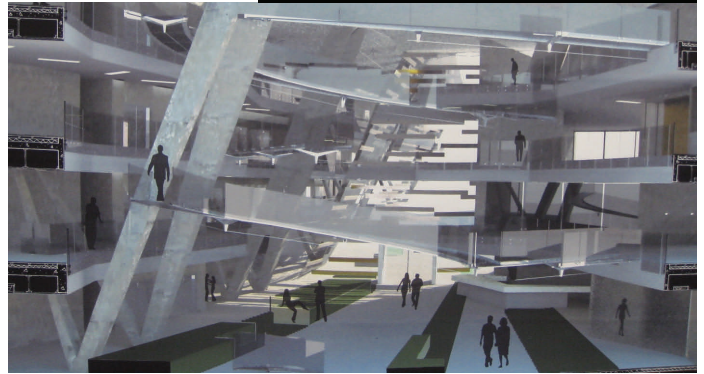


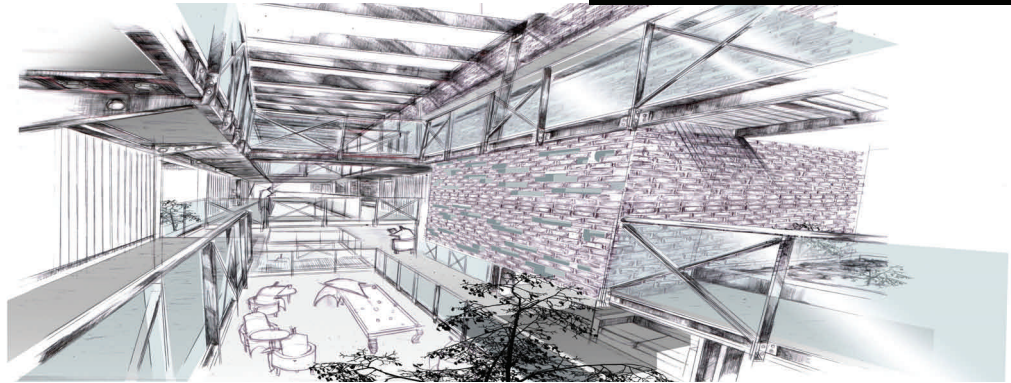
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1. Uganda project feature	<p>A group of 12 architecture, planning and engineering students who have travelled to Mbarara in Uganda to build an orphanage for the thousands of orphans living in the AIDS ravaged area have been the subject of an editorial in World Architecture News. The students, who are building on the work of previous years, flew to Mbarara at the beginning of June after raising more than £10,000 themselves and securing funds from the Schools of Architecture, Planning and Landscape and Civil Engineering, as well as the support of Gradon Architecture.</p> <p>World Architecture News is the world's leading supplier of news to the global architectural community.</p> <p>To read the presentation from 2009's group please visit our website. To visit the group's facebook page please click here.</p>
2. Employment support for planners	<p>2. "Beat the recession" workshop offers support to planners</p> <p>A recent workshop, organised by RTPI North East and the School of Architecture, Planning & Landscape offered support to town planners struggling to find appropriate employment in the current economic climate. Most sectors of the planning profession have found times hard in 2009 and 2010. This has led to some redundancies, and recruitment freezes at many employers in the North East and elsewhere. This particularly affects those looking to enter the profession, including recent graduates. This free workshop offered the opportunity to hear about some of the support available to help planners get (back) on the career ladder, and to discuss any issues they were facing.</p> <p>Presentations from Chris Sheridan (Planners in the Workplace Manager at the RTPI), Jos Harrison (Careers Adviser with the Careers Service at the University), and Kevin Parkes (Executive Director of Regeneration, Middlesbrough Council) contained a mixture of positive messages about the future; information on the support available from the RTPI and the Careers Service; and practical tips on writing CVs, applying for jobs and obtaining the work experience vital to gain a foothold in the profession.</p> <p>Nearly 20 attendees, some current students and some recent graduates, listened to the presentations and participated in a question-and-answer session with the presenters. Tim Townshend, Director of Planning and Urban Design at the School of Architecture, Planning & Landscape said "we recognise the need to offer support to our current students and recent graduates as they try to gain employment in a difficult climate".</p> <p>For any further information, or copies of the presentations from the event, please contact John Sturzaker at john.sturzaker@ncl.ac.uk.</p>
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Urban Design Group Regional Event Places in Transition

