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Chair's opening remarks

Ruth Slavid, architectural writer, editor and consultant

Case study: Brick Lane Housing, Tower Hamlets

David Ogunmuyiwa, Partner, ArchitectureDoingPlace

How might we 'do things differently and better'?

Julia Park, Head of Housing Research, Levitt Bernstein

Refreshment break / interlude

Case study: Linden Farm Autism Supported Living

Kate McGechan, Associate and Project Architect of Linden Farm, Haverstock

The Real Value of Space – Private Rental Domestic

Karen Jones, Residential Development Manager, Kingspan

Chair's closing remarks and close



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Speaker biographies



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.'



KAREN JONES
Residential Development
Manager, Kingspan

Karen is the Residential Development Manager for Kingspan Insulation, focusing on long term strategy for developing products and services into the residential market. She has been working in the construction industry for over 20 years, involved as a Contractor, Manufacturer and Distributor. Much of her work has been to understand the links between the different supply chain members and how best to collaborate in order to achieve the most suitable outcome for the build.



KATE MCGECHAN
Associate and project architect
of Linden Farm, Haverstock

Kate joined the practice in 2005 and she has considerable experience working in housing of all scales and education projects. She was the project architect of Linden Farm, which has been shortlist for a RIBA award 2020. Kate's experience and commitment to the principle of designing socially inclusive environments are evident in many of her projects. She strives to seek design solutions to support communities and families. Kate is passionate about how architects can and should be actively involved in addressing issues of access and inclusion in the built environment. She is an active member of the Access Association, has achieved NRAC (Access) Consultant accreditation and is a member of LDLC's Built Environment Access Panel. Kate recently completed Linden Farm, which is a supported living development of ten homes, designed to provide an exemplar home environment for young adults with autism and high support needs. The primary vision of the brief was to create a nurturing and person centred setting that also forms an integral part of the local community. A strong objective was that the development is in no way institutional in feel or aesthetics yet enables the assistance of supported living care.



DAVID OGUNMUYIWA
Partner,
ArchitectureDoingPlace

David runs emerging architecture and urban design practice, ArchitectureDoingPlace. Of the 39,000 registered architects in the UK, David is unique in having worked as a frontline social housing officer in some of London's toughest areas before retraining as an architect, playing pivotal roles on multi award-winning schemes. ArchitectureDoingPlace specialises in social housing and arts projects. David combines practice with teaching architecture and has taught at Portsmouth University, Central Saint Martins, University of the Arts London and the Stephen Lawrence Charitable Trust. He holds a number of strategic advisory roles, using his expertise to contribute to architecture, urban design and housing policy across London and the UK. These roles include as a Mayor's Design Advocate for London and member of Historic England's Expert Advisory Group focusing on adaptive reuse of historic assets.



JULIA PARK
Head of Housing Research,
Levitt Bernstein

Julia Park is an Architect and Head of Housing Research at Levitt Bernstein. As Mayor's Design Advocate for London and former Chair of the RIBA Housing Group, she is an important voice for the profession engaging in discussions with government on housing policy, campaigning for better, more affordable housing. A columnist for Building Design, she has also co-written a significant book for RIBA Publishing, Age-Friendly Housing: Future design for older people.



RUTH SLAVID
Architectural writer,
editor and consultant

Ruth Slavid is a freelance architectural writer, editor and consultant. Since becoming freelance in October 2008, she has written for a wide range of magazines and organisations about architecture, landscape, construction and lighting. She is the author of seven books on architecture. Ruth worked for The Architects' Journal for 15 years. She has a degree in metallurgy and materials science from the University of Cambridge.