
Regionally Elected Candidate RSUA

Jane Larmour

- a. **Nominated by:** Joan Mary McCoy, Saul Manuel Golden, Alastair William Hall, Clare Mulholland, Aidan Martin McGrath, Paul Crowe, Kieran Michael McGonigle
- b. **Name and Address of Practice:** ARIGHO LARMOUR
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- c. **Position/title:** Director
- d. **Qualifications:** BSc Architecture, BArch, ARB, RIBA, RSUA, MRIAI



Election Statement:

What I stand for...

I believe that architects and architecture add value to society.

In my role as Chair of the RSUA Value of An Architect Sub-Group I am involved in working to define what that value is, to engage the wider public and communicate the range of our contribution on behalf of all architects.

As director of a small emerging practice, I am committed to ensuring the concerns of small regional practice are represented through my role on RSUA Council. I believe the needs of small regional practice should also be represented on RIBA Council in addition to those of more established practice.

As an educator I believe in supporting the next generation of architects and in the importance of practice and education working together to improve the transition from education to practice, ensuring the needs of both graduates and practice are acknowledged.

As a region we do not have access to much of the essential CPD provided by RIBA - I will work to improve the member offer by seeking ways in which we can access this vital resource better.

Who I am...

Director and Co-founder of Arigho Larmour Wheeler Architects, a cross-border RIBA and RIAI Chartered practice with studios in Belfast and Dublin. Previous practice includes Hall McKnight, Belfast and O'Donnell & Tuomey, Dublin. I studied at QUB and UCD.

I actively engage in outreach beyond the profession to promote the value of an architect to wider society through talks (Belfast Design Week), exhibitions (representing architecture at the Irish Embassy, London 2018) and contribution to local media (newspaper articles, interviews, podcasts) with the aim of making architects more visible and approachable.

I have taught architecture since 2009. Currently Lecturer (Education) in Architecture (part-time) at QUB, where I co-run a Masters Studio.

Regionally Elected Candidate RIAS North

Fraser Middleton

- a. **Nominated by:** Rodger J H Brunton, Iain D S McLachlan, David Chouman, Gordon Smith, Sholto Humphries, Alan Macdonald, Christine Palmer
- b. **Name and Address of Practice:** ARKTX Chartered Architects, 187 Strathmartine Road, Dundee
- c. **Position/title:** Director/Chartered Architect/Town and Country Planner
- d. **Qualifications:** B.Arch(hons), MA Town and Country Planning



Election Statement:

Fraser Middleton FRIAS RIBA B.Arch (hons) MA Town and Country Planning

Fraser has represented RIAS North on RIBA Council since 2016 and seeks re-election in order to reinforce the work carried out to date. Fraser has represented members views vociferously and has successfully protected the Scottish voting rights on RIBA Council when other regions have lost representation. Fraser was unanimously supported by RIAS Council to continue this role. Fraser respects open and transparent decision making.

Fraser was raised in Dundee before qualifying as an architectural technician with 'Robbie and Wellwood', Broughty Ferry. A BSc Environmental Science and B.Arch (hons) were subsequently achieved at Duncan of Jordanstone College of Art, University of Dundee. During this time Fraser was recognised with the 'Grampian Television Award',

'Robertson Prize for Archaeology' and the prestigious 'RIAS Thomas Ross Award' for studies into luminary architect James Marjoribanks MacLaren. These studies were further expanded by qualifying in 2013 with an MA Town and Country Planning.

Following spells at 'Nicoll Russell Studios' and 'James F Stephen Architects' Fraser joined 'Fife Council' winning the 'Scottish Housing & Environmental Innovation Award' in collaboration with 'Kingdom Housing Association'. Burntisland Leisure Pool and an expansion of Fife Council schools (PFI and PPP) estate expanded his portfolio. Fraser founded 'ARKTX' in 2000 and has continued to develop this multi-disciplinary practice. Fraser has lectured at Scottish Police College, supporting Force ALO's (Police Scotland, Garda, Military Police) and at University of Dundee.

A Past President and current Secretary of 'Dundee Institute of Architects' and a current Council member of the RIAS Fraser also serves on the RIAS Planning committee.

In his limited spare time he is a keen swimmer and cyclist. As he was born, brought up, educated, further educated and works Dundee he also enjoys travelling with his family.

Regionally Elected Candidate RIBA East

Andrew Claiborne

- a. **Nominated by:** Thomas John Foggin, David Philip Edward Adams, Bryan Wybrow, Peter Lawrence Messenger, Roger Clifford Shrimplin, Terence George Vanner, Jerene Robyn Irwin
- b. **Name and Address of Practice:** Consultant and Expert Witness (Design and Heritage), Colne House, 23 West Street, Wivenhoe, Essex
- c. **Position/title:** Consultant and Expert Witness (Design and Heritage)
- d. **Qualifications:** Dipl Arch (Hons) FFB ARB RIBA



Election Statement:

It is important that members from the regions and practices are represented on RIBA Council, providing an opportunity to voice issues that are important to the region and in particular smaller practices which make up the majority of architecture firms throughout the UK. There is also a need for schools of architecture and students within our region to be heard.

