

RSAW 30th Annual Conference 2023  
Thursday 30th November  
Cornerstone, Charles Street, Cardiff CF10 2SF



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On 30 November 2023, we will celebrate the 30th RSAW Annual Conference by re-exploring the theme from the first ever conference in 1994: 'Architects - Leaders or Followers: the next ten years'.

As the RSAW is busy setting its Vision for 2024-2034, the next 10 years is a focus for us in which we hope to discover what and who is new in architecture, who should we be following on their architectural journey, and how has the last 30 years impacted the world of architecture, not just in Wales, but globally.

We will revisit some of the key themes from 1994, focussing on what was considered to be the architectural professions' problems such as client expectations, the balance of work

between public and private sector, consumers, buildings becoming more complex, the growing sophistication of IT systems and its effects on the drawing studio. Less predictability, fees, competition, and self-interest.

We will also consider and evaluate the challenges and opportunities for the profession today. The day's programme includes five case studies by RIBA Award-winning architects that will explore the

ethos of a successful practice, how to incorporate sustainability into the heart of each project, the growing influence of artificial intelligence, how a small practice can think big, and a review of a recent RIBA National Award-winning scheme. As is customary, the day will be rounded off with the Inspiration Hour by the multi award-winning Scottish practice, Dualchas Archiitects.

