

## Seminar programme

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### Chair's opening remarks

Jan-Carlos Kucharek, editor, PiP and assistant editor, RIBA J

### The Handbook to Building a Circular Economy

David Cheshire, director, AECOM and author, Building Revolutions and Handbook to Building a Circular Economy

### RIBA Climate Challenge 2030 – Engagement for change: calculation, conventions and achieving results

Martyn Randall MCIQB, Xtratherm specification manager – south, Xtratherm

### Case study: Ecclestone Yards

Rachael Owens, head of sustainability, Buckley, Gray, Yeoman

### Resource-saving GROHE 3D printed brassware in world's largest underwater restaurant

Patrick Speck, leader, LIXIL global design, EMENA and Luke Forster, specification manager, Grohe UK

### Refreshment and stretching break

### Case study: Stonecrop

Sarah Featherstone, architect and co-director, Featherstone Young

### The union of environmental responsibility and life lived around appliances

David Woollcott, managing director, Fisher & Paykel UK & Europe

### Case study: Sara Cultural Centre, Skellefteå

Robert Schmitz, architect, partner and director of competitions, White Arkitekter Stockholm

### Chair's closing remarks

Design for Sustainability  
Tuesday 7 December 2021  
9.00am - 11.30am

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# Speaker biographies

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**DAVID CHESHIRE**  
Director & author  
AECOM

David Cheshire is a Director at AECOM, specialising in sustainability in the built environment. David is the author of Building Revolutions, a RIBA Publications book that explains how to apply the circular economy to the built environment. The hierarchy proposed in Building Revolutions is referenced in the latest London Plan consultation and he is currently working with the GLA to implement the Circular Economy Statement Guidance. David has just published a second edition titled a Handbook to Building a Circular economy, with new case studies and insights..



**SARAH FEATHERSTONE**  
Architect and co-director  
Featherstone Young

Sarah is an architect and co-Director of Featherstone Young, a practice with expertise in place-making and social engagement. She is also a member of VeloCity, an all-women, multidisciplinary team re-imagining the village for the 21st century, creating new homes and working environments in healthy and socially cohesive places. Her projects include the award winning Stonecrop, a new house in a village in Rutland and Ty Pawb (Everybody's House), a new model for an arts venue in Wrexham, Wales. Sarah currently teaches at Central St Martins, UAL and the Welsh School of Architecture. Her teaching and practice reflect her interest in the way people shape their environments and how architecture can stimulate, rather than dictate, activity and social interaction.



**MARTYN RANDALL**  
Specification manager  
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Martyn Randall MCIQB is the Specification Manager for the South of England. He's a Chartered Construction Manager and Construction Estimator and works closely with contractors, architects and specifiers to help them achieve their project goals. In his spare time, Martyn works with Ubuntu Wildlife Trust – a charitable organisation which he founded, dedicated to the conservation and preservation of habitats of biodiverse value and associated species in Southern Africa. Martyn also set up a community programme called The Secret Chef during the Covid-19 lockdowns in Whimple where he provided weekly hot meals to the vulnerable.



**DAVID WOOLLCOTT**  
Managing director  
Fisher & Paykel

David Woollcott is a globally experienced executive across the premium consumer goods and automotive industries in the UK, EU, Australia and New Zealand, with tertiary qualifications in both engineering (B.Eng, Bath) and business management (ADP, London Business School & Adv Dip. Bus, Deakin University). David is a passionate advocate of organisational and team development and, since joining Fisher & Paykel in 2017, he has firmly established the company as a leading luxury appliance brand in both the UK and Europe through creating more meaningful conversations about life lived around appliances. David has recently taken on a new role as Chair of the Sustainability Committee at AMDEA (Association of Manufacturers of Domestic Appliances) and is the founder of a concept not-for-profit called SaddleUp! – established at the beginning of the pandemic – which supports people recently made redundant.



**JAN-CARLOS KUCHAREK**  
Deputy editor RIBA J  
& editor PIP

Jan-Carlos is an architectural journalist and registered architect. He studied his part 1 at Canterbury College of Art and his architecture diploma at The Bartlett (UCL) and worked for five years at Foster + Partners. He took a part-time role at the RIBA J in 2004 and continued working freelance at Marks Barfield, Hudson Featherstone, David Morley and Fourthspace architects. He became editor of Products in Practice (PiP) in 2013 and deputy editor of RIBA J in 2021.



**RACHAEL OWEN**  
Head of Sustainability  
Buckley Gray Yeoman

Rachael Owens is an architect and Head of Sustainability at Buckley Gray Yeoman, she is also part of the Architects Climate Action Network where she co-coordinates the Embodied Carbon and Climate Literacy groups. Rachael also guest lectures at the University of East London, focusing on embodied carbon and adaptive reuse. She is one of the 2021 RIBA Journal Rising Stars, and has been commended for her work with ACAN campaigning to regulate embodied carbon, and at BGY producing key resources, embedding sustainable design protocols and promoting climate literacy.



**PATRICK SPECK** Leader LIXIL  
Global Design EMENA  
GROHE UK

Patrick Speck was born and studied in Brazil, graduating in Industrial Design from PUCPR – Pontifical Catholic University, Curitiba PR in 2000, followed by a Master's degree in Product Design and Engineering from the same institution. Prior to joining the GROHE team, Patrick worked within Electrolux Home Products' Global Design Team, working across both Latin American and European design studios for brands such as Electrolux, Zanussi, AEG and Frigidaire. Patrick joined GROHE in 2006, holding several senior positions in the design department and leading projects from concept to production, during which time the GROHE design team won a string of highly prestigious accolades including iF Design Awards and Red Dot Design Awards. In 2018, Patrick was appointed VP of Design Transformation which saw him responsible for ensuring a globally aligned design vision across the LIXIL brand portfolio. In January 2020, Patrick was promoted into his current position, Leader LIXIL Global Design EMENA, which sees him take responsibility for the regional design leadership of LIXIL's Design Studios in both Düsseldorf and London. Patrick oversees the design vision for the GROHE brand, ensuring the team deliver insight-driven and meaningful product solutions that add real value to consumer lives.



**LUKE FORSTER**  
Specification manager  
GROHE UK

Luke joined GROHE in 2020 as Specification Manager for the London area and is responsible for generating and developing key new projects and customers within the region. With 20 years of industry experience across the kitchen, construction and contract market, Luke brings a wealth of knowledge and experience in project specification. Luke is passionate about the protection and conservation of the environment, echoing GROHE's commitment as a company to reducing our impact on the planet.