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### **Architecture Final Shows**

This year our final year architects are again exhibiting their work off campus.



The BA show will be held for the second year running in the Grade 1-listed St Mary's Church in Gateshead from 22-26 June, 10-4pm daily.

The BA Graduation Project this year comprise three distinct design projects, all set in Gateshead, Tyne & Wear: 'Afterimage', a cyclotel/vélodrome complex on the site of the recently demolished Gateshead Car Park; 'New Horizons', a regional Montessori Elementary School & Training Centre in the Chandless Area; 'Mind the Gap', an urban regeneration exercise in the Gateshead Bridges Area.

In their different ways the three projects all explore issues related to future urban inhabitation. They are a creative engagement – through the architectural medium – with the challenges of find

ing new ways of making places that will inspire and sustain social interaction, work and play for the current as well as future generations.

The BArch show will be held in the Stephenson Quarter from 1-5 July, from 10-5pm daily.

This year's topics comprise 'Sustainable Visions', a demonstration of deep environmentalism embedded in construction technologies as well as in economic, agricultural or social practices; 'Manufacturing and production processes' tend to reinterpret the meaning of manufacturing today and its relationship with leisure and creative industries in our contemporary cities; other projects thrive in the generation of 'Enticing Institutions' that propose a new breath of views, particularly with regards to users' involvement; finally, the city is the playfield of theses that propose an 'Urban Intervention', an attempt of sparking urban life whilst stretching over a wide range of scales.

Both shows will then return to the University until 15 July and will be exhibited in the Architecture Building, open 10-4pm.

Images from the shows will be available on our [gallery pages](#) shortly.



### **Justice and Governance**

Staff in the School of Architecture, Planning and Landscape are playing an active role in the University-wide Newcastle Institute for Research on Sustainability (NIReS) and particularly in one of the Institute's core themes on Justice and Governance, which is led by Professor Simin Davoudi. In a recent multidisciplinary workshop held on 27 May 2011 and organised by the theme coordinator, a number of School staff (Dr Geoff Vigar, Dr Maggie Roe, Dr Paola Gazzola, Friday Ogwu, and Prof Simin Davoudi) shared their research and its relevance to environmental governance and social justice with other colleagues from across the University.

Professor Paul Younger, Director of NIReS, who participated in the workshop, discussed his vision for NIReS and the role of social science research in ensuring its success. The workshop highlighted both the University and School's research strengths in this area, and the added value of NIReS in providing a shared platform for researchers.

For more details about the School's research around sustainability please see our [engagement pages](#).

### **RIBA President's Medals Exhibited in Newcastle**

The RIBA President's Medals were established in 1984 and are regarded as an international benchmark for excellence in education. The aim of these prestigious awards is to promote excellence in the study of architecture, to reward talent and to encourage architectural debate world-wide.

In April the School hosted the exhibition of student work and invited practitioners and students to come and enjoy a glass of wine and view the designs. Photographs of the exhibition can be found on our [gallery pages](#).



### **Young Practitioners Forum for Built Environment Industry**

The Young Practitioners Forum (YPF) aims to create and strengthen networks across the built environment industry for a generation who are not traditionally given access to the type of events that senior executives traditionally attend. The YPF provides opportunities for graduates and architects with up to 10 years post qualification experience. The Forum supports architects and associated professionals to engage with each other in events designed to promote cross discipline links, friendships and opportunities that will endure over developing careers in the North East. To find out more email [ypf.northeast@inst.riba.org](mailto:ypf.northeast@inst.riba.org).



### The History of the Civic Movement

Research funding granted by Civic Voice

Civic Voice, the body formed to provide a focus for contemporary civic societies in England following the demise of the Civic Trust, has made an award to support the development of research by [Dr Lucy E. Hewitt](#) into the history of the civic movement.

To date the history of civic societies has been told largely, if not exclusively, through their association with the national body, the Civic Trust. However, civic societies began to emerge in the last decade of the nineteenth century and their numbers grew consistently throughout the first half of the twentieth century: there were already around 100 local groups by 1957, the year of the Trust's formation.

The research is a continuation of earlier work by Dr Hewitt and will take place over the next two years. Dr Hewitt suggests that 'the early history of civic associations highlights the interpenetration of voluntarist, reformist and professional agendas in the early twentieth century and it offers fresh insight into the history of localism in Britain.' Indeed, some of the most interesting potential of the project lies in its contribution to current debates about the role of associational culture and localism in shaping urban spaces. The new phase of research will draw on archival material from the first half of the twentieth century and engage with the later history of the movement through survey and interview research.

The expected result is a book about the history of the movement that will examine the emergence of civic societies for the first time and trace their growth and activities over the twentieth century.

## Student News

### PhD Successes

Congratulations to the following students who have recently completed their PhD studies:

Warebi Gabriel Brisibe : *The Dynamics of Change in Migrant Architecture: A Case Study of Ijo Fisher Dwellings in Nigeria and Cameroon*

Elizabeth Brooks : *Are Country Towns and Villages Sustainable Environments for Older People?*

Rittirong Chutapruttikorn : *Life on the Tracks: Reconstructing Home in Informal Railway Settlements, Bangkok*

Brenda Galvan Lopez : *Contemporary Heritage: Public Space and Cultural Production in Veracruz, Mexico*

Antika Sawadsri : *Accessibility and Disability in the Built Environment: Negotiating the Public Realm in Thailand*



## Staff News

- [Professor Mark Shucksmith](#) and Katrina Ronningen's paper, "[The Uplands after Neoliberalism: a role for small farms in rural sustainability](#)" has been published online by the Journal of Rural Studies. It will appear in print later this year.
- Mark Shucksmith has also been reappointed as a Commissioner with the [Commission for Rural Communities](#) for a further year until April 2012. During 2011-12 CRC will focus on youth unemployment in rural areas, and on social isolation in rural areas, as well as continuing existing work on the Uplands, housing, rural services etc.
- [Professor Simin Davoudi](#) presented a key note speech on multi-level governance and the EU spatial development in the annual congress of the German Academy for Spatial Research and Planning (ARL) on 16 June 2011 in Bremen.
- [Professor Steve Graham](#) is involved as a foreign expert in a Japanese Government funded sociological study of the impact of the recent tsunami in Japan.
- [Professor Mark Dorrian](#) is organising [turbulence: a symposium on matter, movement and environment](#) on 23 June 2011.
- *Imagining and Making the World: Reconsidering Architecture and Utopia*, edited by [Dr Nathaniel Coleman](#), was recently published as Volume 8 of the [Ralahine Utopian Studies series by Peter Lang \(2011\)](#). The book will be officially launched, and the focus of a Masterclass on Architecture and Utopia and a roundtable discussion, at the [12th International Conference of the Utopian Studies Society \(Europe\) in Nicosia, Cyprus](#).
- Nathaniel Coleman was also one of the invited presenters at [Design Event presents PechaKucha Volume 6](#) in association with Northern Architecture and NEPA, held at the Live Theatre, Newcastle.

### JEPM Anniversary Call for Papers

In 2012 the *Journal of Environmental Planning and Management* will be celebrating twenty years of publication in its current format and, to mark this anniversary, the Journal has issued a [call for Review Papers](#).

A celebratory event will be taking place on 21 November at Newcastle University.

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