

PRESS RELEASE

Let's get back on track

Peter Phillips started his 10-minute speech at this week's Presidential hustings hosted by RIBA London, stating that he did not plan to stand in the race for the top job at RIBA, and certainly did not expect to win. He does, however, feel that there are issues that need to be addressed. While we do not have to agree with him, we should challenge and win over his ideas and issues through constructive debate. Immediately after the hustings, ARCHAOS spoke with Peter Phillips regarding his views. We found his views and manifesto, particularly with relation to education and students, to be outdated and unrealistic.

ARCHAOS supports the right of any person to express their opinion: that is part of the essence of democracy, as, crucially, is protection for minority groups. ARCHAOS represents all architecture students in the UK and welcomes greater ethnic, gender and age diversity in the profession. We don't agree with Peter Phillips views but we would never want to find ourselves in a position where a minority is not heard.

Let's start some interesting and engaging debates about the candidates' visions for the institution and the profession, and get back to the issues that matter to the election. ARCHAOS would therefore like to begin with the following question for the candidates: what strategy would they take to tackle the issue of student pay in architectural practices?

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