

# LI Election 2021 Advisory Council Candidate:

Nicola Phillips 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:

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.