As an architect with extensive knowledge in the practice of architecture within both larger and smaller architecture firms, together with my experience as Head of School of one of the various schools of architecture within our region, I believe I have a good understanding of the issues facing members, architecture practice, and the education of future architects which I would be pleased to represent.

Creating a quality environment is about teamwork, involving all those involved in the construction of buildings and places, and the conservation of our heritage. I have always promoted this concept through my teaching, practice and chairmanship of various professional bodies.

I have been teaching architecture and working within the built environment for over 35 years - a registered architect and corporate member of the Royal Institute of British Architects. My professional interests include the appreciation of design quality in architecture, urban design and historic building conservation. I am also a Fellow of the Forum for the Built Environment, promoting the understanding of the expertise and appreciation of other built environment professionals which is an essential element of multi-disciplinary teams. I contribute to the examination of those who wish to become a qualified architect at both the Architects Registration Board and Westminster University. My consultancy work has covered public and local planning inquiries for the private, corporate and local authorities, and have acted as an expert witness on planning matters relating to design and heritage.

Regionally Elected Candidate RIBA East

Jon Greenfield

- a. **Nominated by:** Anthony Polansky, Dan Towers, Tom Foggin, Paulo Mendes, Barry Andrews, Robert Black, Chris Murch
- b. **Name and Address of Practice:** HAMSON BARRON SMITH
- c. **Position/title:** Operations Director: Architecture
- d. **Qualifications:** BA(Hons) BArch RIBA



Election Statement:

Architects are the only construction professionals whose mission is to create a rich, coherent and resonant physical environment. We have the vision to shape the future, and the skills to deliver it. As guardian of the profession, I believe that the RIBA plays a central role in promoting these vital aims, and provides architects with the support they need in practice. On the RIBA Council I will be add my energy to this mission.

I have worked in the East of England for the last fourteen years, and have helped to promote the position of architects and architectural practice at RIBA Branch and Regional level. I was Branch Chair in Norwich from 2011 to 2013 and Regional Chair (RIBA East) from 2013 to 2015.

Since qualifying in the mid 1980's I have experienced many different ways of practicing architecture. I have worked in a large commercial office, a small, design-led studio, a militia-discipline design environment with graphic and industrial designers and I set up and ran my own practice in Central London. I am now a Senior Director in a multi-discipline company that has studios in four locations in the UK, and employs over 80 construction professionals, twenty-five of whom are in our architectural studios. Our work focusses on community-led projects and sustainable living.

My greatest concern after more than three decades in practice has been the diminishing professional standing of architects, our reduction in influence and our concession to other professionals, who have taken over many aspects that were considered to be the architect's role when I first qualified. As a member of the RIBA Council I aim help architects regain their position as thought leaders, and to become a strong voice supporting architects in practice.

I know and understand the needs of architects who practice in the East of England and I want to ensure that their voice is heard at the RIBA's 'top table'.

Regionally Elected Candidate RIBA South

Mark Benzie

- a. **Nominated by:** Andy Ramus, Claire Doble, Dominic Gaunt, Laura Battersby, Jeremy Tyrell, Tony Blunn, John-Paul Rogers
- b. **Name and Address of Practice:** C3 Design Ltd, Winchester
- c. **Position/title:** Director
- d. **Qualifications:** BSc Hons, Dip Arch, Dip Law



Election Statement:

I believe the RIBA should provide more of an offering for the regions. In Hampshire we are fortunate to have a thriving local chapter. However, there is always room for improvement and for the best practice from each branch to be more widely shared.

I advocate improved sharing of best practice and the creation of event toolkits so member's initiatives can be shared across chapters. All too often an excellent local initiative fails to get wider exposure and therefore does not achieve its potential to the benefit members.

The RIBA could generate a lot of additional value to members from sharing this knowledge and, at very little cost, improve the local offering across many regions.

In Winchester I have established a small practice group to support small and sole practitioners. This has quickly grown to include free CPD usually available to larger offices. With a bit of support (and funding) this could easily grow to many more locations, improve networking and reduce the isolation that can be felt in small practice.

There is a huge amount of enthusiasm and effort going into promoting architecture at a grassroots level. The RIBA should have a mechanism to support and encourage members initiatives.

Regionally Elected Candidate RIBA South

Mark Shipton

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- c. **Position/title:** Partner - BA (Hons), Dipl Arch, IMaPS
- d. **Qualifications:** Dipl Arch (Hons) FFB ARB RIBA



Election Statement:

Creation and promotion of exceptional place-making has always been a key focus of architecture. The RIBA has been supporting this through many of its activities, from the micro to the macro.

Having been involved with the RIBA initially as a student member, then at local Branch level, through to Southern Region chair, it has shown to me how important those first connections can be. I still recall the valuable input I received from a mentoring scheme whilst at University myself!

A few of the key issues that I wish to champion include:

- Mentoring/knowledge sharing (students and Practices)
- Regional Awareness
- Broaden the representation of the RIBA at local level

The Southern Region is fortunate in having such a large number and range of diverse Architects and Practices within it, and we need to be represented at Council level so that our collective Regional voice can be heard. Having that connection with the Southern Region, I feel I can be more representative of the wider membership.

I thank you for your support.