STOP, COLLABORATE and LISTEN

9–11 November 2021

Conference Programme (2:00 – 4:45pm each day)

Afternoon sessions are dedicated to exploring the theme of **Collaboration.**

Tuesday:	Shared Skills
Wednesday:	Joining Forces
Thursday:	Making Friends

Friday: Practice Speed Mentoring (limited places, registration will open beg Oct)

Creative Directors: Rob Fiehn, Mellis Haward and Kyle Buchanan

Tuesday 9 November – Shared Skills

2:00-2:10pm	**Welcome and Introduction** Creative Directors
2:10-2:40pm	**Keynote** Stephen Hill, Public Interest Practitioner Stephen Hill is an experienced public interest practitioner with a history of working in the commercial, governmental and non-profit housing sectors. He is skilled in Urban Planning and Development, Community Engagement, Strategic Planning and Infrastructure, Project Design and Action Learning. Stephen has a strong research and innovation record on alternative forms of housing delivery and ownership, including a Churchill Fellowship, and senior governance roles in the community land trust and cohousing national bodies.
2:40-3:10pm	**Learning from System Designers** Speaker tbc Learn about ways of creating strategic design solutions that enable collaborative working. Challenging societal issues require bold approaches and carefully organised systems that can encourage participation across the board.
3.10-3.30pm	**Break & Online Networking**
3:30-4.10pm	**Green Knowledge Sharing** Speakers tbc Collaboration is the only way that we are going to be able to solve the climate emergency and smaller studios are well positioned to adopt new techniques. In this session, practices of various sizes will explore different tools of the trade, how to share knowledge with one another and when it's a good idea to engage with external expertise.
4:10-4:50pm	**Planning and Participatory design** Speakers include: - New Practice, Glasgow - Studio Polpo, Sheffield - Glass-House, London - DK-CM, London - Office Sian, London A series of built environment professionals will present case studies in rapid succession to reveal how participatory design can improve community engagement and unlock projects for planning. By working closely with key stakeholders at the earliest stages of the process, it is possible to create proposals that are welcomed by local people rather than rejected.
4:50pm	**Closing words** Creative Directors
6:30-8.00pm	London Social, 66 Portland Place

Wednesday 10 November – Joining Forces

2:00-2:10pm	**Welcome and Introduction** Creative Directors
2:10-2:50pm	**Academia + Practice** Speakers tbc

Architecture has a long-standing relationship between academia and practice. Design teaching has been used by many an emergent practice to ferment their design approach and supplement their income in their early years. For some this symbiosis remains fundamental throughout their careers, providing a space to develop and test approaches outside of routine commercial pressures. Similarly, research collaborations between academics and practitioners can yield new approaches that further the impact of the architecture sector more widely. This talk explores the practice / academia axis and considers how collaborations in this area can give practitioners working in both sectors a cutting edge.

2:50-3:10pm	**Break & Online Networking**
3:10-4:00pm	**Transitioning Sectors through Collaboration** Speakers include: Peter George, Meridian Water; more tbc

It's hard for architects to find opportunities in new sectors, especially when working for the public sector, where track record and a 'safe pair of hands' is usually valued above design innovation. So how have clients and larger practices been designing their procurement and project processes to foster and support the talents of smaller practices in new sectors?

4:00-4:40pm	**Empowering Practices to Punch Up** Speakers include: Collective Works, more tbc

Sole traders and micro practices cannot operate in isolation, working with others is essential. But you might not be ready to grow, so how do you level-up without the commitment? Learning to outsource tasks creates the freedom to uncover new and exciting opportunities. Trusting collaborators and consultants can transform a small project into a big idea that captures imagination and therefore more clients. A series of presentations will prove that small can be mighty.

4:40-4:45pm	**Closing Words** Creative Directors
6:30-8.00pm	Bristol Social

Thursday 11 November – Making Friends

2:00-2:10pm	**Welcome and Introduction** Creative Directors
2:10-2:55pm	**Teamwork to Make the Dream Work** Speakers include Dinah Bornat, ZCD; more tbc The era of the 'hero' architect is drawing to a close, with competitions and frameworks dominated by teams that harness the best of big and small. What is the experience of the smaller practice joining a much larger team? What are the benefits and what are the pitfalls? Small practices reveal all.
2:55-3:15pm	**Break & Online Networking**
3:15-3:45pm	**Digital Collaborative Design Tools for SMEs** Speakers include Clare Nash, Clare Nash Architecture; more tbc The pandemic forced us all to address the technology that was already at our fingertips. Many of the meetings and workshops that were dependent on face-to-face gatherings are now being conducted via digital platforms but designing collaboratively online remains a challenge. This show-and-tell format event will reveal some of the tools of the trade from architects of different scales.
3:45-4:30pm	**How to set up a Collective of Architects** Speakers from: - London Architecture Group - ACAN - Paradigm Network Never before has there been so many collectives within the architectural profession. These self-initiated groups are able to achieve so much more together than apart. But how does one go about setting up such a group? Hear from different such organisations and ask questions during this informal setting.
4:30-4:35pm	**Closing Words** Creative Directors
6:30-8:00pm	Northern Social

Friday 12 November – Practice Speed Mentoring

12:30-2:00pm   **Practice Speed Mentoring**
Online

To be launched in early October, communications will go out to registered delegates