

Patricia Leo

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Position/title: Architect/ Director

Qualifications: Architect, ARB, RIBA

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Election Statement

As a Peruvian-British architect registered in the UK, I bring a personal and professional commitment to equity, inclusion, and the transformative power of architecture. My journey from Lima to London began on a football scholarship as an elite athlete. As a student member, RIBA supported me through pivotal moments — most notably through the Student Support Fund and a commendation in the President's Medals for my dissertation on informal settlements in Peru. That support helped shape the architect I am today.

Throughout my Part 2 studies at LSBU, I was a highly engaged student member — serving as Year 4 and Year 5 course representative and treasurer of the Architecture Society. I was twice nominated for the Excellence Awards as Best Course Representative and proudly represented my university as a sports ambassador while completing my Master's on a Tier 1 football scholarship. I then completed my Part 3 at the University of Cambridge, while working two jobs and preparing to welcome a baby — my hardest, yet most beautiful, work to date.

My practice now focuses on social housing, homelessness, and modular architecture — driven by the belief that beauty and dignity should be accessible at every budget. I also mentor international students at London Metropolitan University (where I studied my Part 1), helping them navigate the UK's academic and cultural environment, much as I once did.

I am standing for Vice President Membership because I believe RIBA should reflect the full diversity of its members and support architects through every stage of their journey — especially those from underrepresented and international backgrounds. I will champion accessible support schemes, mentorship networks, and initiatives that enhance the value and inclusivity of membership.

Architecture needs voices from every background, and RIBA must continue to evolve as a home for all. I would be honoured to serve its members and help shape that future.