

Donal MacRandal

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Election Statement

I will continue the work undertaken by Joan McCoy representing the interest of Northern Ireland based architects on the RIBA Council.

I have 15 years' experience as an architect in private practice including 8 years as principal of a small practice in Downpatrick. This combined with over 15 years in a wide variety of roles in the Civil Service as a principal architect including housing, construction procurement policy and health sectors, gives me a breadth of experience to assist discussions in the RIBA Council.

It is important that the RIBA provide value to its members, and I particularly want to support members in smaller regional practices. To achieve this, I will pursue action on tasks that I initiated when last on the RIBA Council as the RSUA President. I will push for RIBA action to ensure that members in small practices have access to more affordable specification tools for domestic scale buildings than the now very expensive NBS system. I also will encourage the RIBA Council Expert Advisory Group on PI Insurance I was part of to make more progress on the introduction of expert determination to cut the cost of PI Insurance by reducing the legal costs for claims which exceed 50% of the money paid out by PI insurers and consequential costs which account for another 25% and are exacerbated by delays in settling claims through the legal system.

My contribution and experience on the RIAI task and finish group which undertook a governance review of the RIAI will help me contribute to the governance review of the RIBA which has been proposed for the next Council term.