



## Lucy's biography

## Lucy Bullivant

Leading place vision strategist and award-winning [author](#)

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### Lucy Bullivant's background

Lucy Bullivant PhD Hon FRIBA is a place vision strategist, curatorial director, award-winning [author](#), and public speaker with extensive global urban research and delivery experience gained through collaborating with and across the cultural, public and private sectors globally.

Lucy Bullivant strategises solutions for global cities' and towns' sustainable futures. Her focus is urban recovery and reinvention, higher design standards and experimental multidisciplinary strategies for liveable urbanism countering the negative effects of inequality, [climate change](#) and globalisation on communities. Experiencing Lucy's talks provides profound insights into her international project work. She pinpoints priorities and resources, enables audiences to create new road maps based on critical awareness of innovative and adaptive ways of thinking and acting vital to survive and thrive in the 21st century.

Lucy has created and delivered more than 100 groundbreaking and popular projects of public value internationally: educational, cultural and engagement strategies, exhibitions, lectures, books, magazines, media features, videos and public information material on priorities for architecture, urban design, master-planning and place-making. As a Trustee of Temple Bar Trust she promotes diversity in the built environment. She is the award-winning author of over 10 titles on architecture and urban design published globally.

Lucy is currently Head of Engagement, Oxford Street District, at Westminster City Council; chair of the Lambeth Design Review Panel; an Expert – Specialist (Design Council), chair; a member of the Brent Council Design Review Panel, Enfield Place and Design Quality Panel and the Yorkshire Design Review Service, and formerly member of the London Legacy Development Corporation Quality Review Panel (2012-13). In the last decade she has successfully delivered [consultancy](#) projects to Enfield Council; Bydel Bjerke local authority, Oslo; University of Qatar; ANCB, Berlin; and the Latvian Development and Investment Agency.

Lucy was elected an Honorary Fellow of RIBA in 2010 for her services to architectural culture globally. She has a PhD in adaptive planning from the School of Art, Architecture and Design, London

Metropolitan University and an MA(RCA) in Cultural History from the Royal College of Art, and is a Trustee of Temple Bar Trust and a Liveryman of the Chartered Society of Architects. In the early 1990s Lucy was Heinz Curator of Architectural Programmes, Royal Academy of Arts, London, before founding Lucy Bullivant & Associates, her consultancy business working with museums and galleries, publishers, academic and professional bodies on a wide range of projects of public value: exhibitions, strategy, publications, debates and symposia.

As a groundbreaking non-fiction author, Lucy has for 30 years chronicled innovative creative practices in architecture and urban design and their shape-shifting contributions to Society. She is currently completing the second edition of her book *Masterplanning Futures* (Routledge, 2012) a global analysis of the ideals and processes of contemporary adaptive planning which won Book of the Year at the Urban Design Group Awards, 2014.

For many years a globally connected investigative journalist, Lucy has contributed to the Cities and International Development sections of *The Guardian*, *The Financial Times*, and specialist titles including *Architects' Journal*, *Architectural Review*, *Domus* and *Al Manakh*, published as a special edition of *Volume* monitoring new developments in the Gulf Region. Lucy's work has been featured in *Monocle*, *Forbes*, *ADM* (Milan) and *Arkitekten* (Sweden), and she has given radio and video interviews to Channel 4 and other European and international tv and print media.

## Lucy's talks

- **What makes a city a creative place for everybody**  
London, Milan, Hamburg, Madrid, Riga, Oslo, Medellín, Mexico City, Brisbane, Shenzhen (some examples of cities Lucy can talk about based on her original research)
- **The Hyperlocal is not just hype: new media for shared social value**  
How your smart phone is transforming your sense of place and opening up possibilities for shared social value
- **Home is where the heart is: designing homes for contemporary lifestyles**  
Mixed use is not just a developer's buzz word: progressive developers of homes and their architects are responding to society's diverse needs
- **What is a visionary city?**  
10 non-negotiable principles and values your local authority and developers need to take notice of if they aren't already
- **Doing it for ourselves: how co-designing places can produce local social value**  
The rise of participatory design by local communities and social enterprises with local government and by themselves is opening the door to a new creative era of localism
- **From Urbanistas to Chicks with Bricks: being an innovative woman in a man's world**  
Today's female pioneers in the built environment – picking up the mantle from their predecessors Octavia Hill, Jane Drew, Jane Jacobs, for example, in the UK and US alone – are transforming planning, development, architecture and landscape. Who are 10 of the best, what have they achieved and what have they got lined up for the world in the coming years?
- **The soft stuff is the hard stuff**  
Culture is a key driver of innovative planning and placemaking in the 21st century

- **Masterplanning futures: how to plan more mindfully for the next generation**

The rigid top down masterplan methods of the past are being replaced by a much more holistic and inclusive step-by-step approach with resilience and sustainability as their goal

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