwide travel scholarships).

RIBApedia can be accessed at: [www.ribapedia.com](http://www.ribapedia.com)

Keith Snook, Director of Research and Technical at the RIBA said:

“The RIBA plays a pivotal role in brokering research and facilitating knowledge sharing in the architectural profession. The Research and Development Department is supporting this through the use of innovative ‘web 2.0’ technologies, such as wikis, which offer new methods of collaboration and connection across institutional, professional, and geographical boundaries. Through RIBApedia, we’re harnessing the collaborative spirit of ‘web 2.0’ to foster community-led innovation across the architectural research community. Communication between the wider profession and RIBA is now more than ever a two-way channel.”

## **Shortlists for five RIBA special awards announced**

Some of the most groundbreaking new buildings across the UK have been shortlisted for five of the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) special awards 2008. The shortlists were drawn from the 92 RIBA Award winning buildings announced earlier this year.

These RIBA special awards honour the best buildings with specific emphasis on: sustainability, conservation; exemplary school design; public spaces and smaller, exceptional projects built on limited budgets.

The winners of six of the special awards, including the Manser medal, will be announced as part of the ***RIBA Stirling Prize Dinner in association with The Architects' Journal*** on Saturday 11 October, in Liverpool.

The shortlists follow:

## [The Crown Estate Conservation Award](#)

The £5000 Crown Estate Conservation Award is presented to the best work of conservation that demonstrates the successful restoration and /or adaptation of an architecturally significant building. The award was judged by Richard Griffiths, Richard Griffiths Architects, Paul Velluet, HOK and Tony Chapman, RIBA Head of Awards.

1. The Listed Wind Tunnels by Julian Harrap Architects
2. De La Warr Pavillion by John McAslan & Partners
3. St Pancras International by Alastair Lansley (for Union Railways)
4. Royal Festival Hall by Allies and Morrison
5. Theatre Royal, Bury St Edmunds by Levitt Bernstein Associates

## **RIBA/CABE Public Space Award**

The RIBA CABE Public Space Award celebrates publicly accessible external space. It may be green or grey, urban or rural, privately or publicly owned, designed or re-designed and re-furnished for public use. It might be a street, a square, a park or even a corner, as well what is more conventionally thought of a ‘space between buildings.’ The award includes a prize of £5,000 to be presented to the winning team. The Award was judged by Sarah Gaventa, Director CABE Space; Tony Edwards, architect and landscape architect, Place; and Tony Chapman, RIBA Head of Awards.

1. Old Market Square by Gustafson Porter
2. Royal Festival Hall by Allies and Morrison with Landscape architects Gross Max and Master planners Rick Mather Architects
3. Royal Observatory by Allies and Morrison with Landscape architects Land Use Consultants

## [Stephen Lawrence Prize](#)

The Stephen Lawrence Prize is sponsored by the Marco Goldschmied Foundation and rewards the best examples of projects that have a construction budget of less than £1 million. The £5000 prize is intended to encourage fresh talent working with smaller budgets. The award is judged by a panel including architect and past President of the RIBA Marco Goldschmied and Doreen Lawrence OBE, mother of the teenager who was setting out on the road to becoming an architect when he was murdered in 1993.

1. East Beach Cafe by Heatherwick Studio
2. Classroom of the Future by Gollifer Langston Architects
3. Cremorne Riverside Centre by Sarah Wigglesworth Architects

4. The Sackler Crossing by John Pawson
5. Glass & Timber Houses by Hampson Williams

### **The RIBA/Sorrell Foundation Schools Award**

The RIBA/Sorrell Foundation Schools Award is a prize of £5,000 to the architects of the best RIBA Award-winning school (primary or secondary) with the aim of raising the standards of design in all new school building. The prize which was introduced last year, was judged by Lady Frances Sorrell; Sarah Davey, head teacher; Tony McGuirk, BDP; and Tont Chapman, RIBA Head of Awards.

