

# Curriculum Vitae

## Jane Simpson



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Architect and NRAC registered Access Consultant; Jane is the Director of her own company, Jane Simpson Access Ltd. Throughout her career she has developed a broad range of expertise working within a local authority background, private practice and planning department and over two decades of experience in inclusion.

She provides advice on a broad range of issues, often clarifying complex aspects of the Equality Act 2010, the Special Education Needs and Disability Act 2001 and other statutory and legislative information. Her work encompasses, policy, strategy, operational planning, and working with design and contractor teams on a variety of projects, from infrastructure, through detailed design to handover.

In addition to paid employment, Jane has been involved in access related organisations for many years. She has been involved with RIBA, DPTAC, DfE, Design Council Cobe, Sport England, BSI, NRAC and EHRC. In addition, she has extensive links with many governmental departments and professional organisations.

Advice has been provided to various authorities on publications including *Building Bulletin 102 Designing for disabled children and children with special educational needs* and *BB104 Are guidelines for SEND and alternative provision* for the Department for Education and Sport England documents *Accessible Sports Facilities* and *Active Design – Planning for Health and Wellbeing through Sport and Physical Activity*.



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## Experience Appraisal

### Recent Experience

Works have been varied in scale, nature and sector; covering all areas including transport, hotels, parks, health, commercial and arts buildings. Some recent projects have included;

- **House of Lords** – advising on the means of escape for MIP and Wheelchair users.
- **Manchester Town Hall** – acting as client advisor on the £300m refurbishment of the Waterhouse’s Grade I listed building.
- **Crystal Palace and Huddersfield Town Football Clubs** - working with the clubs to integrate accessible facilities and advise on their strategy and ongoing responsibilities.
- **Cleveland Clinic, Belgravia** - working with PLP architects on a large hospital overlooking Buckingham Palace, within a conservation area.
- **Holland Park Kensington** – Working with the landscape architects to resolve access arrangements to the historic park and temporary opera facilities.
- **Russell Hotel** – Advising the design team on this major refurbishment on the Grade II\* listed building in central London. Ensuring that inclusivity was maintained alongside the historic character of this prestigious hotel; this included a full audit of the premises.
- **Lansdowne Club, Mayfair** – Auditing barriers and advising on alteration works and developing an Access Strategy; outlining short, medium and long term priorities. Included the leisure facilities, bar, restaurant and conference facilities as well as the hotel accommodation.
- **Plaistow Hub** – advising the design team on inclusion on a very complex site, incorporating two sites, rail station, residential accommodation, park and community facilities with changes in level in excess of five metres.
- **City Park, Bradford** – Design review of the proposed city centre landscaping scheme.
- **Alsager** – Advising Xanthe Quayle Landscape Architects on the accessibility requirements of the public realm feasibility study.
- **Brighouse Town Centre Master Planning** – Working with the landscape architects to develop a strategy for the town centre.
- **St Pauls Girls School** – advising on access arrangements for a listed building in Hammersmith.
- **Southbank Steam project** –client advisor on inclusion working with Rock Townsend architects.
- **Bourne, Spilsby, Boston John Fielding School** – advising on the design with regard to all years and needs SEND school. Assessing the scheme in relation to the legislative obligations of the Local Authority.
- **Woodland Meeds** - audit of an SEN school.
- **York St John’s University** - Provide Access Consultancy service to the University, recent projects include, the Holgate Development, Dining Extension, Haxby Sports Facility, Students Union, North East Corner, Biomedical Laboratories, Temple Hall refurbishment,



<b>BSI</b>	2005 – present BS8300 review group Previously chairing the sub group looking into children’s needs Member of Built Environment group
<b>CAE</b>	2008 – present Panel member
<b>Civic Trust</b>	2008 – present Assessor and Selwyn Goldsmith Awards Judging Panel
<b>NRAC</b>	2010 – 2016 Management Board and Consultant member No 247
<b>Design Council Caba</b>	2015 – present Built Environment Expert

### **Training**

Jane has a very successful record in delivering a variety of presentations, seminars and training for the RIBA and other professional organisations.

