

LI Election 2021

Advisory Council Ordinary Member Candidates

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Advisory Council Ordinary Member Candidate:

Nicola Phillips CMLI



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Candidate Statement:

I believe as landscape architects we will be leaders in the green recovery. We are the artists and social scientists who can address the climate and biodiversity emergencies, and carry the responsibility of educating future landscape practitioners in changing established relationships between people, place and nature.

I would support the delivery of the LI Corporate Strategy by highlighting the need to inspire the next generation of landscape architects and supporting the increase of access to landscape education. One of the strategic visions of the LI Corporate Strategy is to be responsive to major social change; the pandemic being the most recent. The LI must respond to the challenges of social, racial and gender-based inequality and I would be an advocate for this on Council.

In a recent interview with the BBC I publicly raised the issue of how caring inequalities have disproportionately affected female practitioners during lockdown, not just landscape architects but the construction industry as a whole. I represent the cohort of young female landscape architects currently juggling their career, passion for landscape and their family. I would like the LI to push forward with change on this matter, promoting flexible working for its members and highlighting our

ability to achieve great things through a modern and flexible approach to the workplace, and providing support and guidance when its needed.

If elected to Council I promise to be a champion for the diverse and unique members we have, and for our future members.

Advisory Council Ordinary Member Candidate: Matthew Bradbury FLI



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Candidate Statement:

I am a passionate landscape/parks & greenspaces professional with my considerable governance experience in public, private and third sector organisations.

In my role as CEO of Nene Park Trust, as Chair of the Parks Alliance for the last six years and as Vice Chair of the Broads Authority, I promote the value and importance of people, place and nature. Covid has served to highlight these considerable benefits for us all.

I offer experience (of working with government and industry) - and my support through leading debate and influencing regionally/nationally - and at the same time using real, hyperlocal examples of the value that landscape professionals bring to people and the environment.

I am keen to share my knowledge and empower others through developing skills and leadership. I am passionate about ensuring the parks and greenspace sector are well equipped for the future; one that will require new and different skills. I would also seek to support a greater LI focus on newer challenges, such as EDI, Digital and the Climate Emergency.

As a Chair, Director, CEO and Trustee, I have accumulated considerable experience in governance, including undertaking a governance review of a large membership organisation. I would apply that experience in the LI, ensuring accountability, providing an informed oversight and in supporting the review of the LI's Strategy and plans.

I am delighted to offer my commitment to the LI in the interests of supporting the membership and supporting the success and impact of an increasingly important and relevant organisation.

Current membership of any other organisations:

Broads Authority (National Park) - Member and Vice Chair

The Parks Alliance (Chair)

British Mountaineering Council

The Wildlife Trust

National Trust

RHS

British Cycling

British Canoeing

Institute of Directors

Advisory Council Ordinary Member Candidate:

Wing Lai CMLI



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Candidate Statement:

As a former LI Council Member, I hold a broad range of experience for the landscape sector, and have been tirelessly meeting the needs of the collective membership and beyond. I stand on many LI committees looking at how we can effectively meet the needs of the organisation and most importantly the needs of the membership. Whilst I am a relatively young member on council, I have been a contributor and leader in various LI committees over the past 15 years tackling many different issues within the industry. Some of these include championing diversity and inclusion, looking at how P2C could be streamlined for both mentors and candidates, and also how we can best manage existing policies and workstreams using technology to help integrate the organisation which enable better membership engagement and collectively a better professional body for its members.

My sector is international large scale projects. My years of work with my regional LI Branch together with my strategic involvement at Advisory Council level provide a balance between understanding local and national needs. I am prepared to ask difficult questions, and I will aim to leave no stone unturned in order to best meet the needs of the membership and beyond. My next target will be to take #Chooselandscape as a tool to promote the industry beyond what we think it could be. I believe that nothing is impossible to achieve with enough perseverance and as a post pandemic industry in fighting climate change. The opportunity is there.

Advisory Council Ordinary Member Candidate: Michele Lavelle CMLI



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Candidate Statement:

We have an interesting profession in which the skills required are wide ranging and often crossover with that of other disciplines with whom we have to liaise.

