

Lorna Edwards



Lorna was exceptional throughout the process and the fact that she is held with such great regard from across all members of the delivery team is testament to this. We all valued her input immensely and agree that the outstanding building that has been created is in huge part down to her dedication, skill and influence

Ken Kinsella - Director of Capital Development at LSE

Qualifications

BArch (Hons), DipArch, ARB, RIBA

Education

2005 Part III, Bartlett School of Architecture
2003 Diploma in Architecture, (RIBA part II), University of Westminster
2000 BA (Hons) Architecture, (RIBA part I), Nottingham University

Practice

2022 - Associate Director, RSHP
2021 - 22 Associate Partner, Rogers Stirk Harbour + Partners
2016 - 21 Senior Associate, Rogers Stirk Harbour + Partners
2011 - 16 Associate, Rogers Stirk Harbour + Partners
2007 - 11 Rogers Stirk Harbour + Partners
2006 - 07 Powell Tuck Associates
2003 - 06 Lifschutz Davidson Sandilands
2000 - 02 Sheppard Robson Architects

Summary of Experience

Lorna's 25-year career has focused on the design and delivery of transformative projects across the cultural, life sciences, higher education, and healthcare sectors.

She brings extensive experience in managing complex urban developments, coordinating multiple stakeholders, and leading multidisciplinary teams. Her ability to balance strategic vision with technical detail - combined with a collaborative, pragmatic approach - has been central to the successful delivery of numerous high-profile schemes.

Since 2020, Lorna has led the British Library Extension, a landmark project that will expand the Library's outreach, education, conservation, and exhibition programmes. The scheme integrates new library facilities, a major Life Sciences hub, Crossrail 2 infrastructure, and extensive public realm improvements alongside the existing Grade I Listed Library.

Her portfolio includes significant roles on projects requiring detailed stakeholder engagement and on-site delivery. She served as Project Architect for the RIBA National Award-winning LSE Centre Building and was a core team member for the British Museum's World Conservation and Exhibitions Centre, shortlisted for the Stirling Prize. Prior to joining RSHP, Lorna led several healthcare projects in inner-city locations.

Beyond project work, Lorna contributes to RSHP's recruitment and sustainability initiatives and served on the LETI Pioneers Steering Committee (2022-2023). She is a member of New London Architecture's Innovation Districts Expert Panel and previously sat on its Education Expert Panel (2022-2024). Outside the practice, Lorna is an External Examiner for Architecture and the Built Environment at the University of Nottingham.

Key Projects

2023 -	HEC Campus, Education, Paris, France
2022 -	Biocitech Campus, Life Sciences, Paris, France
2019	University of Portsmouth, Education, Competition, London, UK
2015 -	British Library, Cultural and Life Sciences, London, UK
2014 - 19	LSE Centre Building, Education, London, UK
2012 - 20	Atrio, Mixed-Use, Bogota, Colombia
2007 - 14	World Conservation and Exhibitions Centre, British Museum, Cultural, London, UK
2007 - 09	Redevelopment of Chelsea Barracks site, Residential, London, UK
2007	Canary Riverside, Office, London, UK

Teaching and Education Outreach

2023 -	RIBA Schools workshop, Bessemer Grange Primary School Careers & design workshop Camden STEAM at the British Library
2022	Draw the future mentor & judge, Inspiring the Future
2015	Architecture and Modelmaking, Victoria & Albert Museum
2014	Architectural Drawing, Stephen Lawrence Trust
2011	Architecture in Schools, Open City, London South Bank University

Lectures, Panels and Round Tables

2024	'Practical challenges to implementing sustainability, circularity and net zero carbon' Architecture Today, Round Table discussion
2023	'Improving Community Health and Wellbeing Through Design' London Build, panel 'Cities of the Future' ITN Business, film ESG and Design in Dialogue, Perspective UK, panel
2022	'Net Zero Carbon, Beyond the Norm - approach to heritage assets' Breakfast with Arup, panel 'Making a Social Impact' Building for a Sustainable Future, Bisnow, panel 'The Awards Talks' Centre Building at LSE' RIBA Building Stories, lecture
2021	'Designing for Zero Carbon - LSE Centre Building', University Design Forum, lecture
2017	The British Museum World Conservation and Exhibitions Centre, Stirling Stories North, lecture

Judging

2022	World Architecture Festival (WAF)
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Other Positions

2026 -	NLA Innovation Districts Expert Panel
2025	External Examiner - University of Nottingham
2023 -	Mossbourne Community Academy Governor
2022 - 24	NLA Education Expert Panel - Estate reuse subgroup lead
2022 - 23	LETI Pioneers Steering Committee