



*Annual
Review
2016*

**Architecture &
Design Scotland**
Ailtearachd is Dealbhadh na h-Alba

Annual Review 2016: Welcome

In 2016 Scotland celebrated the Year of Innovation, Architecture and Design.

Coinciding with the centenary of the Royal Incorporation of Architects in Scotland (RIAS), the year provided us with a unique opportunity to showcase the richness of Scotland's design talent and how this is used to transform people's lives.

From major exhibitions to events in communities, we have helped to make this a year to remember, under the banner Say Hello to Architecture. In the process we engaged with more people than ever before in a celebration of all that is good about Scotland's buildings and places. With events the length and breadth of the country, its success was built on local partnerships throughout Scotland and we look forward to building on these in the years to come.

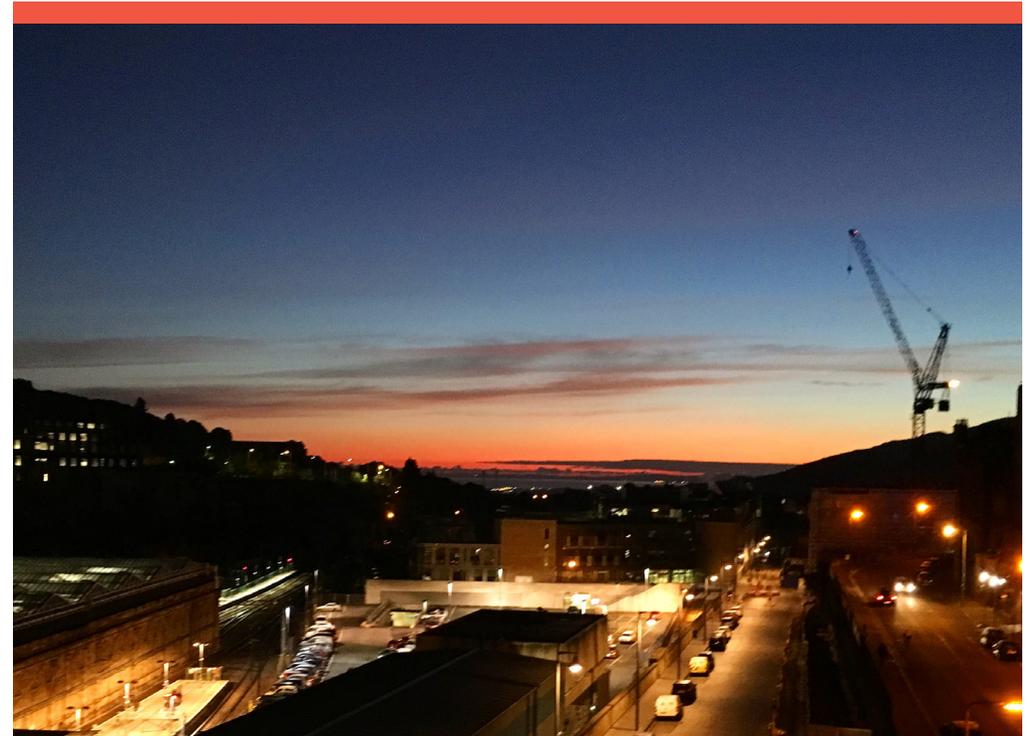
In the past year we made significant changes to the way we work. This means we feel we are now better placed than ever to support our partners in delivering the sustainable places we all aspire to. Focussed on the alignment of our advisory, learning and promotional work and rooted in gaining a better understanding of the difference we make, these changes will increase our reach and increase the impact of what we do.

This Annual Review provides a snapshot of our activities during this special year for architecture.

None of this work would have been possible without the help and support of the many individuals and organisations we work with. I would therefore like to end by thanking our funders, partners, volunteers, staff and board for their tireless work in helping to shape and promote the design of Scotland's places – I look forward to working closely with all of you in the years to come.