The first regional event for the Urban Design Group (UDG) North East was held on the 22nd of June 2010, as part of the [North East Festival of Architecture](#) (NEFA). The festival is organised by [Northern Architecture](#), regional architecture centre and champion of good quality design in the North East, and contains a variety of events across all spectrums of the built environment. This year's theme was "Reducing CO2" and the event, Places in Transition, was organised and opened by regional convenor and urban design lecturer, [Georgia Giannopoulou](#) and was supported by Devereux Architects and the UDG. Places in Transition was held in the recently refurbished Great North Museum, in the bright and airy Clore Suite, and was followed by drinks in the breakout garden area.

Places in Transition was a collection of mini taster presentations on a variety of issues around the transition towns initiative, such as retrofitting buildings, health and transport, permaculture etc. as well as case studies from the North East of successful ongoing transition communities. The presentations were given by a number of practitioners, academics and community members and were well received by an enthusiastic mixed audience including academics, professionals and community members. The event was well received and raised awareness of transition towns as well as the UDG with many attendees keen to find out more and join the network. The event was complemented by the presence of former UDG Chair-current Vice-chair Duncan Ecob and UDG Chair Amanda Reynolds, who summed up and led the questions. This event was a pilot, to be followed by a series of quarterly regional UDG events on various topics in the academic year to come.

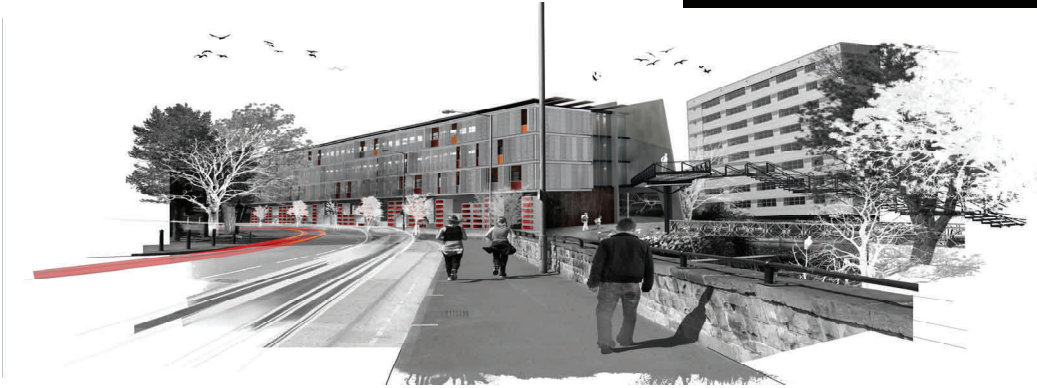
Presentations from the event can be found at our website, www.apl.ncl.ac.uk

Architecture Shows Success

The BA and BArch architecture shows were exhibited externally again this year.

Images from the shows can be seen in this newsletter, and by visiting our Gallery at www.apl.ncl.ac.uk/gallery





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New Postgraduate Programmes from September 2010

The School is delighted to announce that we are now accepting applications for three new masters programmes:

- [Architecture and Planning - Design \(MA\)](#)

This programme aims to give students a critical understanding of key aspects of Architecture and Planning and the relationship between the two disciplines. It offers a particularly wide range of choice for specialisation and combines architectural design studio sessions, lectures and individual research projects. The Programme is ideal for students from Architecture, Urban Design or Planning backgrounds. It is especially valuable for international students seeking a UK qualification as it offers a range of modules which set UK approaches to the three disciplines in a global context, allowing students to make their learning relevant to their own country. It provides an especially useful grounding for students considering progressing to PhD, or for those who wish to add a range of skills to an existing professional qualification in another discipline.

- [Planning for Sustainability and Climate Change \(MSc\)](#)

This RTPI accredited programme is designed to give students the academic and professional core knowledge, understanding, skills and experience to allow you to practise professionally as a town planner with specialist knowledge in one of the key issues of our time. It is geared particularly to graduates from an Engineering, Science, Agriculture or Environmental Sciences background who wish to use their first degree as a basis for a planning career. The programme is challenging and dynamic and draws heavily on the University's cutting-edge research in sustainability as well as the scholarship within our school on planning for climate change at the policy and grass roots levels. We believe that good teaching is informed by research and we see the programme as a means of helping you developing your systematic knowledge but also your own research and analytical capabilities.

