

**Chair: Victoria Thornton OBE, HonFRIBA**

Victoria is an expert in architecture education and social value development. It is her vision that urban design and architecture is an inspiring and positive force improving the lives of current and future generations.

In 2021 Victoria established a new not for profit organisation focussing on empowering young people in the built environment through exemplars, research and building a 'community of practitioners' across the UK. Her previous role included the creation of Open House/Open City 30 years ago and pioneering creative architectural learning methodologies for adults and young people, and set up My City Too!, Accelerate into University, Summer Architecture Academy, Adopt a School and Architecture in Schools. Many initiatives have sprung up which have their roots in those she pioneered.

Other positions have included Education Expert, Farrell Review of Architecture and the Built Environment and Learning Committee, Design Museum, Former President AA School of Architecture, Trustee Quay House Trust and Director Architecture for Kids CIC.

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