Jim MacDonald,
Chief Executive, A&DS

This Annual Review is a snapshot of our activities in 2016. Find more information and materials such as videos and publications here:
***[www.ads.org.uk/
annualreview2016](http://www.ads.org.uk/annualreview2016)***



Our Corporate Strategy 2017 - 2020

In 2016 we started the preparation of our new strategy, reflecting on our current objectives, the work we do to achieve these and how we evaluate the impact of that work. As this work relies on collaboration with many individuals and organisations, we consulted widely to ensure what we do supports their work too. Our new strategy will be launched in 2017 and will set out our plans for the coming three years and how we aim to support the creation of sustainable places across Scotland.

Architecture and Design Scotland's purpose is to promote the value good architecture and sustainable design adds to everyone's lives. Our role is to help people – whether by enabling them to get more involved in shaping the places they live in or improving the design of the buildings they use. Well-designed buildings and places make the very best use of our resources and create places that help people and communities to flourish.



Learning Estate Conference

The Learning Estate Conference hosted by Scottish Government, and supported by Architecture and Design Scotland and Scottish Futures Trust, was held in March 2016 with the purpose of challenging our response to the needs of modern learning, exploring best international practice and to debate priorities. A number of outputs from the event are available on the A&DS website.



Stalled Spaces Scotland

Stalled Spaces Scotland is a national programme commissioned by the Scottish Government and managed by A&DS to encourage and support communities to bring stalled spaces or derelict and vacant land back into temporary use. In 2016 we funded 47 programmes across seven local authorities in Scotland.

Oban Festival of Architecture

The Oban Festival of Architecture was the first outing of the Prospect North exhibition in Scotland, as well as an opportunity to bring together local architecture events with the Scotstyle and Best of the Best exhibitions at the Rockfield Centre. The Oban Festival of Architecture was driven by the community members of the Oban Development Trust and officially launched by Fiona Hyslop MSP, Cabinet Secretary of Culture, Tourism and External Affairs.



Image by: Rhona Dougall

Nobody's Home Exhibition

We hosted an exhibition featuring the work of photographer John Maher at The Lighthouse in July – August 2016. Nobody's Home captured abandoned crofts from across the Outer Hebrides and sparked dialogue about possible futures for these abandoned buildings. The exhibition received fantastic feedback from visitors and was covered extensively in the media.



Image by: John Maher



Image by: Ross Campbell

Best of the Best Exhibition

As part of the Say Hello to Architecture programme A&DS led the development of the Best of the Best exhibition bringing together award-winning buildings, places and communities from the past five years in a touring exhibition. It toured to venues from Aberdeen to Peebles, Oban to Dundee, with many stops along the way.



Image by: Malcolm Cochrane

The A&DS and RIAS Scottish Student Awards for Architecture 2016

The 2016 Student Award ceremony followed the Andy MacMillan lecture delivered by this year's guest judge Christophe Egret, of Studio Egret West. Pictured is RIAS Rowand Anderson Silver Medal winner Daniel Cardno, Scott Sutherland School of Architecture and Built Environment, Aberdeen.