Architects and engineers are often appointed on projects long before landscape architects are involved and consider themselves capable of masterplanning. I believe that we can do it better because we understand how to pull together all of the elements from ground conditions, levels, hardscape, drainage, arboriculture and ecology.

There appears to be a weakness in our profession with regard to softscape planning and it is an element that I would like to bring back to the forefront of the profession. It is after all the one aspect that is unique to our profession.

As landscape architects we should have the skill to:

- prepare competent planting plans
- produce realistic plant schedules in line with commercial availability
- have consideration for both short and long term maintenance

I taught the Art of Softscape Planning for five years and equipped many students with a basic ability and the knowledge to develop their planting skills. I would like to promote greater interaction and understanding between the LI, landscape contractors, nursery suppliers, client maintenance strategies, other disciplines and advise on policy. We can learn a lot from each other and improve competence within our profession.

Landscape Architecture requires a deep understanding of natural context, designing for climate change mitigation and delight.

We have the ability to make spaces that make people feel special, now and far into the future...

Current membership of any other organisations:

Bristol City Council's Urban Design Forum

TDAG (Trees and Design Action Group)

Bristol City Council's Tree Forum

Panel member for SWRDA Creating Excellence

Design West Review Panel

Advisory Council Ordinary Member Candidate: Charlotte Cottingham CMLI



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I offer wide-ranging, public sector landscape architecture and planning experience to influence standards and inspire. Now based in the south east, managing development projects, I designed public realm, managed parks teams, maintained public estates and advised on minerals, forestry and arboriculture in the north east and Scotland. I bring resilient landscape approaches into development in my current regeneration role in the south east.

As an Advisory Council member, I will use my knowledge and passion to provide natural, social and economic landscape advocacy. I will continue to promote quality place-making and green infrastructure, as I have through development project management, masterplanning, regeneration and collaborative policy work.

I will use my core public engagement capabilities - honed through historic park restoration and colliery village regeneration, neighbourhood planning and environmental policy input. I will continue to bring people together, find common ground and increase engagement through mentoring, school talks and 'human libraries'. As LINE chair I collaborated to deliver regional, multi-professional debate and spoke to LI values. As regional Arboricultural Association chair, regional RTPi committee member,

NEDRES panel member and Design Council Expert, I have promoted practice excellence. I will continue to seek productive exchanges across environment sectors.

I hope to influence public debate and help existing and new LI policies to focus on health and well-being, diversity, resilience and response to change. I will continue to work collaboratively with government and other agencies to encourage a holistic landscape-led approach to design and management.

Current membership of any other organisations:

- RTPI (Associate)
- RHS (lifetime member)
- National Trust (annual subscription) and
- have current role as Design Council Expert

Advisory Council Ordinary Member Candidate: Daniel Smith CMLI



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Candidate Statement:

1.

I think we all live and deliver the LI core values to some degree through work and in our personal lives. I'm passionate about promoting the profession with anyone who shows an interest (and those who don't). I'm a P2C Mentor and believe in sharing knowledge, skills and providing junior members with the empowerment to grow in the profession. I previously stood on council as Licentiate and would love to get involved and share ideas as a CMLI. Whilst the industry is well placed to respond to a climate emergency, we still have a long way to go to raise the profile, better inform clients, lead from the beginning and be recognised as the go to for environmentally focused, collaborative and sustainable project outcomes. I'm keen to support the LI in raising the profile.

2.

As a chartered Landscape Architect & urban designer with 16+ years' experience, my core work is public realm design in the UK, Middle East and beyond. The diversity of working in different climates, cultural and economic settings has enabled me to see international trends, witness regional differences, and identify commonality from small projects to giga scale. Biodiversity, climate resilience, shade, water security and food security are top priorities in the Middle East, and this

provides a great testbed for new ideas, innovation, and materiality to bring back to the UK. My international experience provides valuable insight on what others are doing around the globe and finding ways to translate this to the UK community.

