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Election Statement

Architecture is at a critical turning point. As students, we are not only the future of the profession, we are already shaping its direction. I am running for RIBA Council to ensure that the student voice is not only heard, but actively drives change across architectural education and practice.

My vision is a profession that is inclusive, accessible, and better connected to the realities we face in both academia and industry. I am committed to 'Bridging the Gap' between these two worlds, a mission I've already begun through initiatives like the 'Preparing for Practice' event I organised with RIBA West Midlands. The event featured keynote speakers including the RIBA President, Ken Shuttleworth, and RIBAJ Rising Stars, followed by a hands-on CV and portfolio workshop where leading practices in the city supported students directly.

As your representative, I will work to make Preparing for Practice a fixed part of the RIBA calendar across all regions, creating equitable access to professional development, networking, and mentorship opportunities well before graduation.

I will also advocate for stronger pastoral support, decolonised and future-facing curricula, and better financial accessibility across architectural education. I will push RIBA to be more transparent, accountable, and inclusive, and ensure it works with students, not just for them.

To further amplify student voices and improve communication, I will use social media platforms to create engaging, educational, and entertaining content, bridging the gap not just between academia and industry, but between students and the institution that represents them.

Let's challenge the status quo and make sure RIBA reflects not just the future of architecture, but is shaped by it.