### **2020**

- Architects practices; PDP Architects and Scott Brownrigg, **Access and Equality**
- Part II Sheffield University, **Access and Equality**
- Part III Students Canterbury and Huddersfield, **Access and Equality**
- RIBA webinar, **What, where and how should they be installed?**
- NBS webinar, **Inclusion Design and the RIBA Plan of Work 2020**  
<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/727771551948364045>
- Radio 4, **What If Everyone Was Disabled** <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m000kx1l>

### **2019**

- Architects and Landscape practices; Manser, Enjoy Design, Purcells, Spawforths and Quarme, **Access and Equality**
- Pace Architecture Engineering, Kuwait, **Inclusive Design In Kuwait**
- RIBA Middle East, Dubai, **Inclusive Design in Dubai**
- Open Workshop: Mandate M/420 and prEN 17210, Brussels, **Why a European standard on accessibility of the built environment? Stakeholders’ perspectives**
- RIBA webinar, **Sanitary Facilities a guide to getting it right**
- RIBA webinar, **Housing – Accessible Housing**
- North Yorkshire Planning and Building Control, **Planning, regulations and accessibility**
- Education Building Forum, **How can we make our schools open for all?**

### **2018**

- Naidex, **Legislation, regulation, best practice guidance and BS8300 update**
- Reading University Architecture Year 2, **Inclusive Design and Architecture**
- CIC, **Update on BS8300**
- Architects for Change (AfC), **Update on BS8300**
- PLP Architects, **Access and Equality and BS8300 Update**

- Jestico and Whiles Architects, **Access and Equality and BS8300 Update**
- Education Construction Network **The process to inclusive educational buildings**

## 2017

- UIA Architecture for All, Dublin, **Inclusive Tourism**
- Manchester University Part II Students, **Part II Inclusion Workshop**
- Huddersfield Part III Students, **Access and Equality**
- Pitman Tozer Architects, **Access and Equality**
- Pozzoni Architects, **Access and Equality**
- Interserve Construction, **Access and Inclusion**

## 2016

- Constructing Excellence, **The Equality Act delivering effective solutions**
- UD2016 International Conference Workshop Facilitator, **Inclusive Building Traditions**
- PLP architects, **Access and Equality**
- DEP landscape Architects, **Accessible External Environments**
- Yeme Architects, **Access and Equality**

## 2015

- UIA Architecture for All, Milan, **Inclusion the UK Perspective**
- Woods Bagot Architects, **Inclusive Design Residential Considerations**
- Camlin Lonsdale Landscape Architects, **External Inclusive Environments**
- Education Estates conference, **Inclusion, access and schools**
- Westminster Employment Forum, **Designing inclusive workplaces – Opportunities and best practice**
- Oxford Brookes and Huddersfield Universities, Part III Students, **Access and Equality**
- Manchester University Part II Students, **Part II Inclusion Workshop**

## Articles

Jane is also very proactive in writing articles and editorial texts.

## 2020

- **Ask the Architect** Financial Times January 2020
- **Fire Exit** Building Engineer May 2020
- **Selwyn Goldsmith Awards** Access Association Summer 2020
- **Housing and Inclusivity** Independent Living

## 2019

- **Inclusive Housing?** CIC Blog 17<sup>th</sup> Jan 2019 <http://cic.org.uk/blog/>
- **Selwyn Goldsmith Awards** Access Association Spring 2019

## 2018

- **Standards for accessible Housing in England.** RIBA Knowledge and resources <https://www.architecture.com/knowledge-and-resources/knowledge-landing-page/accessible-housing-in-england>

- **Are Building Regulations the inclusion standard to meet?** RIBA Knowledge and resources <https://www.architecture.com/knowledge-and-resources/knowledge-landing-page/are-building-regulations-the-inclusion-standard-to-meet>

## 2015

- **Inclusion what is the cost?** Access Today Journal of the Access Association March 2015
- **Inclusion, Integration and Schools,** Architects Journal
- **What are the considerations when installing mechanical vertical access solutions,** RIBA
- **Employers responsibilities and the need for inclusive premises,** Westminster Employment Forum
- **Inclusion, access and schools – Inclusive school environments,** Education Estates Conference
- **School fire evacuation: strategies for inclusion,** CAE Access by Design Issue 142
- **NRAC conference,** CAE Access by Design Issue 143