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New Architecture Apprenticeship Handbook is the first of its kind

An Assistant Professor in the Department of Architecture and Built Environment at Northumbria University has co-authored a new handbook which aims to demystify the route into the architecture profession for learners.

[Daniel Goodricke](#) leads the first year of the [Architect \(Level 7\) Degree Apprenticeship](#) at Northumbria, as well as teaching across second and third years on the programme. He has collaborated with [Luke Murray](#), Course

Leader for the BA (Hons) Architecture course at Ravensbourne University London, to produce the *Architecture Apprenticeship Handbook*.

Published by the leading publisher of architecture books, Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) Publishing, the handbook provides structured guidance and advice on career progress to apprentices, as well as those supporting them on their journey. The handbook covers the entire apprenticeship journey, from applying and preparing, to making the most of the apprenticeship journey, and how the right programme can support future career ambitions.

With tailored features including apprentice top tips, employers 'need to know' and expert perspectives based on original research drawn from the experience of apprentices, employers and academics delivering architecture apprenticeship programmes in the UK, the book aims to give a comprehensive overview with illustrated case studies from recent graduates and current apprentices.

Daniel said: "The Architecture Apprenticeship Handbook is the only book of its kind. It demystifies the Level 7 apprenticeship, providing structured guidance and advice. Evidence suggests that those early career professionals choosing to pursue the apprenticeship route are already amongst the most sought-after of their generation by industry.

"Luke and I are passionate about providing accessible routes into the profession and education tailored to learners needs, which we feel fortunate to be supported by our universities in. We are hopeful that the handbook will become a key text to apprentices and practices for years to come and, in this small way, are privileged to be part of each apprentice's journey."

Architecture Apprenticeship Handbook



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The apprenticeship journey is brought to life throughout the book with detailed case studies demonstrating how apprentices can make the most of the experience. Among those featured is [Laura McClorey](#), a former apprentice at FaulknerBrowns Architects and Northumbria University, who is now a qualified architect at FaulknerBrowns. Following her Part 1 Architectural Assistant training, Laura spent time working outside the profession, only to return to complete her studies as an apprentice. Laura outlines how this route enabled her to practise her passion, focusing her work on positive social purpose for communities.

In the case study, Laura says: “Without doubt, the apprenticeship enabled me to develop technically, becoming confident in discussing technical details with tutors, professional colleagues and my mentor. Knowledge and skills gained at university have translated into my work in practice, which has predominantly focused on public sector culture and leisure projects that deliver real social value to the communities in which they are based.”

The [Architect Degree Apprenticeship programme at Northumbria University](#) was the first of its kind to be accredited by the Architects Registration Board (ARB) in the UK and is also validated by the RIBA.

Creation of the book has been supported by sponsorship from a number of leading architecture practices, including Assael, FaulknerBrowns, Foster + Partners, Hawkins\Brown, HLM, Ryder and SPACE. Contributions from key industry stakeholders include the Chair of the Architecture Apprenticeships Trailblazer Group, Institute for Apprenticeship and Technical Education (IfATE), ARB and RIBA.

In the book's foreword Dr Jenny Russell, Director of Education and Learning at RIBA, writes: "The education of an architect demands not just theoretical knowledge but also hands-on experience. Architecture apprenticeships are not an easy route into the profession. They are complex and heavily regulated. To work successfully they must recognise the critical role of the employer, the educator and the apprentice.

"This book successfully takes the complex process of the architecture apprenticeships and breaks it down into digestible and understandable sections, with fantastic real-life examples from those involved in the process. Having known Daniel and Luke for many years, I am not surprised by the care and consideration that has gone into the development and delivery of this handbook. The insights that they bring come from their involvement in the apprenticeship process and their commitment to the profession, architectural education and, in particular, architecture students."

The book also discusses why an apprenticeship might suit those with learning differences, and includes information from Dr Peter Holgate, Associate Professor and Employability Lead in the [Department of Architecture and Built Environment](#) at Northumbria, whose research concerns developing inclusive curricula, including for students with dyslexia.

Discover more [here](#) about the *Architecture Apprenticeship Handbook*, which is now available to order via [RIBA Publishing](#) and other outlets. Co-authors Daniel and Luke have since used their research from compiling the handbook to write an article for [The RIBA Journal](#) which outline strategies for successful apprenticeship training.

An official launch event for the handbook is being held in London this week,

kindly hosted and sponsored by Scott Brownrigg.

Date: Wednesday 12 June, 2024

Time: 6:00pm

Venue: Scott Brownrigg, 77 Endell Street, London, WC2H 9DC

Places are strictly limited so, if you are able to attend, please register via Eventbrite as soon as possible [here](#)

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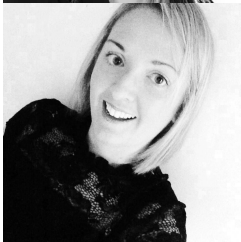
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