

MICHAEL OLDHAM

MA, Dip Arch (Dist.), FLI, PPEFLA,

Curriculum Vitae

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Qualifications

Diploma in Architecture (Distinction) Plymouth Polytechnic 1972

MA in Landscape Design - Sheffield University 1974

Member of the Royal Institute of British Architects 1975 (resigned 2003)

Associate of the Landscape Institute 1977 - 88

Fellow of Landscape Institute 1988

Member of the Association of Planning Supervisors 1996 (retired)

Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts (retired)

Honorary posts

Chairman Plymouth Architectural Students Association 1970 - 1972

Student Representative RIBA Student Relations Committee 1972

Secretary and then Chairman Landscape Institute Southwest Chapter 1977 - 1981

Member of LI Council 1981 - 1996

Organising Chairman Landscape Institute Conference Exeter 1980

(first LI Conference to make a profit, introduced trade exhibits and sponsorship)

Secretary and then Chairman Landscape Institute Education Committee 1981 - 1988

Chairman Visiting Panel - Landscape Management Courses 1985 - 1986

Founding President of the European Foundation for Landscape Architecture 1987 - 1991

Vice President of the Landscape Institute - 1993 - 1995

External Examiner - Gloucester College of Art and Sheffield University

Professional Practice Examiner - Landscape Institute 1988 - 2003

Honorary Member of IFLA Europe - October 2014

Member and Chair of the Council of Europe IFLA EU Working Party 2016 ...

Jury Member - Council of Europe - European Landscape Convention Awards 2017

Rapporteur - Council of Europe - Brno Conference 2017

Expert to the Council of Europe - Conferences of the European Landscape Convention -

Reports - Professional Recognition Landscape Architects (2019)

Urban Landscapes and Climate Change; the contribution of Landscape Architects to improve the Quality of Life (2021)

Expert to the Council of Europe - CDCPP contribution IFLA EU Working Group on

Reports - Thematic Subject - Climate Change and Sustainable Development (2018)

Thematic Subject - Embracing democratic values in culturally diverse societies. The role of culture, heritage and landscape in supporting children and young people to become active and engaged citizens (2023)

Chair of Jury - Council of Europe - European Landscape Convention Awards 2024

Council of Europe - member of working party on 'Landscape and Environment' 2024

IFLA Europe (2024...)

Member of the Practice Committee Professional Recognition Working Group

Member of the Membership Application Panel

Chair Resolutions Working Group

Represented the Landscape Institute on consultations with UK Government on the enactment into highway and planning law of the EU Directives concerning Environmental Assessment and assisted Royal Parks in the preliminary consultations for the Princess Diana Commemorative Garden, London.

Represented European Foundation for Landscape Architecture at meetings with officials of the European Union and assisted in the presentation of the EU Green Paper on the Urban Environment in Madrid 1990.

Since 2014, representing either IFLA Europe or the Council of Europe ELC. I have presented papers at national and international conferences in the Belgium, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, France, Greece, Latvia, Portugal, Turkey and the United Kingdom.

Professional experience - (and a few projects)

1974 - 1977 **EXETER CITY COUNCIL**
City Planning Officer's Department
Senior Landscape Architect

Responsibilities Established a landscape section in the Planning Department concerned with providing a landscape design service to the city, local plans and development control. Major projects included the **Central Riverside Development** and **pedestrianisation of the centre of Exeter** as well as other minor open space and housing developments. I was involved in consultations with Sir Geoffrey Jellicoe on the redevelopment of the close of **Exeter Cathedral**.

1977 - 1987 **DORSET COUNTY COUNCIL**
County Architect's Department
Principal Landscape Architect and Site Development Officer

Responsibilities Setting up and running the landscape and site development section in the County Architect's Department. The section was involved in site acquisition, preliminary works, landscape design, landscape management and disposal of sites. I also serviced the County's capital building programmes for education, social services, police, fire and Magistrates courts. Notable projects included the Bournemouth & Poole College of Art & Design, the Dorset Institute of Higher Education and Corfe Hills Upper School.

1987 - 1992 **ADRIAN LISNEY + PARTNERS, DORCHESTER (Partner, 1990)**

Notable work:

Environmental Procedures Manual 1992

Client: Southwest Water Plc

Project: Preliminary Draft of a manual to work alongside the client's developing Quality Assurance System and Financial Procedures.

