

Jenny Booth

BArch (Hons) MArch

Profile

I am a creative and hard working architect with good design skills, on-site experience and technical ability. I have a passion for beautiful materials, innovative technologies, inclusive and low energy design. I believe that working in a freelance capacity enables me to respond to the changing workload demands of local practices in a flexible way. I have been able to use the flexibility of my workload to become engaged in the future of Leeds. I blog about Leeds' Spaces and Places on The Culture Vulture website; am an active member of the Leeds Community Accelerator - ELSIE; and engaged with Playful Leeds, which is funded by Leeds City Council.



Professional Experience

COG ARCHITECTURE, LEEDS

Freelance Architect (July 2011 - present)

I work as lead architect from inception to completion on a number of private residential and commercial commissions.

DLG ARCHITECTS, LEEDS

Architect (November 2007 - June 2011)

Architectural Assistant (Part I placement 2003-2004, Part II placement 2006-2007)

I worked with increasing responsibility on projects from conception to completion, gaining extensive experience in a variety of industry sectors.

Projects include:

The Majestic, Leeds

Complex and challenging redevelopment of the vacant ex-nightclub/former cinema, achieving planning and listed building consent.

Rudding Park Hotel, Harrogate

Extension of the Grade I listed house and hotel to provide new bedroom wing and spa. New bedrooms were completed in time for Christmas 2010.

UNIVERSITY OF NOTTINGHAM

First Year Tutor (October 2005-July 2006)

Whilst studying for my diploma in Architecture I worked alongside one of the unit tutors to provide design and technical guidance for a unit of first year Architecture students during their studio studies and their field trip to Paris.

Education

UNIVERSITY OF NOTTINGHAM

MArch Architecture and Practice Management (2007)

DipArch Architecture (2006)

BArch Architecture (2003)

HARROGATE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

5 A-levels grades A-C (2000)

Art and Design, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry and General Studies

10 GCSEs grades A*-B (1998)

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Highlights and Awards

I was named as one of the top 100 Architects on Twitter by the AJ in July 2011. I can be found as @ArchitectJen.

Work I produced for COG Architecture was reproduced in the RIBA journal.

The Majestic saw significant local interest ahead of its start on site. It was featured in the local and national press and in construction industry publications. Our scheme won generous praise from both the local authority and the Civic Trust.

The New Guest Wing at Ridding Park opened in 2010, helping Ridding Park to win the 2011 Tourism Award in the Ackrill Media Group Business Awards and to be named 'Number One Hotel in the UK' in the 2011 TripAdvisor Travellers' Choice Awards. It was also recently featured in Welcome to Yorkshire's television advertisement.

The Becketts was named winner of The Best Apartment Development at the Yorkshire's Finest Property Awards 2008. In a difficult climate, the apartments are fully let and the retail units are proving popular in what is now an up and coming area.

St James Church won a number of awards including the award for Building Conservation at the RICS Awards 2007.

Skills

I have experience job running feasibility, design and technical projects, with extensive experience with confined sites and listed buildings. I adapt well to taking on a number of projects at once, and to helping out at times of increased workload or approaching deadlines. I also work well as part of a design team and have experience on large jobs.

I am particularly interested in conservation and low-energy architecture and would eventually like to concentrate on these areas through further study and experience.

I am a high level user of AutoCAD, Microstation, Microsoft Office suite, Photoshop and SketchUp. I also have experience using Ecotect, ArchiCAD, NBS, some video editing and web authoring/editing. I am often looked to for advice on the efficient use of software and have been involved in the development of CAD, software and QA systems.

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