Current membership of any other organisations:

Urban Design Group

Streets For Trees

IFLA

Advisory Council Ordinary Member Candidate:
Nathan James Edwards CMLI



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My company is a signatory to the UK Landscape Architects Declare Climate & Biodiversity Emergency. Building climate resilience, advocating biodiversity enhancement, democratising the design process and promoting environmental education are at the core of what drives my passion for the Landscape profession.

In my opinion, the strategy threads of influence, relevance and inclusive growth all stem from education. The education of our prospective members, our children and students, the LI's current members, our clients, and other professionals within the built environment.

As a member of the LI Council, I would want to support the LI's members to develop specific skills in environmental advocacy; for example, through training, networking, and professional encouragement to actively promote the value of landscape.

In a digital environment where there is almost limitless information and debate regarding climate change and social injustice, I want to help the LI draw together and distil core messages in a manner that is accessible and which empowers us all to act accordingly, and now. Sustainability should be promoted as a core value throughout every aspect of the profession and in my opinion, this action should begin with the LI supporting its members to make sustainable decisions within their workplace

and practice.

Skills:

Educator
Landscape Strategist
Creative
Place Maker
Landscape Advocate
Diplomatic
Considerate
Collaborator

Experience:

20 years as a Landscape Architect - small practice through to multi-national company.
Project experience across a range of sectors and at a range of scales from individual buildings through to new sustainable settlements.
PRG chair - University of Sheffield
Regular mentor on The Pathway

Current membership of any other organisations:

Managing Director of Urban Wilderness Ltd
National Trust
Yorkshire Wildlife Trust
RHS
Woodland Trust
RSPB
World Wildlife Fund
Friends of Bolehill Wood
Founding member of the Woodseats Community Garden (Sheffield)

Advisory Council Ordinary Member Candidate:

Diana Ispas CMLI



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Candidate Statement:

As a corporate member on the Advisory Council my aim is to support Landscape Institute's mission to lead and inspire the profession and ensure it continues to serve its purpose for the benefit of people, places and nature.

In the last two years of volunteering as a member of LI's Advisory Council I have further developed my networking skills, I have deepened industry knowledge and supported developing strategies and guiding plans for professional standards.

In my next mandate, I will actively and positively support the professional development of members by promoting the European Landscape Convention and encouraging a collaborative approach with related disciplines by using my strong liaison and communication skills.

I will be a role model in promoting diversity and inclusion. I will support the growth of the profession ensuring that we stay relevant by updating our offer based on the market insight and advocating the need to collaborate for topics like sustainability and climate change.

I will be an enthusiastic champion of the profession and will engage with future generations to inspire

them to choose Landscape Architecture as a career. Being on the Advisory Council will enable me to further support and value the Landscape Institute's volunteers and employees.

I can only achieve this with your vote so, please, support me in the LI elections. If you decide to vote for me you will be choosing an honest, passionate and caring leader who will always act with selflessness and integrity in supporting the Landscape Institute.

Current membership of any other organisations:

Trees and Design Action Group

Advisory Council Ordinary Member Candidate:

David Appleton CMLI

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Candidate Statement:

Skills and experience

I am a Chartered Landscape Architect with many years of professional experience spanning Local Government, Education and Private Practice. I have served as the Chairman of the North West Landscape Group, Chair of the Schools Visiting panel, Chair of the Institute Education Committee, and a former member of Council. I am therefore well versed in the running of the Institute and have a keen interest in how it operates. As a Director of a long standing and successful professional landscape practice I am familiar with business management and accounting practices. Given the unfortunate state of the Institutes finances as set out in last year's accounts, I consider that this experience would be of advantage were I to be elected as a member of Council.

Delivery of the LI Corporate Strategy

The Corporate Strategy and core values are surely one and the same. The Strategy must embrace shared values otherwise it serves no purpose. There are three strategic goals, firstly to raise the profile of the profession, secondly to empower the membership and future proof the profession and thirdly to achieve inclusive growth. In respect of the first, as a priority we should be focussing on decision makers, in terms of the second, CPD should be directly relevant to practice, and more use should be made of accredited courses. For the third, inclusion including broadening the profession should not be at the risk of lowering entry standards or by offering membership to the great and the good.

Current membership of any other organisations:

Arboricultural Association

Shropshire Wildlife Trust

National Trust