

College of Fellows Convenor Election 2021 Candidate: Adam White FLI PPLI

All candidates are required to provide a candidate statement that will be made available to members online and may be accompanied by a photograph. Your statement may not exceed 500 words and should outline how you would deliver the Terms of Reference with particular reference to your ability to convene members, organise meetings, chair those meetings, be a reputational face for the College, promote Fellowship and facilitate discourse within and beyond the College.



Candidate Statement:

For those of you that don't know me I am a chartered landscape architect, director at Davies White Ltd and the Immediate Past President of the Landscape Institute. I see this new role as Convenor of the College of Fellows as the perfect vehicle for me to stay involved and build upon my legacy as President of the Landscape Institute.

This is a short film capturing my highlights as President: <https://vimeo.com/436188000/295a2d724f>

I was honoured to be President between 2018 and 2020. An inspiring journey where we recognised the climate and biodiversity emergency, celebrated our 90th Anniversary which included welcoming Sir David Attenborough as an Honorary Fellow, created new pathways to becoming a landscape practitioner and developed stronger relationships with other professional and industry bodies. #ChooseLandscape was also a major focus for me, helping to inspire young and old alike to consider becoming Landscape Practitioners, to widen our professional influence and diversity.

I was also privileged to represent the Landscape Institute at over 50 events to raise the profile and represent the Landscape Institute and its membership. I was also able to engage my mission for bringing landscape architecture, horticulture and garden design back closer together.

One of my key priorities as President was to broaden the profession, making us a home for all who practice in the landscape sector. I led the drive to actively seek accomplished industry leaders and experts with significant experience to join our profession. Their diverse skills span urban design, garden design, horticulture, landscape construction, education, landscape science, parks management, landscape policy and regulation, as well as our largest fields of practice: landscape architecture and landscape planning.

I am delighted that our College of Fellows now includes a really impressive list of industry leaders from a diverse range of disciplines and locations who I know are willing to champion our response to today's most important issues – including climate, biodiversity, and inclusion – and to help attract the next generation to this profession.

As Fellow's Convener it's great opportunity to work with past presidents, fellows (and members) to create a stronger profession. As custodians of the profession's knowledge, we need more professional and academic debate, greater input LI policy and our Fellows should become ambassadors of the LI.

There are many ways the Fellows can contribute to the profession and I see two priorities are to help promote the profession to the next generation as #ChooseLandscape Ambassadors and also proactively help tackle the climate crisis and biodiversity emergency. It is vital that when looking back, we are certain that our actions have indeed worked to better safeguard life of all kinds on this planet – not just for now, but for the future too.

If you like this, please vote for me as FLI Convener. Many thanks, Adam