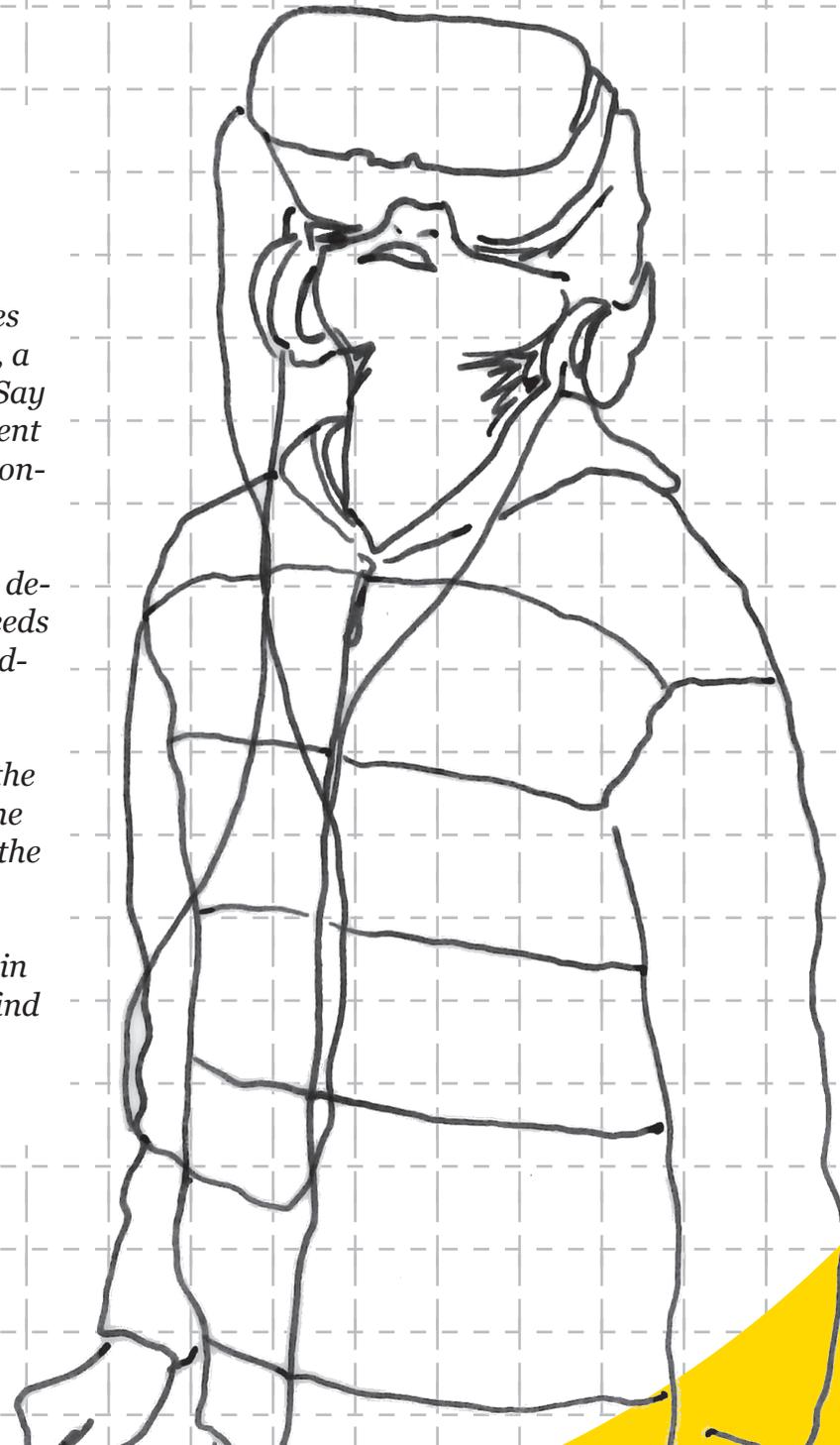
Our Work in 2016

Throughout 2016 we undertook a range of activities to provide advice to clients, funders and regulators, a series of exhibitions and events under the banner of Say Hello to Architecture, contributions to the development of national policy and continued support for practitioners in a range of ways.

In 2016 our advice services grew in scope and reach, developing new models of support in response to the needs of the public and private sector and a changing landscape of planning and procurement.

Architecture and Design Scotland's contribution to the Year of Innovation, Architecture and Design and the Festival of Architecture in 2016 was grouped under the heading of Say Hello to Architecture.

The next pages highlight a snapshot of our activity in 2016 and how we have made a difference. You can find much more information about our work on:
www.ads.org.uk/annualreview2016



*The difference
we made in 2016*

*more people benefit from
well-designed buildings*

14

Our **Design Forum** process supported 14 projects through 18 engagements, in 10 local authorities, stretching from Ayrshire to Shetland and included major infrastructure projects, masterplans and housing developments.

18

19

We continued to work with those charged with providing the best spaces for learners and the delivery of the Curriculum for Excellence. We worked across **19 Local Authority** areas with 47 projects ranging from Early Years provision, primary schools to community learning campuses.

47

*more place-based
strategies founded on
good design principles*

2

The **Local Authority Urban Design Forum (LAUDF)** supports the exchange of learning and ideas. We facilitated two meetings of the LAUDF group and two meetings of the **Public Sector Client Forum** in the public sector estate, learning from industry, the university estate and public sector estate projects.