1. Oundle School Science Technology Block by Feilden Clegg Bradley Studios
2. Thomas Deacon Academy by Foster + Partners
3. Bristol Brunel Academy by Wilkinson Eyre Architects
4. Pinewood Infant School by Hampshire County Council Architecture & Design Services
5. St Marylebone Church of England School Performing Arts Facility by Gumuchdjian Architects
6. Westminster Academy at the Naim Dangoor Centre by Allford Hall Monaghan Morris

### **The RIBA/English Partnerships Sustainability Award**

The RIBA/English Partnerships Sustainability Award is made for the building that demonstrates most elegantly and durably the principles of sustainable architecture. The £5000 award is judged by a panel of experts comprising, Robin Nicholson CBE, Edward Cullinan Architects; Patrick Bellew, Principal Atelier Ten; and Kevin McGeough, English Partnerships who consider the environmental credentials of schemes as submitted by the architects and clients.

1. Oxley Park by Rogers Stirk Harbour + Partners
2. Oundle School Science Technology Block by Feilden Clegg Bradley Studios
3. Bristol Brunel Academy by Wilkinson Eyre Architects
4. Manchester Civil Justice Centre by Denton Corker Marshall

## **The Olympic Stadium Project: Le Corbusier and Baghdad**

**9 October 2008 – 29 March 2009**

Part of the RIBA 'Le Corbusier Season'

With thanks to the Canadian Centre for Architecture, Montreal.

### **V&A + RIBA ARCHITECTURE GALLERY, V&A**

Timed to coincide with the Royal Institute of British Architect's major retrospective of Le Corbusier's work in Liverpool, this display in the V&A + RIBA Architecture Gallery at the Victoria and Albert Museum will

examine in detail Corbusier's designs for an athletics stadium in Baghdad, which was part of the city's unsuccessful bid to host the Olympics in 1960. With photographs, designs, a site plan and specially commissioned models, the display will give a sense of Le Corbusier's creative vision for this structure that was never fully realised.

The stadium, designed by one of the greatest exponents of architecture in the twentieth century, was to be part of a larger complex of sports facilities. The display will include Le Corbusier's original drawings which show his innovative designs for the stadium which was constructed around a series of buttresses or 'voiles' and inspired by the shape of a turtle.

This display at the V&A is timed to take place alongside the V&A's major exhibition, Cold War Modern: Design in a Divided Era 1945 – 1970.

## **World Architecture Festival**

The World Architecture Festival is a unique event celebrating the world's finest work from the world's greatest architects.

At the heart of the Festival are the Awards, and something previously reserved for a select few - the opportunity to hear and see the shortlisted candidates present their schemes to a panel of world-renowned judges.

The festival will be held in Barcelona on October 22-24. Delegates can view all 722 entries from 63 countries in the unique Awards Entry Gallery - watch and listen to the shortlisted candidates as they explain the challenges they faced in creating their vision, hear the judges discussing the entries, network with your peers, attend world-class sessions from the likes of Norman Foster and Robert Stern, celebrate the best the world of architecture has to offer.

The first World Architecture Festival will include:

- Awards entry gallery of 722 entries from 63 countries
- Presentations from all shortlisted architects
- Prestigious jury
- Keynote addresses
- Architect-nominated Product Showcase
- Student charrette
- Specialist bookshop

- Parties and networking
- Architectural tours

For further information please visit the website [www.worldarchitecturefestival.com](http://www.worldarchitecturefestival.com)

## **RIBA announces shortlist for the Manser Medal 2008**

The Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) today announces the shortlist for the [Manser Medal](#), sponsored by The Rooflight Company. The award is given for the best one-off house or major extension designed by an architect in the UK.

Two pioneering housing schemes are both competing for this year's Manser Medal, alongside two diverse family homes and a tranquil garden apartment in a protected property.

The shortlist for the Manser Medal 2008 is:

1. Private house in Belfast by Twenty Two Over Seven
2. Halligan House by Simon Conder Associates
3. Accordia by Feilden Clegg Bradley Studios, Maccreeanor Lavington and Alison Brooks Architects
4. Oxley Park by Roger by Stirk Harbour & Partners
5. Garden Apartment by Gianni Botsford Architects

The shortlist was drawn from the RIBA Award-winning buildings which were announced earlier this year in May. The Manser Medal winner will be announced and presented alongside five other special awards, at the RIBA Stirling Prize Dinner on Saturday 11 October in Liverpool.

The medal is judged by a panel including Michael Manser CBE, former President of the RIBA; Stephen Marshall, Stephen Marsall Architects; Val King, The Rooflight Company and Tony Chapman, RIBA Head of Awards.

