

# Lewis Darnton

ARCHITECT



## Qualifications

**Oxford Brookes**  
**Postgraduate Diploma**  
**(RIBA III)**  
**Merit** PGDip Architecture

**Master's Degree (RIBA II)**  
**Merit** MArchD  
Architectural Design

**Newcastle University**  
**Bachelor's Degree (RIBA I)**  
**2.1** BA Architecture

**QEGS**  
**A Level**  
**A\*** Art  
**A** Mathematics  
**A** Physics  
**B** Design Technology (AS)

**GCSE**  
**A\*** Art  
**A** Chemistry  
**A** Design Technology  
**A** Information Technology  
**A** Mathematics  
**A** Physics  
**B** English Language  
**B** English Literature  
**B** French

**Additional**  
• CSCS Card  
• UK Driving License

## Profile

Hello, my name is Lewis and I am an Architect from Wakefield, currently living in London. In my design approach, I am a firm believer that the most effective solutions arise from well-developed minimalistic ideas that derive complexity from simplicity.

I embrace the opportunity to learn new skills and as such many of my personal ventures have arisen from a problem or need I have identified, pursued, and developed. The wide range of projects on my website exhibit my ability to fully immerse myself in the task at hand and develop compelling solutions.

An education in Architectural Design has allowed me to develop key skills in communication, creative thinking, and problem solving. In my own time, I have further developed my abilities, self-teaching basic programming skills. This has given me a set of transferable skills that are applicable to a broad range of design disciplines.

I want to work with people who share the same passion, determination, and vision as I do.

## Profession Timeline

<b>RM_A</b> <b>Architect</b> London, UK	Sept 2024 - Present
From the professional experience of working in a thriving architectural practice, I have developed ability in time-management, teamwork and performing under pressure. I have worked across multiple projects at various stages of the RIBA design cycle. This varies from inception, where I have overseen the design of projects to achieve local authority planning permission, to the opposing end of the design spectrum dealing with the detailed design of construction tender packages.	
During a working day I am likely to partake in the following:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Producing high quality 3D models, suitable for producing renders for presentations.</li><li>• Deliver drawing packages and schedules to a high standard.</li><li>• Work within a diverse multitude of design projects.</li><li>• Propose considered facade treatment involving materials, positioning, and character.</li><li>• Consider the macro/micro layouts of flats to create a flowing and ordered design proposal.</li><li>• Attend site visits in order to gain information and an understanding of prospective sites.</li><li>• Orchestrate documents suitable for planning submissions: FPA, S73, S96a, etc.</li><li>• Liaise with clients and colleagues, forming strong socio-professional relationships.</li><li>• Review and critique project work within the office at interim meetings.</li><li>• Supply technical assistance regarding computing software and hardware.</li><li>• Contribute when presenting developed design proposals at client meetings.</li><li>• Offer architectural advice/help/thoughts to other members of the workforce.</li></ul>	
<b>RM_A</b> <b>Architectural Assistant (Part II)</b> London, UK	Sept 2020 - Sept 2024
<b>RM_A</b> <b>Architectural Assistant (Part I)</b> London, UK	Nov 2015 - Sept 2020

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## Education Timeline

**Oxford Brookes Apprenticeship (Level 7)**  
**MArchD Applied Design + Postgraduate Diploma in Architecture**  
London/Oxford, UK

Sept 2020 -  
Sept 2024

The tripartite relationship between the employer, the apprentice, and academia acted as a catalyst, bridging the gap between the workplace and education which encouraged the transfer of knowledge, ideas, and practices. My Master's design project utilised research-led design to explore whether the design of supported housing for vulnerable individuals could be made more equitable by utilising contemporary design methods. The project was based within Gravesend, Kent, an area that had critical demand for temporary accommodation.

The Postgraduate Diploma proved insightful and enabled a further understanding of processes, procedures, and regulations of both current and past project experiences. It prompted my navigation through the regulatory framework, enabling me to understand key legislation, processes, and procedures of the construction field to meet stringent safety and planning requirements.

**Newcastle University**  
**BA (Hons) Architecture**  
Newcastle-upon-Tyne, UK

Sept 2012 -  
July 2015

Whilst studying at Newcastle University, I was challenged with developing numerous design briefs from the concept stage through to coherent design proposals. The design process included weekly one-on-one design tutorials, interim critiques, and a final critique. The weekly one-on-one tutorials consisted of progressive design discussions with tutors who would primarily offer feedback to aid design development, whilst also acting as the client. The critique process involved presenting developed design work to peers and tutors from various design studios, to gather a diverse range of opinions, criticism, and advice.

The projects included a variety of restrictions which informed the direction and outcome of the proposed scheme. During this procedure, I gained skills in critical thinking, self-critique, and design analysis. The projects allowed for the exploration of materials, scale and experiences through sketching and prototype-testing.

**University of Leeds**  
**BEng (Hons) Architectural Engineering**  
Leeds, UK

Sept 2011 -  
July 2012

**Queen Elizabeth Grammar School**  
**Secondary Education**  
Wakefield, UK

Sept 2004 -  
July 2011

## References

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## Skills

**Software**

- Adobe Creative Suite
- AutoDesk Revit
- Bentley MicroStation
- Chaos Group V-Ray
- Microsoft Office Suite
- Trimble SketchUp

**Coding Languages**

- CSS
- HTML

**Other**

- Technology Proficient

**Personal Attributes**

- Adaptable
- Analytical
- Considerate
- Diligent
- Helpful
- Honest
- Light-hearted
- Problem solver
- Reliable
- Self-guided
- Team worker
- Time management

## Key Work

**Competitions**

- 3rd Place - Skid Row 2021

**Personal Projects**

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**University Projects**

- Gravesend
- Memory
- Mass

**Workplace Projects**

- Keeley Road
- Chadwell Heath
- The Ridgeway
- Shawmer Farm
- Drayton's Garage