# Outline Programme

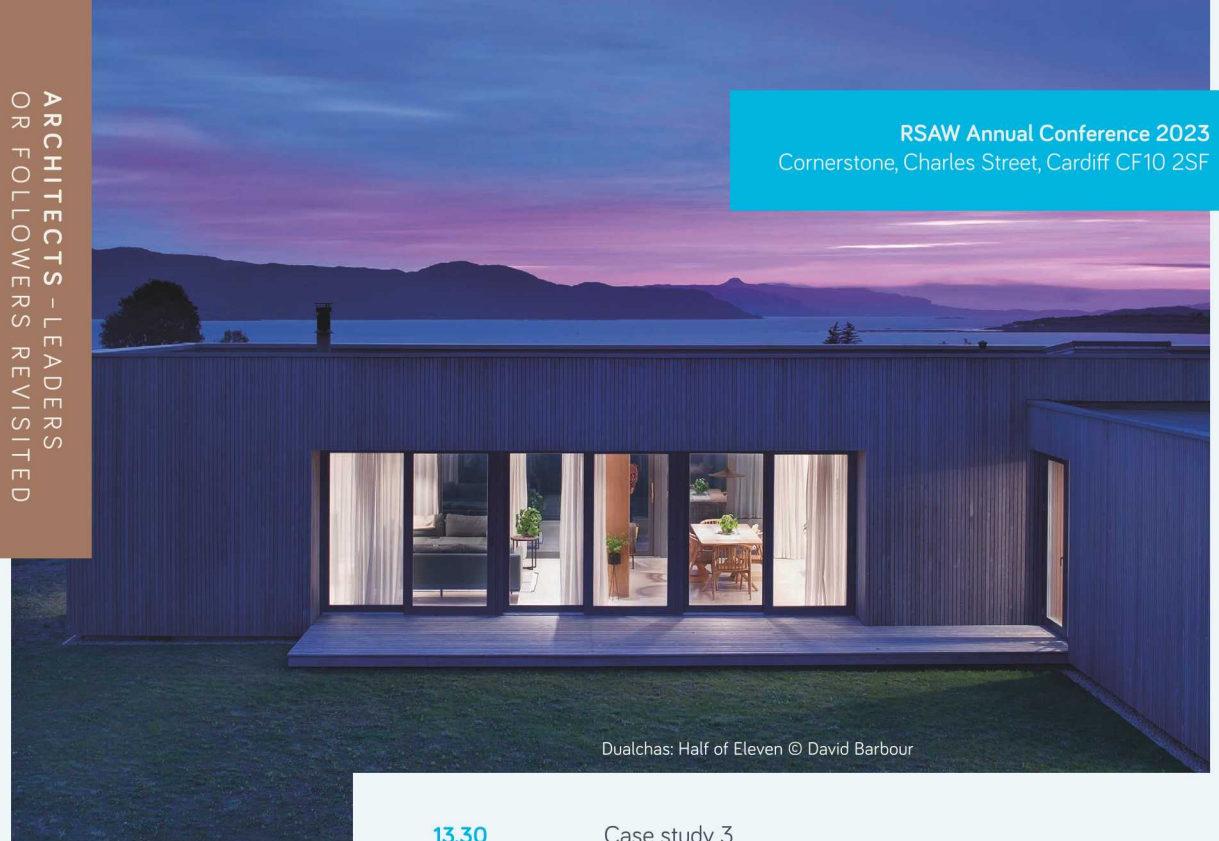


Dualchas: House at Diabeg  
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9.00	Registrations Tea and Coffee in Jane Hodge Hall
9.30	RSAW Welcome Dan Benham, <i>Benham Architects</i> ; <i>RSAW President</i>
9.40	Introduction Robin Nicholson, <i>RSAW Conference Chair</i>
9.55	Where are now...30 years on? Alan Francis, <i>Director, Gaunt Francis Architects</i>
10.15	Education update and Q&A Jenny Russell, <i>Director of Education &amp; Learning, RIBA</i> Hugh Simpson, <i>Chief Executive, ARB</i>
10:55	<i>Morning tea break</i>
11:25	Case study 1 Anna Liu, <i>Director, Tonkin Liu</i>
11.45	Case study 2 Louisa Bowles, <i>Sustainability Lead at Hawkins\Brown</i>
12.10	Question time Alan Francis, <i>Director, Gaunt Francis Architects</i> Anna Liu, <i>Director, Tonkin Liu</i> Louisa Bowles, <i>Sustainability Lead at Hawkins\Brown</i>
12.30	<i>Lunch break</i> Lunch in the Jane Hodge Hall



Dualchas: Half of Eleven © David Barbour

13.30	Case study 3 Paul Maich, <i>Director, Maich Swift</i>
13.50	Case study 4 Duarte Lobo Antunes, <i>Director, AISFOR_</i>
14.10	Case study 5 Keir Regan-Alexander, <i>Principal, Arka Works</i>
14.40	Question time Paul Maich, <i>Director, Maich Swift</i> Duarte Lobo Antunes, <i>Founder &amp; Director at AISFOR</i> Keir Regan-Alexander, <i>Principal, Arka Works</i>
15.00	<i>Afternoon tea break</i>
15.30	Inspiration hour and Q&A Neil Stephen and Rory Flynn, <i>Dualchas Architects</i>
16.30	Summary and closing words
16.40	<i>End</i>

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# How to book

To book a place on the RSAW Annual Conference 2023, please visit:  
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/rsaw-annual-conference-2023-tickets-711060349647?aff=oddtcreator>

## Ticket pricing structure:

Early bird member discount:  
£99 + VAT

RSAW/ RIBA Members:  
£120 +VAT

Non-members:  
£175 +VAT

Student/retired:  
£60 +VAT

*For reduced RIBA membership  
fee rate contact [RSAW@riba.org](mailto:RSAW@riba.org)*

## Chartered Practice Group Discount:

For groups between 3-5 delegates,  
please apply 5% discount.