Previous winners include The Salt House by Alison Brooks Architects (2007), Holly Barn by Knox Bhavan Architects (2006) and Stealth House by Robert Dye Associates (2005).

## **RIBA International Conference 2008: Architecture and Identity**

**RIBA International Conference 2008, in association with Emap Ltd.**

**25 - 26 October 2008, Barcelona, Hesperia Tower Hotel & Convention Centre**

Some of the world's leading architects will be participating in the Royal Institute of British Architects' (RIBA)

annual conference in Barcelona this year. Focusing on the theme of ‘Architecture and Identity’ the two-day event will take place on 25-26 October 2008 at Richard Rogers’s Hesperia Tower Hotel, its 107 metre high tower making it one of Barcelona’s tallest and most striking modern buildings.

The Conference will take place directly after Emap’s World Architecture Festival, also being held in Barcelona, celebrating the work of the world’s finest architects and incorporating an awards programme in which architects will present their work to live juries and audiences, all competing for the top prize of World Building of the Year

The RIBA International Conference will examine the ways in which architecture can, at best, add character to the non-descript and, at worst, suppress the local vernacular in favour of a global style. It will propose that increasing environmental concerns might mean a return to the vernacular, while questioning whether globalised architecture can be sustainable.

The conference will also look at the issue of architecture as branding and the ways in which cities such as Barcelona and Bilbao have benefited from landmark buildings, not only in terms of profile but also identity. It will also examine heritage issues in this context, asking what the impact of globalisation will be on our historic buildings and cities. Speakers throughout the two days will address the emergence of European and International identities, examining the ways in which international architects can stimulate the organic growth and regeneration of cities across the world.

Speakers include: **Robert Adam** (Robert Adam Architects), **Alison Brooks** (Alison Brooks Architects), **David Chipperfield** (David Chipperfield Architects), **Alejandro Zaera Polo** (Foreign Office Architects), **Herman Hertzberger** (Architectuurstudio HH), **Louisa Hutton** (Sauerbruch Hutton Architects), **David Mackay** (MBM Arquitectes), **Jürgen Mayer** (Jürgen Mayer H. Architects), **Professor Joseph Rykwert** and **Ken Yeang** (Llewelyn Davies Yeang Architects).

A programme of special architectural tours to significant buildings around Barcelona has also been arranged for delegates, as well as an exclusive evening reception on Saturday 25 October, sponsored by Corus, at Mies van der Rohe’s modernist Barcelona Pavilion.

Conference tickets cost £449+VAT. A small number of subsidised places are available to architects under 30 and students from the UK and overseas at £99+VAT. This bursary scheme is being funded by Foster + Partners. For more details visit [www.ribaconference.co.uk](http://www.ribaconference.co.uk) Other sponsors of the conference include Corus.

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To register your interest in attending, or for further information please visit [www.ribaconference.co.uk](http://www.ribaconference.co.uk) or call 0845 056 8069

## **RIBA Appointments – Job Vacancies on RIBA regions webpages**

One of the UK's most popular architecture job boards. Job adverts now also appear directly on the relevant regional pages of [www.architecture.com](http://www.architecture.com) helping practices find staff and candidates find the latest jobs across all RIBA regions. We still offer a low, discounted rate to RIBA Chartered advertisers and a wide choice of vacancies to job seekers. [www.ribaappointments.com](http://www.ribaappointments.com)

## **RICS Renaissance Awards 2009.**

Call for Entries into the North East property "Oscars". There are eight categories that cover most types of projects. They are: **Commercial, Residential, Design & Innovation, Regeneration, Sustainability, Community Benefit, Leisure & Tourism, and Building Conservation.** **The Project of the Year** is the entry judged to have scored the highest across all categories. For an entry form and further information on the RICS North East Renaissance Awards, contact RICS Member Services Administrator Claire-Louise Simmons T+44(0)191 221 1039 or E [csimmons@rics.org](mailto:csimmons@rics.org)

[http://www.rics.org/Networks/Regions/UK/England/NorthEast/ren\\_080908.html](http://www.rics.org/Networks/Regions/UK/England/NorthEast/ren_080908.html)

## **RIBA Trust Exhibitions**

Until 7<sup>th</sup> September 2008, V&A + RIBA Architecture Gallery, **Unseen Hands: 100 years of Structural Engineering.**