Marina development projects 1987 - 1992

Client: Marina Developments Ltd

Projects: Landscape design and contract supervision at Hythe Marina Village, Ocean Village, Millbay Marina Village, Dartside Quay, Mercury Marina, Hamble Point Marina and Cobbs Quay Marina in Poole Harbour.

Maentwrog New Dam 1987 - 1994

Client: CEGB, National Power, Nuclear Electric plc

Project: Replacement dam Trawsfynydd Power Station, Wales

Hinkley Point Power Station 1989 - 1992

Client: Nuclear Electric plc

Project: Land Management Plan for the 'A' and 'B' Stations, Somerset

The Dorset Heritage Coast Landscape Monitoring Methodology 1991

Client: Countryside Commission

Project: Trial study to produce a systematic approach to monitoring the extent and condition of major components of the coastal landscape, so that changes could be monitored in future years.

1992 - 2001 ENVIRONS PARTNERSHIP (Partner)

Notable work:

Trawsfynydd Power Station 1992 - 2001

Client: Nuclear Electric, Magnox Electric, BNFL Corporate PR

Project: Landscape Management Plan, Trawsfynydd Decommissioning Environmental Statement, design and planning application, Visitor Centre Observation point, Erosion Control Works.

Sizewell A, B and C Stations 1992 - 2001

Client: Nuclear Electric plc

Project: Landscape Masterplan - C Station. Restoration of the Contractors Working Area for the Sizewell B power station comprising major screen mounding and creation of coastal mounds and new woodlands. (30 ha.)

Bodmin Town Centre 1996

Client: North Cornwall District Council
Lead Consultant: Environs Partnership
Project: Proposed townscape improvements for historic town centre, for Millennium Funds bid.

Lyme Regis East Cliff - Preliminary Landscape and Ecology Study 2000 - 2001

Client: West Dorset District Council
Project: Preliminary landscape concept designs for coastal protection and slope stabilisation within an area to the east of the town within an SSSI, cSAC and proposed 'Jurassic Coast' World Heritage Site.

Seascapes Character Study 2000 - 2001

Client: Countryside Council for Wales
Project: One of a group of pilot studies commissioned to investigate methods of recording and evaluating seascapes with respect to the visual impact of windfarms, this study was based on a section of the Pembrokeshire Coast.

Stonehouse Peninsula 1993 to 1998

Client: Plymouth Development Corporation
Project: Redevelopment of an urban area leading to the Royal William Yard, including the design of new pedestrian areas, public parks, car parks, bus terminus and the detail design of street furniture and bus shelters.

- CIVIC TRUST AWARD WINNER 2001 – URBAN REDEVELOPMENT -

Joseph Weld House 1990-1994

Client : Dorset Respite and Hospice Trust
Project : Design of extensive new gardens incorporating rock and water features, associated with the development of a new hospice on land owned by the Joseph Weld Trust and the Duchy of Cornwall, Dorchester.

Work in France During the first ten years in France I worked with Jérôme ESPARGILIERE in Strasburg on a number of landscape and urban design projects including the Réaménagement du Centre Ville, Barr, Alsace; Elaboration of the PLU (Local Plan) for a new quarter of Saint Apollinaire, Dijon, elaboration of a PLU for Epinal, Vosges.

Short Biography

I was Chairman of the Landscape Institute's Education Committee and an elected member of the Institute's Council for over 15 years. I was also the founding President of the European Foundation for Landscape Architecture (EFLA), established to represent the professional associations of landscape architects within the European Union and concerned with the regulation and harmonisation of landscape architectural education and practice

within the EU. EFLA later became IFLA (International Federation of Landscape Architects) EUROPE in and expanded to better reflect the membership of the Council of Europe.

I am a former member of the Association of Planning Supervisors, the Society of Architect Artists and the Royal Society of Arts. I was made an Honorary Member of IFLA EUROPE at their GA meeting in Oslo in October 2014. I am currently engaged with IFLA Europe in the procedures concerning the migration of professional landscape architects within Europe. I am also currently working with the Council of Europe, European Landscape Convention as Rapporteur/Expert.

I have contributed articles to professional journals, illustrations for technical publications and given lectures and presentations at home and abroad for over thirty years.

In addition to practising as an architect and a landscape architect I am also a jeweller, with assay marks registered in Birmingham, a watercolour artist, a potter, a jazz musician, and an author. I have currently completed ten novels with a screenplay for the first novel.

Designed and made new regalia for the Landscape Institute, President's Medal, Vice and Past President's Medal, and the Landscape Institute Medal (1988 – 90).