

Seminar programme

Chair's opening remarks

Helen Castle, publishing director, RIBA

RIBA Author Talk: Radical Housing

Caroline Dove, partner, HTA

Class leading soundproof ceiling performance with minimum height loss

Ben Hancock, managing director, Oscar Acoustics

Case study: Linn Walk, Garelochead – a Passivhoos approach

Matt Bridgestock, director and architect, John Gilbert Architects

Refreshment break / interlude

Case study: From Bespoke to Modular – KA-A's St Mary's Mews (Mountbatten Court) and A.F.R.O. House Concept, London

Kristofer Adelaide, director, Kristofer Adelaide Architecture (KA-A Studios)

From the Boulevards of Paris to the Shipyards of the Tyne

Jonathan Lowy, operational marketing manager, VMZINC

Case study: Laureates Place, Saddleworth

Deramore Hutchcraft, partner, AKACommunity

The Evolution of the Brick Soffit

Irina Hughes and Robert Saunders, design advisors, Ibstock

Case study: Wallis Fields, Maidstone, Kent

David de Sousa, director, AHR







Speaker biographies



KRISTOFER ADELAIDE Director Kristofer Adelaide Architecture (KA-A)

Kristofer Adelaide Architecture (KA-A) is a young BAME led practice based in South London. KA-A employs a diverse team of ARB registered architects, designers, architectural assistants and a BIM coordinator. KA-A has an excellent record of obtaining difficult planning consents and delivering projects across London and the South East. These vary from small extensions in conservation areas to new build, multi-unit developer led schemes which can be attributed to their rigorous pre-planning process.

KA-A is a signatory of both the RIBA 2030 Climate Challenge and Architects Declare which focus on the twin crises of climate breakdown and biodiversity loss. KA-A incorporates sustainability into all its work, including design of buildings, local economic factors, circular use of materials, travel and ways of working. KA-A is an active member of RIBA, London Architects Group and the Paradigm network promoting BAME representation in the built environment.



MATT BRIDGESTOCK Director and architect John Gilbert Architects

Matt is an experienced practitioner who has led innovative architectural and planning projects. He has worked on projects from rural housing design to inner city housing and urban regeneration. Current projects include more than 150 homes for affordable rent across Scotland and Northern England, larger scale social housing to Passivhaus Standard and is assisting a number of school and leisure projects on achieving Passivhaus Standard across the UK. Matt initiated the award winning Hab-Lab building performance service and launched a new initiative, Passivhoos, aiming to bring Passivhaus Standard performance to social housing budgets.



HELEN CASTLE Publishing director RIBA

Helen oversees The RIBA Journal, book publishing and retail. For 18 years she edited Architectural Design (AD). She was also executive editor of the Global Architecture publishing programme at Wiley, overseeing the US and UK lists. Before taking on RIBA Publishing she was head of RIBA Professional Programmes. She has a BA in the History of Art and Architecture from the University of East Anglia and an MSc from The Bartlett (UCL) in the History of Modern Architecture. She writes and talks regularly at events and schools of architecture.



DAVID DE SOUSA Director AHR

David de Sousa is an architect and director at AHR. David has over 20 years of expertise in designing and delivering residential and mixed-use sites across the UK. Much of his work requires the unlocking of difficult sites; balancing both design, economic and social needs and taking these through complex planning and urban design challenges. An industry leader in residential MMC with a diverse-skill set, David has led projects for local authorities, housing associations and private developers. He has won and been shortlisted in several high profile architectural and urban regeneration competitions and has completed numerous award-winning developments, these include Wallis Fields, St Mary's Island and Upton Village.



CAROLINE DOVE Partner HTA

Caroline Dove is an architect and partner of HTA Design LLP, with over 30 years' experience collaborating with communities to design sustainable places to live. She leads multi-disciplinary teams responsible for designing and delivering a wide range of community-led regeneration and refurbishment projects, multi-generational and later life living, custom-build housing, and local authority housebuilding programmes. With a keen interest in supporting learning and development for HTA and communities where they work, she is an Ambassador for Blueprint for All, and is part of the Trailblazer Group which has established apprenticeships in architecture.

Caroline is the author of 'Radical Housing:

Designing Multi-generational and Co-living
Housing for all'.



BEN HANCOCK Managing director Oscar Acoustics

Ben Hancock is involved in all parts of the business. With a design background, an eye for detail and extensive product knowledge, he has assisted architects and contractors in bringing concepts and designs to fruition whilst building lasting relationships. Past projects include Warner Bros Film Studios & Harry Potter Studio Tour, Blavatnik School of Government, Hampton Court Palace, Tate Modern, Britain & St. Ives.



IRINA HUGHES Design advisor Ibstock

Since gaining a BSc degree in Architectural Technology and Innovation nearly 20 years ago, Irina has predominantly worked as an Architectural Technician for an award winning commercial architectural practise based in the Midlands. She has gained knowledge and experience in the housing sector before moving to Ibstock as a CAD Designer in 2017 where she gained essential brick and 'specials' knowledge before progressing to becoming a design advisor. With her assistance, the role and the design advisory team has evolved over the last year, bringing new façade systems and topics to the forefront, while maintaining the core values of providing design and technical knowledge to the architectural and construction community.



DERAMORE HUTCHCRAFT Partner AKACommunity

Deramore's experiences are drawn from many years at Squire and Partners, Birds Portchmouth Russum Architects, Archi-Union Architects, as well as being a partner at AKAcommunity, delivering numerous self-build homes and communities. He has had the opportunity to be involved in every step of the building process from instigating projects, such as Laureates Place, procuring potential clients, taking projects from initial concept design through to planning. Additionally, he assisted Dr Philip Yuan teaching at the highly acclaimed Tongji University on his Masters in Architecture Theory of Diagramming.



JONATHAN LOWY
Operational marketing manager
VMZINC

Jonathan has over 23 years experience working with VMZINC. Having operated in both technical and sales positions in three different countries he has an excellent understanding of not only the market needs but also the technical possibilities of zinc as a roofing and cladding material. Jonathan has also been involved in technical certifications whether that be. Environmental Profile Declarations or technical systems certifications such as BBA certificates. Much of this knowledge has been used to write technical literature aimed both at architects and installers. Before joining VMZINC, Jonathan worked as a land surveyor in Paris, ironically spending quite a lot of time on the zinc roof tops of Paris! Jonathan graduated from Nottingham Trent University in Construction Management in 1990.



ROBERT SAUNDERS Design advisor Ibstock

Robert joined Ibstock in 2019 as a designer advisor, covering the North and East Midlands region for Ibstock's renowned design advisory team. Having studied a BA (Hons) in Product Design at Sheffield Hallam University, Robert has spent the last 7 years within the construction industry. The product knowledge and design principles Robert has gained during his career allowed him to play a key role in the development of Ibstock's new mechanically fixed brick soffit system, Nexus XI, launched in 2020. Robert has worked on a number of prestigious projects over the last 7 years. naming just a few: Hendricks Gin Palace & Distillery (Michael Laird Architects), DNRC Defence National Rehabilitation Centre (John Simpson Architects). Wellington House (MATT architecture).