The RIBA exhibition spaces are open Monday to Friday 10am to 6pm and Saturdays 10am to 5pm. Entry to all exhibitions is free. Evening or weekend functions sometimes affect gallery opening times. If planning a visit on a Saturday or late weekday afternoon, it is advisable to call beforehand. Contact: Tel: 020 7942 2000 or visit [www.vam.ac.uk](http://www.vam.ac.uk)

## COFFEE BREAK

This month's puzzle is a Codebreaker. This is a crossword puzzle with no clues! Instead, every letter of the alphabet has been replaced by a number, the same number representing the same letter throughout the puzzle. All you have to do is decide which letter is represented by which number! To start you off, we reveal the codes for two or three letters. When these letters have been entered throughout the puzzle, you should have enough information to start guessing words and discovering other letters.

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Answers to last months puzzle 'The Tree Riddle' can be found at <http://thinks.com/riddles/tree.htm#> .

## EVENTS

To find further information on these or other events organised and sponsored by the RIBA North East please visit our website [www.architecture.com](http://www.architecture.com) and follow the links to **What's on?** Or alternatively follow the link below to go to the RIBA North East webpage and view our CPD Programme, here you can download booking forms for all our events,

<http://www.architecture.com/RegionsAndInternational/UKNationsAndRegions/England/RIBANorthEast/RIBANorthEast.aspx>

### Core Event 9 – Design Skills

Thursday 18 September 2008 – Nixon Hall, Northumbria University

Light as an Architectural Tool: The Building Blocks of Light

Addressing a range of principle lighting design issues in the professional and constructional context for Architects, essential elements of the RIBA Core Curriculum for CPD and an Architects' toolkit, the seminar includes:

- the appreciation of light in architecture and urban spaces
- lighting and well-being
- integrating daylight and artificial lighting
- integration of lighting into the design process
- recent innovations in technical and design solutions
- national and international case studies of good lighting design
- a resume of available lighting technology
- sustainability
- where to go for help, guidance and advice

**For further details please see the relevant attachment.**

### Teesside Branch Meeting

Thursday 18 September 2008, 6pm to 8pm – Conference Room, Tees Valley Regeneration, Stockton on Tees

After an introduction by our regional chairman Dolan Conway this meeting will focus on Architecture in Teesside, with a presentation given by Teesside branch chairman Mark Barlow and Sean Egan a Project Manager at TVR. All members are invited, with no requirement to pre-book. A buffet and drinks will be provided we hope that many architects in the region will attend.

## **RIBA Research Symposium 2008**

Tuesday 23 September - Jarvis Hall, 66 Portland Place, London W1

9.30am registration for 10am start

5pm close followed by drinks reception

**Opening address** - Jack Pringle, RIBA Immediate Past President, Pringle Brandon

**Keynote speaker** - Alejandro Aravena, Elemental - Chile

**For Further information please see attached flyer**

## **Non-Core Event – Natural Ventilation**

Thursday 2 October 2008 –TBC, Northumbria University

For further details please follow the link to the RIBA North East regional website.

## **CIBSE NORTH EAST TECHNICAL MEETING**

### **Energy Performance Buildings Directive**

Tuesday 7 October 2008 – The Royal Station Hotel

**If you would like further information on this event please see the attached flyer**

## **Small Practice Conference 2008: Guerrilla Tactics**

14 - 15 October 2008

All day

### **Venue:**

RIBA, 66 Portland Place, London W1B 1AD

### **Description:**

**Guerrilla Tactics 2008: Secret manoeuvres for business success**

Now in its fifth year, Guerrilla Tactics is the annual RIBA conference aimed at small architecture practices. The conference provides relevant, new and stimulating content covering all aspects of running a small practice, and the theme of this year's event is 'Secret Manoeuvres For Business Success'.

This year we're upping the ante by making the conference part of a two-day event which will provide architects with a full day of CPD training sessions (Tuesday 14 October), an exhibition market place for cutting edge products and sponsors materials, plus the full-day conference (Wednesday 15 October).

All this takes place at the RIBA's headquarters building at 66 Portland Place - up to 350 delegates gather over two days, for a lively programme of presentations, seminars and panel discussions with leading names from the profession and the commercial world.