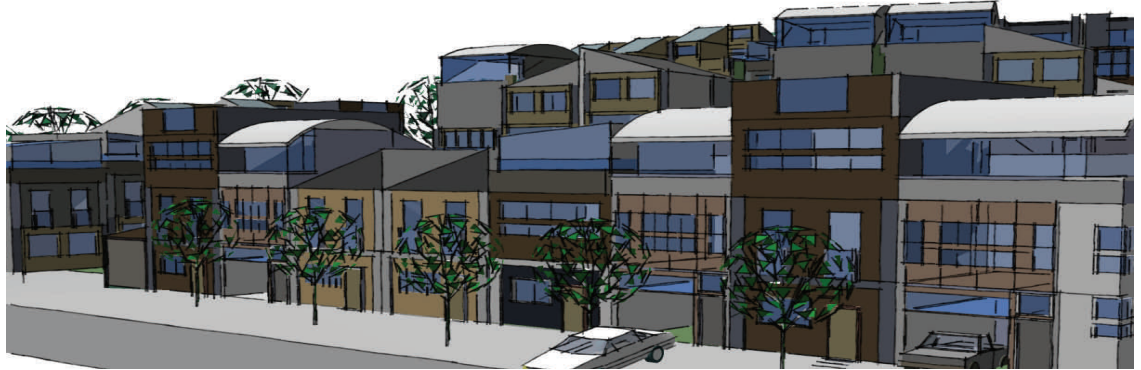
- [Planning in Developing Countries \(MSc\)](#)

This exciting new programme has been developed specifically for international students wishing to pursue a career in urban planning. It is especially suitable for students from countries with emerging or transitional economies, undergoing major urban change and development (in Asia and South East Asia, Africa, Eastern Europe, Latin America and China). It is also valuable for students wishing to work within the field of international development. Students will study alongside UK students and other international students, in a relaxed and informal environment, allowing for an exciting exchange of interests, knowledge and ideas. The programme is accredited by the Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI), which means graduates may progress to become fully accredited planners working within the UK. RTPI accreditation is also recognised in many other countries.



For details of these, and our other postgraduate taught programmes, please visit our [website](#).

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Student News

Congratulations go to Stage 3 architecture student Jonathan Blake who has been awarded the Hadrian Medal, which is awarded to a student at either Northumbria or Newcastle University in recognition of excellence in the pursuit of architectural education. Jonathan's award winning piece can be viewed at our [gallery](#).

PhD Successes

The School is delighted to announce that Ying Chang has passed her viva voce and been awarded her PhD; 'An Application of Sustainable Livelihoods Approach to a Housing Related Study in Urban China: The Case of Shanghai Lane, Wuhan'.

The Chancellor of the University, Professor Sir Liam Donaldson, came to view a selection of architecture work from Stage 6 and 3 on Monday 5th July. [John Pendlebury](#), Head of School, said "we were very pleased to have the opportunity to show Sir Liam the excellent standard of design work produced by our students".



Staff News

[Professor Simin Davoudi](#) presented a keynote speech on 10th April 2010 at the international conference on "Potential for Territorial Cooperation with the Western Balkans" organised by the Republic of Slovenia Ministry of The Environment and Spatial Planning to an audience of some 100 academics, policy makers and practitioners. Due to the ash cloud disruption, the speech was delivered remotely using Skype technology.

Professor Davoudi was also invited by the Swiss Embassy to take part in a roundtable debate on 'Sustainable Urban Development' on 17 June 2010. Other speakers included the Deputy Mayor of London and Mayor of Zurich.

The Crofting Reform Bill has been passed by Scottish Parliament. The legislation, based on proposals put forward by a commission headed by [Professor Mark Shucksmith](#), will attempt to address absenteeism and the neglect of croft land. For BBC coverage of the news please click [here](#).

The School would like to warmly welcome our new members of academic staff, Mark Dorrian (Professor of Architecture Research), Graham Farmer (Director of Architecture), Adam Sharr (Professor of Architecture), and our new receptionist Taryn Shaw and look forward to working with them all.

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