

RIBA 

**Being an RIBA  
Chartered Member**



## Benefits of being an RIBA Chartered Member

There are many benefits and services available to RIBA Chartered Members including:

- use of the 'RIBA' affix after your name and the title 'Chartered Architect' to promote your professional status
- access to the latest knowledge, research and information from [www.architecture.com](http://www.architecture.com), RIBA e-communications, key publications, seminars and lectures
- support for personal & professional development with RIBA CPD

**RIBA Knowledge Communities** will help enhance your skill set by enabling you to share your views on specialist topics with those who work across the built environment, see more at [www.riba-knowledgecommunities.com](http://www.riba-knowledgecommunities.com)

**The RIBA Information Centre** is an invaluable service that provides free one-to-one, bespoke and specialist guidance on architectural practice, business matters, history, conservation, the work of the RIBA and much more.

You can also discuss more complex practice and business matters with an **Specialist Practice Consultant** to ensure you remain well informed and supported by your institute.

Chartered Members have the opportunity to become an **RIBA Client Design Advisor**. This will involve you working in a consultative capacity with clients to fulfil the aims of a particular project.



## Stay connected

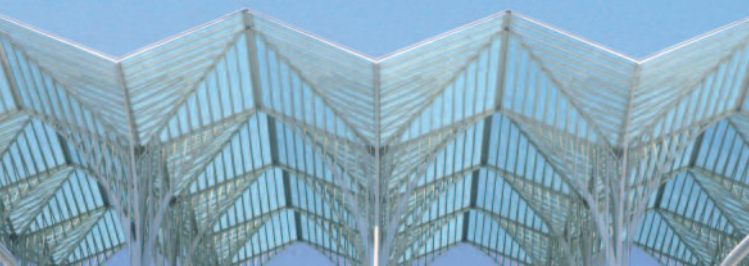
As an RIBA Chartered Member, there are a number of ways to stay connected with your peers, colleagues and institute. The RIBA will ensure you remain at the cutting edge of industry developments allowing you to stay one step ahead of the competition.

You can choose from a wide range of e-bulletins and newsletters such as:

- **RIBA Journal** – the monthly flagship publication for architects is available in a printed and digital format
- **RIBA Practice** – a weekly update on essential professional services including technical, planning and legislative updates
- **RIBA International** – a summary of developments of the RIBA overseas as well as news updates and international project opportunities
- **RIBA Competitions** – updates on live competitions being delivered by the RIBA in conjunction with clients in the UK and overseas
- **RIBA Advocate** – information on RIBA government policy developments and international relations
- Other newsletters include RIBA CPD news, Events, Venues, Trust bulletins, President's Messages and much more.

**RIBAnet** is an online forum that is exclusive to members and RIBA staff to debate, share views and stay connected with colleagues. It is an effective resource for seeking guidance and communicating first-hand with the RIBA.

Access a full list of benefits and services for RIBA Chartered Members at [www.architecture.com](http://www.architecture.com)



## Support through challenging times

In time of economic uncertainty the RIBA has developed a number of resources and initiatives to support its members.

**The RIBA Recession Survival Kit** is an online resource which provides guidance and support to enable all members to navigate the challenges of an economic downturn.

This facility is developed on a regular basis so the RIBA can offer you essential guidance to ensure you emerge in a healthy condition when the economy recovers.

The **RIBA Future Trends Survey** monitors business and employment trends affecting the profession. The survey asks UK based architectural practices about current and future predictions based on staffing levels and workload providing an invaluable insight in to the current state of the profession.

**Letter from the Front Line**, a newsletter from Jane Duncan, RIBA Vice President Practice, is focused on guiding members through the recession and providing the knowledge and support to help you through the tough times.

**RIBA Focus** is a monthly e-mail which keeps members up-to-date with current trends, drawn from the RIBA Future Trends Survey. It also includes updates on the institute's policy and political activities, regional focus and a case study from an RIBA Chartered Member or RIBA Chartered Practice.



## Providing an independent voice for the profession

The RIBA works hard on your behalf by engaging parliament, the government and other bodies. As a result of our work with members we have achieved the following political successes:

- **Planning** – focusing on the planning system, the RIBA made changes to legislation in the Planning Act 2008. This means that local authorities and other public bodies now have a duty to include design quality in their plans. The government's changes to the planning system include many of the RIBA's recommendations such as lengthening the amount of time for planning permissions
- **Housing** – the RIBA influenced major changes to the Housing and Regeneration Act 2008 so that the newly formed Homes and Communities Agency has a duty to consider design quality
- **Procurement** – political support for smart PFI proposals through select committees and sessions with the Conservative shadow cabinet
- **Sustainability** – the RIBA are part of a key coalition on climate change raising government targets for reduction in carbon emissions to 80%

## Priorities for the coming year are:

- To demonstrate the value and benefits of good design to society and communicate the role of architects in achieving design excellence
- To improve the quality of all forms of public and private housing by lobbying central government to promote a set of minimum standards across all housing types, with particular reference to minimum space standards and to encourage local authorities to implement in their areas. Also, to produce a major think-piece on the future of housing provision and funding models
- To lobby to improve the design quality of publicly procured buildings, whilst wherever possible saving time and money through changes to procurement processes looking at requirements from the EU and the UK's interpretation of these
- To ensure the planning system facilitates and expedites good design by promoting the use of design review panels and other systems of support for local authorities and influencing new policies on planning, in particular the development of the Conservative policy on planning
- To combat climate change through the promotion and development of adaptive and low carbon design solutions lobbying for increased ambition in retrofitting existing buildings and advising architects and clients of the implications and application of the government's approach to addressing climate change

The RIBA's main purpose remains to create an environment in which good architecture can flourish.

**To find out more about RIBA Chartered Membership, visit [www.architecture.com](http://www.architecture.com) or contact the RIBA Membership Services team on +44 (0)20 7307 3800 or email [membership.services@inst.riba.org](mailto:membership.services@inst.riba.org)**