

DEBORAH NAGAN

Creative leader with strong business acumen and entrepreneurial spirit;
Seasoned design professional with a reputation for the highest quality, deliverable and sustainable solutions.



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BA (Hons) Oxon,
Dipl,
MLA (Dist),
LI (Associate)

Director , Designer
&
Landscape Architect

Skillset

- Leadership & Advocacy
- Creativity & design
- Business development & growth
- Design Review: persuasive and knowledgeable in encouraging clients, authorities and design teams to find high quality design solutions
- Team-running, team-building & managerial experience; Staff development & resource management
- Speech-writing, presentation & public speaking
- Sustainability leader with experience of the principles and actions for carbon reduction in development
- Holistic view of the value of good public realm and wider placemaking; city-making, well-being and connectivity
- In-depth knowledge of landscape and architecture, in London & the UK, significant international perspective & experience
- Knowledge of UK Planning system & development scenarios including feasibility, risk analysis, impact & finance.

Employment History

Current: Director & Landscape Architect, Uncommon Land (since 2018)

I am the founding director of Uncommon Land responsible for a team of landscape architects. I handle design quality & output, business development and client acquisition in the UK and globally. I manage business affairs, reporting to the CEO of Handley House, and responsible for business-wide strategy, financial management and business development and reporting to the Board quarterly. I have grown the landscape team from 2 to 13 designers and am generating a fee income currently projected at £1M at YE 2020.

As Sustainability Lead for the global group, Handley House, I am responsible for driving a new sustainability strategy across the entire group, and undertaking cross-disciplinary design reviews.

- 2020 MENTOR: Urban Design London, Summer School
- 2020 JUROR: World Landscape Architecture Awards 2020
- 2019 TUTOR: University of Cardiff Architecture MA
- 2019 to Present LEAD: Global Sustainability & Design Quality, Handley House
- 2018 PANEL ADVISOR to MHLCG developing Design Guidelines (which are in the final consultation stages before being finalised with the White Paper)
- 2018 to Present DIRECTOR: Uncommon Land, Leading the landscape studio
- 2012 to 2018 DIRECTOR & PROPRIETOR (uncommon) Key achievements - Day-to-day

- 2012 to Present management of small company; Securing large-scale projects of £100k+ fees, executed by a small, talented team to the highest design quality
- 2011 to Present TRUSTEE: Bankside Open Spaces Trust (BOST); Developer Engagement
- DESIGN REVIEW PANEL MEMBER, London Borough of Southwark; Internal planning policy review Old Kent Road and Southwark Tall Building Policy
- 2014 to 2015 VICE CHAIR: SOWN (South Bank & Waterloo Neighbours), Shaping and lobbying for a cross-borough Neighbourhood Plan
- 2011 to Present BUILT ENVIRONMENT EXPERT Design Council, operating on UK-wide; National Rail and Oxford Design Review panels with landscape specialism.
- 2006 to 2009 DIRECTOR-LEVEL Landscape Architect, Martha Schwartz Partners
Key Achievements: leading the growth of the UK business and overseeing all London-based projects including gaining Planning Permission for Wood Wharf.
- 2003 to 2006 SENIOR LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT, EDAW (now Aecom)
Key Achievements: gained an understanding of large scale projects, including the Olympics; 2012 Legacy Masterplanning
- From 1999 FOUNDING PARTNER: Nagan Johnson Architects. Key achievements: Running an award winning, architecture practice on complex sites; long term staff retention & progression. RIBA registered practice.

Key Landscape & Public Realm Schemes: Ongoing

2018-20

- Faculty of Arts – University of Warwick (with FCBSudios) Construction cost £48M
- Victoria Building - University of Portsmouth (with FCBSudios) Construction cost £94M
- Kings Road development, London, Public realm, (with Benoy)
- Calverts Yard SE1, Private realm and public access, Landscape construction cost £70K
- Waterloo Station Bridge Public Realm (with Waterloo BID, Network Rail, Nagan Johnson Architects, Weston Williamson Architects) Construction cost £4.5M
- Tashkent City Cultural District Masterplan (Client - Akfa & the Mayor of Tashkent)

Selected Completed Projects & Commissions

2018-20

- Paradise Street Net Zero office building (with FCBS Architects)
- Camberwell Masterplan (with Gort Scott Architects, Daisy Froud consultation) - secured £1.5M funding for selected projects from GLA
- Grosvenor Square Competition
- Al Bujairi Unesco Heritage Site mixed-use landscape with park, Riyadh (with Benoy Singapore & London)
Landscape Construction cost £19M
- University College, University of Oxford, Woodstock Road Site landscape masterplan (with FCBSudios)

2017-18

- Crossrail: Four remediation sites: Stepney Green Shaft & Garden, Limmo, Eleanor Street Park, Mile End (with WW+P Architects)
- Old Kent Road Planning Policy Strategy & Tall Building Guidance for Southwark Council
- South Bank & Waterloo Neighbours (SoWN) Green Infrastructure Guidelines for Neighbourhood Plan
- Greenways - Placemaking Project for SoWN/We are Waterloo Business Improvement District
- Waterloo Millennium Green - commissioned new landscape design from LDA (Bankside Open Spaces Trust)
- Old Oak & Park Royal Masterplan & Implementation - Design Review

2015

- Leake Street Pocket Park for London Borough of Lambeth and Network Rail, Landscape Construction cost £150K
- POP Brixton Green Strategy & Implementation of micro-projects (Client: Carl Turner Architects); Ephemeral Project
- Competition win: Royal Academy 'Mayfair Re-imagined' Masterplan (with Yinka Shonibare MBE and WW+P Architects)

2013-14

- Waterloo Station Arches in SE1 (with Michael Grubb) for major public realm and lighting works for Network Rail
- Folkstone Triennial design & concept work & technical feasibility (with Jyll Bradley artist); Ephemeral Project
- Waterloo Road regeneration strategy for Waterloo Quarter Business Improvement District

2009-2010

- 'Forest' – installation highlighting paper use and forest loss, Emma Cons Gardens, SE1
- Substation C Garden for the National Grid, Groveway. SW9
- London 2012 Olympics Masterplan – Landscape design & Masterplanning with EDAW

2006-2009

- Wood Wharf, London, £68million, planning permission granted (Client: Canary Wharf). This was a challenging role on the largest-ever office space planning application in the UK, at the time) - extensive input from Local Authorities, CABE and the GLA. The scheme underwent extensive Public Consultation (with RSHP Architects).

2003-2006

- Abu Dhabi Corniche beach-front landscape (for Sheika Maysa & Abu Dhabi Municipality) 12km
- Saadiyat Island Masterplan (Client TDIC)
- Downtown Doha Masterplan; Chiva Som Masterplan, Qatar,(for Qatari Diar)
- Dubai Maritime City – peer review and re-design of 'city' extension in Dubai

Interests

I am a keen gardener and have opened my garden for the Yellow Book, and Open House. Sport remains important to me: I enjoy sailing, but my aim to join the Clipper Round the World race from Seattle to New York has been put on hold. I am confined to the indoor rower...but am working hard to maintain my UK age ranking and hopeful that the British Championships will once more be held in the Olympic Velodrome. My interests in art, design and landscape are both career and leisure pursuits - I am particularly fond of Tate Modern - and live close by.