

CATHERINE SKELCHER

Catherine is a Partner and Architect with Pennine Sustainability, a multi-disciplinary practice based in Hebden Bridge. She specialises in public projects and participatory processes, and her ability to build effective working relationships with complex multi-stakeholder groups has been key to the delivery of a number of award winning projects. Catherine has been a Cabe Enabler, a Civic Trust Assessor and is currently a Design Tutor with The University of Sheffield.



Details



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Qualifications



'05-'06 Part III Professional Qualification - London Southbank University

'01-'03 Part II Diploma in Architecture -
University of Cambridge Department of Architecture

'97-'00 Part I BA Architecture -
University of Cambridge Department of Architecture

In Practice



'12-'13 Pennine Sustainability (Hebden Bridge) - Architect/ Partner

'11-'12 GWP Architecture (Leeds) - Architect/ Associate

'01-'11 Cottrell and Vermeulen Architecture (London) - Architect/ Associate

'99-'99 Metropolis Architecture (Birmingham) - Architect's Assistant

Mixed Use Projects



'13 **St Martin's Youth and Community Centre** - Birmingham
Appointed to undertake Feasibility Study and Needs Assessment for this under-funded but essential service in a deprived area of Birmingham.

'13 **Woodland Services** - Milton Keynes
Speculative proposals developed for a future service station exemplar.

'11-'12 **National Heritage Centre** - Newmarket
£4.2 million complex multi-stakeholder project to relocate the National Horseracing Museum to the site of King Charles II's Palace Stables.

'10-'11 **Beale Park Masterplan** - Beale Park West Berkshire
Provision of Feasibility Study for this 13.6 ha wildlife park on the River Thames, with new boat museum, play barn, reworked entrance and staff facilities.

'01-'10 **The All Saints Centre** - King's Heath Birmingham
Capital Project Delivery Plan produced for a Community Building Grant

Images above: Krishna-Avanti Primary School;
Kintore Way Children's Centre; The All Saints
Centre - Phasing Diagram and Photograph;
Beale Park Feasibility & The Wykeham Centre.

Education Projects



Application to fund the latest phase in this large regeneration project. Tender information produced for sports hall, cafe and welcome area (now completed).

- '09-'11 **Broadway School** - Birmingham BSF
Participatory process to engage the students in the transformation of their school. Designs produced evolved into a motif later applied to the building.
- '07-'10 **Krishna-Avanti Primary School** - UK's first Hindu Primary School in Harrow
Production of Design and Access Statement, Visual Impact Assessment and the development of elevation and furniture design for this £7 million project.
- '04-'06 **Kintore Way Children's Centre** - Bermondsey
Project Architect for £2 million redevelopment of this well loved nursery school comprising new build, refurbishment and landscaping works. Responsible for every aspect of the project's delivery from research through to completion.
- '04-'05 **Kensal House Nursery** - Neighbourhood Nursery in North Kensington
Design and production of information to upgrade Maxwell Fry and Elizabeth Denby's 1930's Grade II* 'nursery in the round' to meet current regulations.
- '03-'04 **Wellgate Nursery and Sure Start** - London Borough of Barking & Dagenham
Project Runner responsible for the layout, landscaping and decoration of this Lilliput Portakabin to ensure a tailored fit to its community and setting.
- '03-'04 **Building Schools for the Future** - DfES Research Programme
Member of CVA research and design team for this DfES led project.



Residential Projects



- '11-'12 **Kings College London Student Accommodation** - Champion Hill London
Project Architect for the refurbishment of this Grade II listed suburban mansion in the Arts and Crafts style to provide 'student hub' and cluster flats.
- '08-'11 **Clare College Student Accommodation** - University of Cambridge
Project Architect for this 4.5 million 32 unit housing development set within a Conservation Area in Newnham Village, Cambridge. Remodelling of existing terrace and addition of a new building behind to frame a mews-like courtyard.
- '08-'10 **Glebe Cottage** - Maughold Isle of Man
Development of proposals for this new build private house up to RIBA Stage C.
- '01-'03 **Churchill College Student Accommodation** - University of Cambridge
RIBA award-winning new build student accommodation, constructed as three pavilions within a garden of cherry trees, completed 2003. Production of large scale cardboard models to facilitate room by room discussion with the client.

Cultural/ Community Projects



- '09-'10 **Boathouse** - Leeds Rowing Club
Options Appraisal undertaken for the design of a new Boathouse on the River Aire to incorporate café, clubroom, training and change facilities along with storage of a range of rowing craft.
- '06-'07 **Birchfield Library** - Birmingham
Led programme of consultation to 'rethink the library' and embed proposals within the urban and cultural context. Work included briefing sessions with individual stakeholders, library visits, creative workshops and presentations.
- '04-'06 **The E13 Mix** - Youth Club for Race Equality in Newham (REIN)
Responsible for taking initial proposals through to Planning Approval. Work included surveying, research, brief and design development, and production of information.

Images above, from top: Broadway School Knowledge Exchange; Krishna-Avanti Primary School - courtyard and Temple; Kensal House Nursery; Wellgate Nursery; Clare College Housing planning elevation; Churchill College Housing; E13 Mix - performance space; Kintore Way Children's Centre.

Competitions/ Awards



- '08 **Beam Mobile** - Short listed as one of three architects to design a mobile arts pavilion for Beam Wakefield. Design for a deployable structure developed in collaboration with Buro Happold and product designer Architen Landrell.
- '08 **Leger Homes** - Short listed with Buro Happold to develop a strategy for the revitalisation of an ex-mining community in the Housing Pathfinder area of Doncaster Dearne.
- '07 **Kintore Way Children's Centre** - Nominated for RIBA Regional Award.
- '04 **The Edible City** - Manchester (with The Arcola Initiative)
Joint winner of Urbed/RIBA Urban Design Competition to create a sustainable urban community in central Manchester.

Other Roles/ Responsibilities



- '12-'13 **Design Tutor MSc in Sustainable Architecture** - University of Sheffield
- '10-'11 **Civic Trust Assessor** - Huddersfield, Dewsbury '10; Barnsley, Sheffield '11.
- '09 **Cabe Enabler** - Appointed for 3 year contract
- '08-'10 **Visiting Critic** - Cambridge, Manchester and Sheffield Universities
- '08 **Visiting Speaker** - 'The Social Process of Architecture' - Nottingham University Department of Architecture.
- '07-'08 **Professional Advisor** - Bradford Children's University. 'Competition to Design a Sustainable Home', involving mentoring sessions with teachers and giving talks and workshops to primary and secondary school children.
- '03 **Editor of Arcsoc Magazine** - University of Cambridge Dept of Architecture
- '99 **Venue Designer** - Cambridge Student Art Exhibition. Responsible for choosing appropriate venue, negotiating terms of contract, upholding fire and health and safety regulations and design and construction of exhibition space.
- '94-'97 **Classroom Teaching Assistant** - St George's School Birmingham
- '08-'11 **Music** - Leader of Todmorden Orchestra Second Violins; member of local String Quartet; violin teaching.

Other Interests



Software Skills

Vectorworks; Autocad; Sketchup; Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator and InDesign; Microsoft Word, Excel and Powerpoint.

Referees

Brian Vermeulen - Director of CVA, Brian@cv-arch.co.uk, 0207 708 2567

Richard Cottrell - Director of CVA, Richard@cv-arch.co.uk, 0207 708 2567

Images above from top: 'The Magic Lantern'- competition submission 2009; 'The Edible City' - competition submission; Kintore Way; Beam Mobile - competition submission.