**Request for proposal – RIBA Core CPD 2026**

**Deadline for submission: 21 July 2025**

**Background**

RIBA is a global professional membership organisation championing excellence in architecture. We support our members and serve society by promoting the creation of better buildings and places, stronger communities, and a sustainable built environment. Our work is guided by a commitment to inclusivity, ethical practice, environmental responsibility, and collaboration.

Our CPD programme is designed to ensure that members and other delegates can access the Continuing Professional Development they need. RIBA Core CPD 2026 offers a comprehensive route to fulfilling annual core CPD requirements. Delegates are empowered to shape their own professional development by selecting topics that deepen their expertise and expand their knowledge.

**Overview of requirements**

We are looking for individuals and/or organisations to develop and deliver CPD content for our Core curriculum topics as part of the 2026 programme.

* **On-demand content** pre-recorded using RIBA branded presentation template.

**Recording** Autumn this year (October, exact dates tbc)

* Four 20minute talks, based on the topic brief and themes
* Record a short (three minute) and very simple introduction to you and your topic, and a short (seven minute) conclusion to confirm key learning outcomes

**Additional content**

* Supply a simple initial knowledge check question (with one correct answer and two incorrect answers)
* Create two scenario-based exercises based on real or imagined projects
* Supply a simple concluding knowledge check (to cover one learning outcome from each of the four 20-minute talks)

**Live Webinar**

* Take part in a one hour ‘In conversation’ webinar in 2026 (date to be confirmed). No prep or slides are needed, and the sessions are hosted and led by a RIBA representative.

**RIBA Core CPD programme for 2026**

The ten topics included in the standard RIBA Core CPD Programme for 2026 are as follows.

Topic headings for standard practice CPD below:

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| **Topic headings – Main Core Programme 2026** |
| Topic 1: Architecture for social purpose  **Delivering new homes: Navigating community concerns and enhancing public engagement** |
| Topic 2: Health, safety and wellbeing  **Designing with risk in mind: Understanding site hazards and their impact** |
| Topic 3: Business, clients, and services  **Laying the foundations: Navigating feasibility studies for project success** |
| Topic 4: Legal, regulatory, and statutory compliance  **Design handover: Managing risk when taking over projects mid-stream** |
| Topic 5: Procurement and contracts  **Managing architectural projects** |
| Topic 6: Sustainable architecture  **Land use and building density: Sustainable approaches to urban development** |
| Topic 7: Inclusive environments  **Designing with young people in mind: Creating youth friendly built environments** |
| Topic 8: Places, planning, and communities  **Planning in practice: Engagement and negotiation for better outcomes** |
| Topic 9: Building conservation and heritage  **Making heritage matter: The politics of preserving the past** |
| Topic 10: Design, construction and technology  **Adapting material specifications to evolving product certification and regulatory standards** |

RIBA will also be creating a series of five Core topic courses for corporate practices. These courses will be in the same format as the standard Core CPD programme but should be developed with audiences of much larger practices in mind.

Topic headings for corporate practice CPD below:

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| **Topic headings - Corporate Practices 2026** |
| Topic 2: Health, safety, and wellbeing  **Designing for health: Embedding wellbeing into large-scale architectural practice** |
| Topic 6: Sustainable architecture  **Net Zero at scale: Delivering whole-life carbon strategies** |
| Topic 8: Places, planning and communities  **Smart Cities, Smart Practice: Designing for urban intelligence and connected living** |
| Topic 9: Building conservation and heritage  **Past forward: Rethinking heritage through adaptive reuse and contemporary design** |
| Topic 10: Design, construction, and technology  **Architectural intelligence: Harnessing AI for scalable design and delivery** |

We have provided speaker briefs with suggested themes in the RIBA Core CPD 2026 – Speaker Topic Briefs (and Speaker Topic Briefs Corporate Practices) forms. These can be found on the [RIBA Speaker Tender Page](https://www.architecture.com/education-cpd-and-careers/cpd/riba-cpd-programme/cpd-speaker-tender?srsltid=AfmBOooSsx7Cpv8eTX1cYO6aeJ6M7Z3dJvMlaFv0XM7jZX4GtAEOorij).

However, we welcome proposals informed by your own knowledge and experience which we believe will help shape a practical and engaging course.

If you have any questions regarding the proposed content, please email [juliet.talbot@riba.org](mailto:juliet.talbot@riba.org).

**Project timelines**

The table below sets out key dates in the project process.

Participants are asked to confirm they can work to these timelines and/or flag any dates which cannot be met.

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| **Action** | **Date 2025** |
| Deadline for submitting a proposal | 21 July |
| RIBA proposal evaluation and shortlisting | 22, 23, 24 July |
| Successful parties notified – Speaker Agreement Issued | 25 July |
| Speaker development of talks and learning activities | From 28 July |
| Recording in London (venue tbc)  An exact date and three hour recording slot will be allocated when appointed | w/c 06 October  w/c 13 October  w/c 20 October |
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**Evaluation and selection**

The proposal process will include an evaluation of all submitted responses against a set of criteria. The evaluation criteria will include, but will not be limited to:

* the quality and suitability of the final speaker brief provided for consideration
* proposed fee structure and payment terms
* any other ‘value-add’ services proposed for consideration

**Equality, diversity, and inclusion**

RIBA is committed to encouraging equality, diversity and inclusive principles and unlawful discrimination, and to ensuring that these principles are embedded in its culture and workforce.

RIBA expects its suppliers, in providing goods and/ or services, to demonstrate a similarly high level of commitment to embedding equality, diversity and inclusion principles within their organisations.

**Key contacts**

All correspondence should be directly through those persons included in the table below.

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|  | **RIBA Main Contact** |
| **Name** | Juliet Talbot |
| **Position** | Learning Content Manager |
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Only communications made to RIBA’s named representative above will be considered during the pre-contract period.

**Submissions**

The deadline for all submissions is **Monday 21 July 2025.**

**Submission requirements**

Please use the RIBA Core CPD 2026 – Proposal Guidance form to create your proposal. This and all supporting documents can be downloaded from [RIBA CPD Speaker Tender page](https://www.architecture.com/education-cpd-and-careers/cpd/riba-cpd-programme/cpd-speaker-tender)

Please email any queries and your proposal to **Juliet Talbot**, RIBA Learning Content Manager at [Speaker.Tender@riba.org](mailto:Speaker.Tender@riba.org) copying [juliet.talbot@riba.org](mailto:juliet.talbot@riba.org).