

The London Neighbourhood Scholarship (LNS) was launched in September 2021 to directly tackle the architecture profession's lack of diversity by awarding architecture scholarships to disadvantaged young people from London's neighbourhoods.

In its first year the LNS has raised £100,000 and we are delighted to have offered 3 scholarships worth £30,000 each to students studying architecture in London.

These 2022 LNS scholars were announced at our First Year Celebration in September 2022.

Dilpreet Singhrao lives in Hounslow and is studying at Kingston. She is sponsored by Arup, one of our Neighbourhood Partners.

Merieme Alimerina lives in Newham and is studying at London South Bank University. She is sponsored collectively by our other partners.

Hadi Yassine lives in Camden and is studying at Kingston. He is sponsored by the London Borough of Camden, one of our Neighbourhood Partners.

They are pictured below along with **Zak Wharton** who was our first LNS scholar in 2021, sponsored by Stitch Architects.

From left: Merieme, Dilpreet, Zak, Hadi

Architecture and the built environment industry is notoriously under-represented. Our mission is to create a more equitable built environment where our places and spaces are shaped by those who live and work in them. We do this by providing funding, mentoring and work experience opportunities to young Londoners studying architecture. By removing financial barriers our LNS scholars can perform on a level playing field alongside their peers. By providing year round support we help them to build confidence and industry connections.

We are breaking down barriers and tackling the industry's lack of diversity head on.

We are very grateful to our partners who supported us in our first year: The London Borough of Camden, Arup, Countryside Partnerships, Ftwork, Clarion, Stitch, Pitman Tozer, Hgh consulting and Be First.

As we embark on our second year we are aiming to help many more students and engage everyone in London's built environment industry to help us support more young Londoners in their architecture studies. Everyone in the industry is transforming London's neighbourhoods and touching the lives of London's communities in some way.

We believe that young people LIVING in these communities should be there with us, shaping London's future neighbourhoods.