On the night of 14 October, the RIBA will also be hosting a networking party with guest speaker Tony Fretton for conference delegates, speakers and sponsors at the Royal College of Physicians - designed by Sir Denys Lasdun, the building is located in Regent's Park just a five minute walk from the RIBA.

## **Fees:**

Early bird ticket/s @ £195+VAT = £229.13 for both days

Early bird ticket/s @ £120+VAT = £141 for the CPD day only (14 October)

Early bird ticket/s @ £120+VAT = £141 for the conference day only (15 October)

Book Now! Early bird offer ends 19 September

Contact:

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Email: [guerrilla.tactics@inst.riba.org](mailto:guerrilla.tactics@inst.riba.org), for general enquiries and information about special accommodation rates.

## **Core Event 10 – Practice Management**

Thursday 16 October 2008 –Newcastle upon Tyne

Enhancing Practice Management through increased Personal Effectiveness

This workshop covers the fundamentals of personal effectiveness and how to enhance practice management by consistently getting the best from people and adding the greatest value to your firm.

**For further details please follow the link to the RIBA North East regional website.**

## **NEON – Planning for Health**

Tuesday 21 October 2008 – Culture Lab, Newcastle upon Tyne

This is a free half day workshop aimed at Town Planners, Urban Designers and those with a professional interest in creating places and spaces. The aim of the workshop is to explore the current planning policies and process, to 'Plan for Health'.

**For further details please see attached document.**

## **RIBA North East AGM**

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> October, 6pm – 8pm – TBC

**Speaker** Allies and Morrison, Stirling Prize nominees for the Royal Festival Hall.

**Further information will be sent to members in due course.**

## **Non – Core Event – Wood – Colour, Beauty and Protection.**

Thursday 4 November 2008 – Baltic Arts Centre, Gateshead

This is a fantastic opportunity to visit the Baltic Arts centre and learn about how you can use colour. A Buffet lunch begins at 1pm with presentation at 2pm to 3, coffee break followed by workshop session 3.30 to 4. This event is Free but numbers are limited so please be sure to book as soon as possible.

**For further details please follow the link to the RIBA North East regional website.**

## **Core Event 11 – CDM 2007 – 18 Months on**

Thursday 20 November 2008 – Newcastle upon Tyne

The Revised Construction (Design and Management) Regulations (CDM) 2007 came into force on the 6<sup>th</sup> April 2007. The regulations now incorporate the provision of both CDM and the Construction (Health, Safety and Welfare) Regulations 1996 in one set of regulations, with the purpose of:-

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*making health and safety considerations integral to the management and delivery of construction projects' ensuring they are safe to build, use, maintain and eventually demolish.*

The seminar will review the changes to CDM legislation and the Code of Practice, consider the duties of designers and review specific case studies from which experience of interpretation and application can be gained.

**For further details please follow the link to the RIBA North East regional website.**

## **RICS North East Summit**

Wednesday 19 November 2008, - Copthorne Hotel, Newcastle upon Tyne

Current Impacts : Future Trends

High profile figures from public and private sectors discuss the question on everyone's lips: How will the region survive in the worsening economic climate?

This thought-provoking full day summit will give delegates the opportunity to hear from key industry players, debate the current trends in the North East and explore the impact of the present economic climate and how it will impact on Land, Property and Construction.

**For further information please see relevant attachment.**

## **Rescheduled - Core Event 7 – Code for Sustainable Homes**

Tuesday 2 December – TBC

**An invaluable course giving a concise overview of the requirements governing the Code for Sustainable Homes**

### **Content:**

Practical design guidance on achieving the UK Governments ambitious target of all new homes constructed to a zero-carbon standard by 2016.

This half-day seminar has been designed to provide you with an understanding of the scope of the Code for Sustainable Homes, the assessment process and practical compliance methods and its principal requirements.

The seminar will provide an overview of the energy related criteria for the Code and will review the demands for energy in homes, identify the requirements of the Code and review the renewable energy technologies appropriate for reducing domestic CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.

There will be referenced to case studies, current experimentation work and new technologies with particular reference to trial homes of differing construction and utilising a range of low energy technologies at the University of Nottingham. The facility provides fully monitored occupied homes for testing new technologies and for undertaking post occupancy evaluation and studies of human interaction with the new technologies.

For further information please see the regional website

