

LI Election 2021 Advisory Council Candidate:

Nathan James Edwards CMLI



All candidates are required to provide a manifesto/candidate statement of no more than 250 words that must address the 2 questions below

- 1 How would you support delivery of the LI corporate strategy whilst living the LI core values?
- 2 Please summarise your skills and experience relevant to the role for which you are standing

Candidate Statement:

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)