



Denise Bennetts

Founding Director

BArch (Hons) DipArch RIBA FRIAS

Denise co-founded Bennetts Associates in 1987, with her partner Rab Bennetts, and plays a strategic role in the overall design direction of the practice. Key projects she has been involved with include major headquarters and City office developments, a new headquarters for a software company and a school for children with severe learning difficulties. She is a respected architectural critic, is an assessor for several awards schemes and is currently a member of the RIBA National and International Awards Group. She also serves as an external examiner at all stages of education at architecture schools across the UK and is a member of the British School at Rome's Faculty of the Fine Arts. Denise has taken lead responsibility for the practice's financial and legal affairs and undertook the key role in transferring ownership of the practice to an Employee Ownership Trust in 2016.

Edinburgh College of Art, Heriot-Watt University, 1977 (RIBA professional qualification)

Final Year Prize, 1977, jointly with Rab Bennetts

Bennetts Associates; 1987 to present

- Dogs Trust, Basildon
- Basinghall Avenue Offices, London
- Norwood Special Needs School, Bushey
- Sophos Headquarters, Abingdon
- Mint Hotel, Westminster, London
- Mint Hotel, Amsterdam
- Wessex Water Operations Centre, Bath
- John Menzies and BT Headquarters, Edinburgh Park, Edinburgh
- Heathrow World Business Centre, London
- Hampstead Theatre, London
- The Royal College of Pathologists, London
- PowerGen Headquarters, Coventry
- Imperium, Reading

Teaching & Judging

- Part III professional examiner - University College London, University of Greenwich, De Montfort University
- Part II external examiner - Nottingham University, University of Sheffield
- Part I/Honours external examiner - University of Strathclyde
- Part I external examiner - University of Reading, including examining at inception of the new course
- Awards judge - member of RIBA National and International Awards Group, New London Awards and Civic Trust Awards

Events & Publications

- RIAS Centenary Convention, 2016
- 'AA XX 100: AA Women in Architecture 1917-2017', 2016
- 'Women in practice' in The Architect's Journal, 2012
- 'Inspiration: St Catherine's College' in Building Design, 2011 and The Twentieth Century Society Book, 2016