

EDWARD WILLIAMS ARCHITECTS

This newsletter focuses on us as a practice as we celebrate our first ten years as Edward Williams Architects. Earlier this year we hosted a 10th anniversary party in the grand library of the magnificent Oxford and Cambridge Club in London's Pall Mall, and we launched a new brochure featuring our work. We'd like to thank everyone we have worked with for helping us learn and grow. We wouldn't be here without you.

We have begun a series of conversations with experts in their field of choice. Our first one is with Josh Meyer, one of the USA's leading life science specialists. Do enjoy reading his views below. Also of interest is a new lecture series on English Architecture from 1900 to 1940 released by The British Architectural Library Trust of which Edward is a founding board member and Hon. Secretary.

Our 10th birthday is a great opportunity to focus on the future, so we are working hard on progressing the new business objectives we developed during our studio retreat at the end of 2022. Finally, we are hugely enjoying of our new and bigger studio in North Kensington so please do come and see us. We would love to make a good strong Italian coffee for you while you enjoy the spectacular view!

Our 10th Anniversary Studio Party!



Team photo at the Oxford and Cambridge Club

It was wonderful to celebrate our 10th Anniversary with our colleagues, clients and consultants at

the Oxford and Cambridge Club in January, on the second try, as the previous date was moved due to a train strike. We were very pleased to see all the guests who shared this memorable night with us, and we hope they had as great a time as we did.

Our team was out in force and took great pleasure in speaking with everyone. Our guests were pleased to learn that the team comprises people from nine different countries across four continents. We love the rich and diverse office culture that this creates.

Since the foundation of our studio we have worked on projects from 130sqm to 130,000sqm, including some very large and complex projects, and schemes in the UK and internationally. We have clients who have become friends and friends who have become clients, which is a wonderful aspect of our work.

See more pictures from the night [here](#).

New 10th Anniversary Brochure



10th anniversary brochure - front and back covers

On the occasion of our party, we have released a 10th anniversary brochure which highlights our most important projects, the first one shown being our last completed, which is the New Courtyard housing development in Stratford, East London, UK.

We would not be where we are without the invaluable support network of our clients, consultants and colleagues. This brochure shows selected highlights of our work over the last ten years.

Do request the brochure at the bottom of our [homepage](#).

Annual Studio Retreat



Team photo at our annual retreat

In November a client of ours kindly hosted the whole team at the London Business School for our annual studio retreat. This is an occasion we look forward to every year as it's a chance to get together without distractions to discuss the big picture, challenge the status quo, and refresh our horizons. Then we align ourselves as a practice in the direction we want to go.

Since then, we have been working on delivering the goals and made significant progress, proving that when we all face the same direction the speed of progress increases and so does the motivation.

The most challenging and exciting topic is always defining where we want to be in three-five-ten years. We also discussed a profit share scheme and were able to announce a one month paid sabbatical after five years of practice. These benefits are much needed and well-deserved in our industry, and we're proud to be able to offer them to our valued team members.

In Conversation with Josh Meyer Leading Life Science Specialist



Josh Meyer: Leading life science expert.

Edward Williams Architects has kicked off its interview series *In Conversation* with an interview with Josh Meyer. Meyer has been designing laboratory and test facilities for more than 38 years and is recognised as a leader in programming research and instructional laboratories, facilities analysis, and facilities macro- and micro- development. Meyer is a licensed architect in the State of New York.

In the interview, Meyer discusses how to establish a new life science campus, the priorities for location, the future of the laboratory, and sustainable laboratory practices. Meyer suggests that a hybrid model of experimental and computational labs is the future, and there is a strong drive to increase the use of technology platforms in core labs.

Meyer emphasizes the importance of sustainability in life science construction and mentions that most buildings run on electricity, with mostly photovoltaics for on-site power generation. The interview is an interesting read for those in the healthcare and life science sectors.

For more information, read the full article [here](#).

British Architectural Library Trust Lecture Series



Alex Bremner, Professor of Architectural History and Theory at the University of Edinburgh.

Following the successful Palladio webinar series, The British Architectural Library Trust and the UK Twentieth Century Society are pleased to present a new 2023 webinar series in four lectures titled “From Portland Stone to Reinforced Concrete: English Architecture 1900-1940”.

The lectures begin on January 26 with an introduction to the Late Edwardian Period and the **Grand Manner Tradition** – a foundational period that predates the emergence of modernism in Britain – by Alex Bremner, professor of Architectural History at the University of Edinburgh.

Part 2 – Giles Gilbert Scott and the Definition of Modernity Between the Wars, explores the innovative architecture of Giles Gilbert Scott, known for designing iconic structures such as the red telephone kiosk and Battersea Power Station in the 1920s and '30s, and how his buildings managed to be both modern and familiar.

Learn more and [sign up here](#) for free here on the BALT website to watch the Parts 3 and 4 in the coming months.

Our New Studio



Edward Williams Architects' studio following expansion and renovation.

We've completed the renovation and expansion of our studio space in North Kensington. The new design features an expansive, open-plan layout that's subdivided using floor-to-ceiling aluminium shelving. We're excited to have created a space that inspires creativity and collaboration among our team members.

Our studio boasts stunning sunset views that perfectly complement our vibrant orange floor. Inside, you'll find an array of new architectural models and project boards that showcase our designs and ideas, for both built and in-progress work.

Of course, no visit to our studio would be complete without a cup of our strong Italian coffee. We take pride in our attention to detail and dedication to quality, and that extends to everything we do - including our coffee!

At Edward Williams Architects, we're passionate about what we do, and we want to share that passion with you. Whether you're a fellow architect, student, colleague, or simply someone who appreciates good design, we'd love to welcome you into our studio and show you what we're all about.

Stop by and see us sometime. We have free three-hour parking and look forward to catching up!

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