2

120

We assisted 120 stakeholders (public, patients and staff) to develop design briefs for six major healthcare projects. Through our work on 19 different projects, from Dumfries to Barra, which included community facilities, major hospitals and specialist centres, we helped influence healthcare investments to the value of around £750 million.

£750m

25

Case studies covering health buildings, buildings using sustainable materials, as well as case studies on spaces for learning.

11

In 2016 we held 11 student workshops for over 300 students visiting from Glasgow, Perth, Ayrshire, Angus and Denmark at our **Material Considerations: A Library of Sustainable Buildings Materials.**

300

47

Local projects supported through the **Stalled Spaces Scotland** programme, of which 75% are in town centres.

75

162

We supported 162 local events under the **Say Hello to Architecture** banner and created 1 online guide to filming events – helping participants capture their events and feed back their activity.

more people are having a say in what their places are like

increased people's awareness of the benefits of well-designed built environments

*more people taking
time to engage with and
think about their local
environment*

6

We contributed to the promotion of the **Place Standard**, developed with the Scottish Government and NHS Health Scotland, launched in late 2015. At the end of 2016 we published six articles and blogs devoted to the testing and implementation of the Place Standard.

24

Project Helpful aims to share our content through digital channels. In 2016 we created 24 newsletters distributed to an average of 2,500 subscribers per mailing.

2,500

14

Together with Forestry Commission Scotland/Wood for Good and the Scottish Traditional Building Forum we hosted **14 CPD events** on topics such as Traditional Roof Slating and our SepTimber series of events. Nearly **200** people attended our CPD sessions, held in Edinburgh and Glasgow.

200

134

134 projects featured in the **Best of the Best** exhibition – curated by A&DS with support from a range of partners – which toured to 12 venues in 2016.

12

*increased profile
for Scottish design
nationally and
internationally*

7

We presented 7 **temporary exhibitions** at our Lighthouse Gallery in Glasgow, and hosted exhibitions such as **Getting Things Done: Architecture of Voralburg/Unbuilt Edinburgh Exhibition/Rethinking the Urban Landscape**.

*increased collaboration
and sharing of best
practice amongst
practitioners*

Events & Conferences

We spoke at and attended a range of events in 2016 including:

Scotland's City Regions Conference
Joint Housing Delivery Plan Reference Group
World Towns Leadership Summit
Learning Estate Conference
SEDA Conference
Can Do Places
Creative Spaces
Say Hello to Making Co-Housing Happen
Making Space 2016
Scottish Leaders Forum
Arbroath Charette
Art In Between Summit, Dumfries
Scottish Capital Investment and Infrastructure Conference
Play, Planning and Place Event
Learning Cities Conference
Place Alliance Big Meet 5
Scotland: A Design Nation Debate
Dumfries and Galloway Council Design Awards
Scottish Local Authority Economic Development Conference
RTPI Scotland Conference, Paisley
Sustainable Building 2016 Conference
Scottish Government Custom and Self Build Event
Scotland Build 2016
Key Agencies Group
Making Space 2016
Association of Directors of Education in Scotland Conference
Scottish Health and Social Care Facilities Conference
World Canals Conference
Expo North
Place Standard Alliance
Scottish Capital Investment Network
Streets Beyond: Beyond Streets
and more...

Places

Some of the places we have worked in 2016

Aberdeen
Aberlour
Airdrie
Angus

"A&DS' input has been of great assistance and has, in our view, had a positive impact on a strategic level for the overall project, bringing together the major stakeholders towards a working partnership."

– Participant in a Design Forum

Revenue

£1,849,305

For the financial year ending 31 March 2016.

other expenditure

£653,561

staff costs

£1,188,879

A full copy of our Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2016 is available on www.ads.org.uk

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Inverurie
Irvine
Kilmarnock
Kinnaird
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Kirriemuir
Knockroon
Larbert
Lerwick
Midlothian
Montrose
Oban
Orkney
Paisley
Peebles
Reykjavik
Speyside
Stirling
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and more...

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Cover: A visitor to the Oban Festival of Architecture experiences architecture through Virtual Reality in the Prospect North exhibition.
Photo by Rhona Dougall, Oban Community Trust.

