

Regionally Elected Councillor – RIBA EUROPE INTERNATIONAL

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- a. **Nominated by:** Alex Oliver, Anthony Delarue, Michael Edwards, Gillian Edwards, Luke Moloney, David Rosemont, Allen Cunningham
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- c. **Position:** Principle
- d. **Qualifications:** RIBA, BA BArch



Election Statement:

This is the fourth time I have stood for RIBA Council. Each time I ask the same question: The profession should be run for whose benefit? RIBA Members or RIBA employees?

I will use my position on Council to ask questions and scrutinise the openness, efficiency and diligence of our management and all our employees.

I will send a regular newsletter reporting my findings available to RIBA members only. Only members of the profession can understand the needs and role of the profession. A career executive, as we have now, cannot be expected to.

You probably do not know that this very statement that you are reading can be censured by the Chief Executive who has the role of returning officer. So a vital private communication between member and member is subject to staff censure.

Ultimately in the longer term, the only way to correct the situation is for the office of President to be a full time, well salaried position for its two year period taking over the role of the Chief Executive. He or she could take a full sabbatical for the two years. In this way we can return to the glory days of the RIBA when it was a real force.

In the meantime, I will ask questions and inform the member by means of my regular newsletter

Lastly, but importantly 66 Portland Place should be made to feel again like a real professional institute and a club for its members. Everything now says "up for sale" corporate management in charge here.

There should be a large comfortable private bar for members only and their guests. Some rooms and halls should be available to members for next to nothing to stimulate activity. The RIBA Library, a priceless national treasure should be open at all times..

You can view more of my concerns about the RIBA here <https://tinyurl.com/ydxxawsg>.