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The Architects' Journal (AJ) empowers architects in their work by providing essential information, expert intelligence and community strength – plus a generous helping of delight.

Our clear-sighted, rigorous journalism, relentlessly focused on uncovering the stories that matter to our readers, underpins everything we do. Our beautiful fortnightly publication offers a wealth of building studies, news analyses and working details – an in-depth, rich reading experience. Our impact is far-reaching, as evidenced by the three stand-out issues of the AJ that support our submission.

Race diversity in architecture: exposing the reality of racism

Race diversity is a huge issue for architecture – and our exclusive race diversity in architecture survey and report was the very first in the profession to provide specific data analysis of the issue.

Run in partnership with the Stephen Lawrence Charitable Trust (SLCT), the survey was completed by nearly 900 architects and found that a quarter of those coming from a BAME background think racism is 'widespread' in the architecture profession.

Our landmark, clearly designed survey has led to a new diversity charter for the profession which will launch early next year – and we are working further with the SLCT to highlight and celebrate BAME voices and talent throughout the industry on an ongoing basis.

Student special: encouraging the next generation of architects

It is crucial that the experiences of those training for the profession are heard loud and clear. The AJ student special is crammed full of information and inspiration: from a dedicated survey that highlights the impact of the financial cost of architectural education; to the game-changing opportunity of architecture apprenticeships; to x10 reviews of the stand-out end-of-year shows.

And then there's the AJ Student Prize: a new initiative that offers a much-needed platform for students and the schools that foster their talents. We received a stunning 78 entries from an impressive 44 different RIBA-accredited schools. Each entry was featured in our dedicated issue, and all the students have been invited to attend a special event to celebrate their success.

In practice: strength in depth

In January, we took a risk. We wanted to use the AJ's expertise and ability to explore, understand and assess the work of one of the most exciting and well-regarded architects of today: Níall McLaughlin. We dedicated an entire issue to his practice's three current stand-out projects. We conducted an insightful interview with him. And we photographed him on site for our cover. With detailed plans, client views and lively critical appraisals, this is an important edition which showcases the depth of reporting and coverage that the AJ can deliver.

The risk paid off: we received exceptional reader feedback, and the AJ edition was one of our most read and requested issues ever.

Emily Booth, Editor

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