

CANDIDATE FOR THE RIBA PRESIDENCY

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- a. **Nominated by at least 60 Chartered Members of the RIBA**
- b. **Name and address of Practice:**
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- c. **Position/title:**
Director
- d. **Qualifications:**
BSc (Hons), Dipl. Adv. Arch. Studies (Dist.), Cert. Prof. Practice, FRIBA, FHEA, FRSA, PPRSUA, Hon. FRIAS.
- e. **Declaration of interests:** Further to the above : RSUA Council since 1998, national elected RIBA Council 2015-18, Vice President (Education) 2015-18 & RIBA Board 2015-18.



Election Statement:

Architect first. As president of the RIBA, I will :

Repurpose the RIBA for the 21st century

- Champion architects as being the principal deliverers of architecture
- Have a referendum on the Royal Charter, the future role of the RIBA and how we apply resources across our network of members
- Align our ethical commitments to a broader global and societal cause
- Ensure the RIBA protects all architects in the wake of Brexit

Redefine the industry narrative

- Lobby government to establish our profession as independent and trusted to ensure the quality of the built environment
- Redefine the profession as crucial to the wider success of business and society
- Take a strong stance that rallies against onerous contracts and wasteful procurement
- Champion small & medium scale practices to show client bodies the real value of their diversity and the talent and expertise they offer

Reframe the profession

- Insist on equality of opportunity for everyone, into and upward through our profession
- Encourage true fellowship, appreciating and celebrating the diversity of who we are and what we do, in an supportive environment focused on transparency and excellence
- Insist that the RIBA supports, inspires & educates us, to lift us to higher standards of service and delivery – with the aim of higher fees, salaries and retention of all
- Bring education and practice closer together to challenge, support & benefit each other

As President, I will work with the Council, Board & staff of the RIBA to deliver the above.

My background demonstrates my determination.

I was born to a modest family in Northern Ireland where I grew up and was state educated during the infamous Troubles. My parents had not been to university, but I was fortunate enough to receive a full grant to study Architecture at Queen's University, Belfast. I graduated with the first distinction in seven years and took the offer of a summer job with Michael Hopkins & Partners, London, which turned into seven years working on Schlumberger and Inland Revenue (Nottingham), amongst other projects. I also spent three years as an associate with David Morley Architects on projects at Lord's Cricket Ground. It was after this tenure that I decided to return, with my family, to my roots in Northern Ireland; a place where I wanted to make a difference. I have since led Architecture at Queen's University to fifth in the Guardian League Table and first for added value. My practice has created projects which are cited in design guides, won RIBA awards and published across the world. On the RIBA Council and Board, I have recently championed opportunity for all and a closer and mutually supportive relationship between training and practice, creating an upward spiral of benefits and advances for architects and society.

Why I am prepared to be President?

I have been involved with RIBA since being a student and it has always been my belief that Architects make the world a better place. I know that I can best fulfil this belief as RIBA President. I am prepared to guide and moderate the differing voices and positions within the organisation, call on those with expertise to assist, inform and champion our profession and recognise the need for a modernised RIBA.

Who supports me? The substantial group of over 150 nominators supporting me includes: Yvonne Farrell, Peter St John, Jane Duncan, Cindy Walters, Ruth Reed, Stephen Hodder, Flora Samuel, Peter Clegg, Keith Bradley, Richard Collis, Joan McCoy, Jessica McGarry, Femi Oresanya, Roger Wu, Johann Muldoon, Stewart Henderson, Kerr Robertson, Gordon Gibb, Eric Parry, Denise & Rab Bennetts, Caroline Buckingham, Jennifer Juritz, Gerard MacCreanor, Glenn Howells, Valeria Passetti, Ant Clerici, Virginia Newman, Tim Bailey, Edward Williams, Peter Fisher, Steven Moon, James Karl Fischer, Chris Williamson, Peter Oborn, Yemi Aladerun, Alastair Hall, Ian McKnight, Anne Markey, David Morley, Andy Mytom, Carl Turner, David Howarth, Claudia Lynch, Patrick Lynch, Walter Menteth, Russell Curtis, Wendy Charlton, Artur Carulla, Lee Hosking, Robin Nicholson, Brendan Kilpatrick, Bhupinder Chawla, Richard Burgess, Zeke Osho, Alex Ely, Richard Partington, Laura O'Hagan, David Ayre, Darren Bray, Rupert Cook, Sofie Pelsmakers, Lorraine Farrelly, Fionn Stevenson, Luke Butcher, Funsho Martin Parrot, Jonathan Falkingham, Sue Emms, Ged Couser, Lisa McFarlane, Mark Percival, Lisa Raynes, Tom Jefferies, Luke Butcher, Rob Hyde, Jason Boyle, Bronwyn Phillips, Seamus Lennon, Amy Cheung, Mark Jermy, Tony Lloyd, Richard Wooldridge, Mark Hodson, Graham Boyce, Gareth Callen, Gordon Murray, Nicky Watson, Paul Jones, Alison Austin, Nick Deeming, Dhruv Sookhoo, Willie Watt, Julie Wilson, Fraser Middleton, Gordon Smith, Graeme Ross, Michael McGarry, Alan Dickson, Steven Moon, Andrew Salter, Bronagh Lynch, Dawson Stelfox, Simon Fraser, Andy Barnett, Ernst Fasanya, Andrew Ardill, Arif Mehmood, Nigel Murray, Fearghal Murray, Aine Glackin, Donal MacRandal, Trevor Leaker, Keith McAllister, Tarla Macgabann, James Grieve, Feargal Harron, Kieran McGonigle, Aidan McGrath, Michael Hegarty, Alex Fung, Dianna Tang, Stephen Tsang.

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