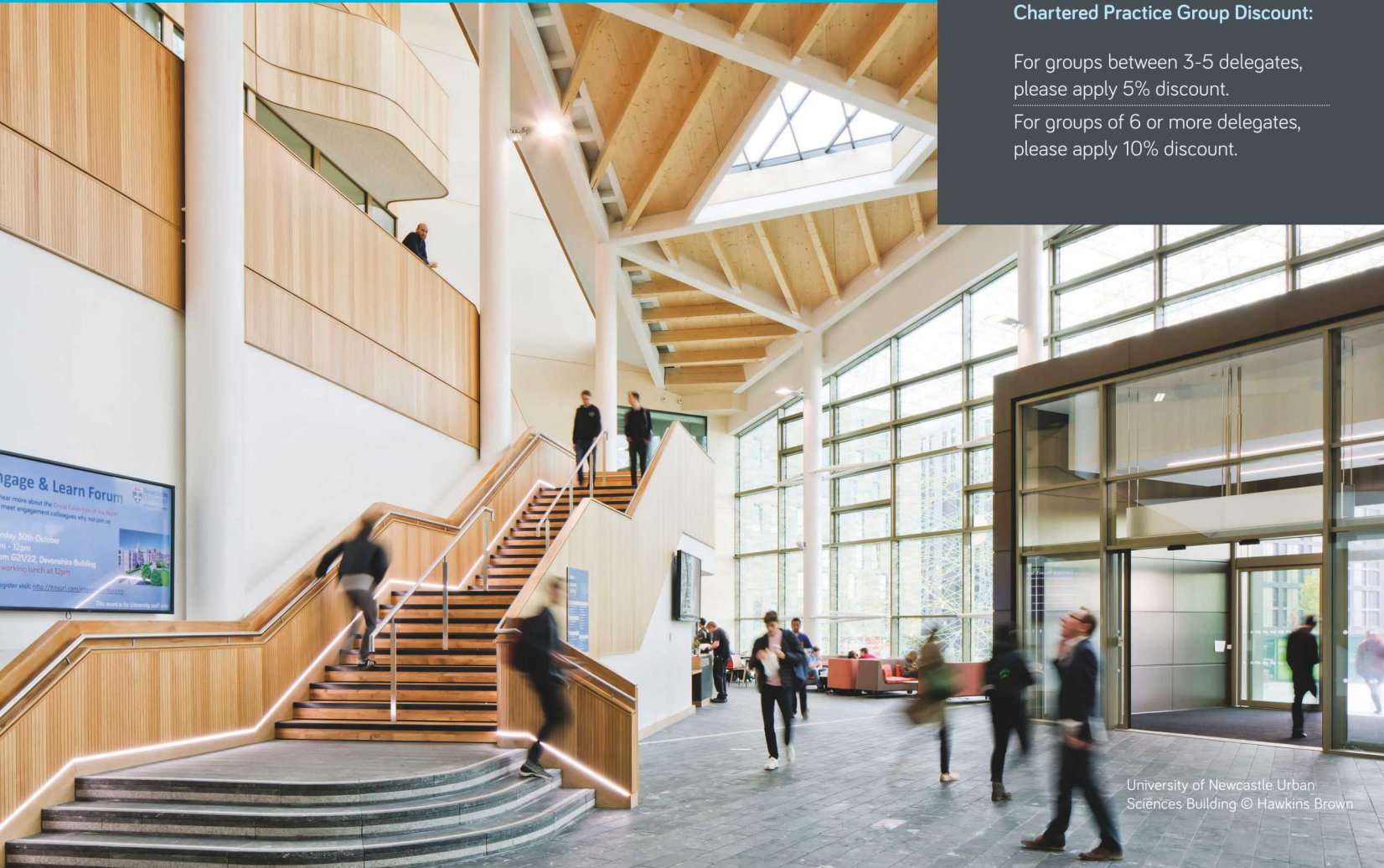
For groups of 6 or more delegates,  
please apply 10% discount.

## Core curriculum topics

- 1 Architecture for social purpose
- 3 Business, clients and services
- 6 Sustainable architecture
- 7 Inclusive environments
- 8 Places, planning and communities
- 9 Building conservation and heritage
- 10 Design, construction and technology

This one-day conference is equal to 6 hours of CPD for RSAW/RIBA members, with relevance for core curriculum topics: 1, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10.

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