



The Mark Turnbull Travel Award for Graduate Landscape Architects

Learn from a world perspective to influence in Scotland

Using overseas travel to gain an insight into best and innovative landscape practice to address some of the current landscape challenges facing Scotland. This award will benefit future generations of graduate landscape architects in Scotland as well as the practice of landscape architecture by bringing overseas experience and knowledge back to the country.

1. Winner of the Award

The Landscape Institute Scotland are delighted to announce that **Amber Roberts** is this year's winner of the Mark Turnbull Travel Award with her submission entitled **Scotland's Future Landscapes: Ensuring Resilience for the Profession**.

The travel proposal puts forward pressing landscape-related issues in Scotland as key aspects to the future of the profession.

1. Ageing populations
2. Strengthening Scottish Landscape Education – the legacy and influence of Ian McHarg

Amber proposes to travel between September 2018 and January 2019 to three countries across three continents to serve as precedents for Scottish landscape architecture: Japan, Sweden and America.

Japan is currently the world's oldest country by demography, it has had to implement changes much earlier than most other countries and many of the shifts have been related to landscape. Amber will be researching current initiatives focused on environmental adaptations for ageing populations as well as new strategies in public space design to combat the socio-economic determinants that impact life quality in later years.

Sweden offers a closer cultural context with a different approach to environmental adaptation for ageing populations. Sweden has a number of well-developed strategies for ageing, having faced the problem much earlier than most European countries. Amber will investigate elderly housing initiatives that range from cooperative schemes to private communal living based on the idea of 'home values' or improvements to residential environments as key to improving quality of life.

America is home to the University of Pennsylvania (Upenn) and the newly founded McHarg Centre. Ian McHarg (1920-2001) taught at Edinburgh University and UPenn and was author of the seminal book 'Design with Nature'. Amber will carry out research development on the legacy of McHarg on Scottish Landscape Education.

2. Benefitting the Landscape Profession in Scotland

As a requirement of the brief ([Link to Travel Award Guidance](#)) Amber will present her findings at the LIS AGM on 24th April 2019.

During her travels Amber proposes to develop a blog platform to share her experiences through photographs and initial ideas of the journey as it unfolds.

The final two-part report will be available for members on the LIS website. It will document her findings including case studies of different approaches to ageing societies with both lessons learned and key ways these ideas could be translated into Scottish culture, climate and landscape. The findings regarding education in America will be collated and analysed to outline key ideas that could be implemented at ELASA. This will refer to recruitment strategies for undergraduate and post-graduate courses, reputation, teaching innovation and future education strategies.

3. Thanks to Sharon Turnbull

The Landscape Institute Scotland would like to thank Sharon Turnbull for her generous support of this Travel Award in the memory of Mark Turnbull. Mark was one of the country's most eminent Landscape Architects, winner of the Landscape Institute's Gold Medal Award and recognised for the contribution that overseas learning and experience from his training and work in the USA brought to his practice in Scotland