



Higher Education Design Quality Forum

## MEMBERSHIP OF THE HIGHER EDUCATION DESIGN QUALITY FORUM

### **An Introduction to HEDQF**

HEDQF was formed in the early 1990s as an initiative of the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) to have a stronger understanding of issues affecting its clients and to promote high quality design in university buildings and estates. Its membership is balanced with representatives from HEI's and from the design and construction professionals.

HEDQF has now become an independent Charitable Company limited by Guarantee. The object of HEDQF is to advance Higher Education through high quality design and planning of buildings and facilities.

The Board of Trustees meet regularly, under the Chairmanship of Dr. Ghazwa Alwani-Starr from the University of London. The Trustees are responsible for the management of the Charity. The Board has sub-committees looking at Events and Conferences, Research, Comms and the Website, which is being developed.

In meeting its objective, HEDQF will build on its successful activities over the past years including visits to buildings of interest, dissemination of information on best practice and latest thinking through conferences, short films, workshops, seminars and debates, sponsoring and publishing research and working with AUDE and other partners across the Higher Education sector.

### **Principles of Membership**

Members of the Higher Education Design Quality Forum are valued for their professional expertise and contribution to the development of an understanding of design and its impact on Higher Education. The core criteria for membership of the Forum is that members should:

- Be active in Higher Education and in particular the provision of buildings and facilities.
- Engaged in providing professional services to Higher Education relating to the built environment.

It is a fundamental principle of the Forum that it is not a platform for marketing and business development.

The principal aims and objectives of Membership of the Forum are:

- To disseminate information and knowledge between practitioners in the development of built environment solutions for Higher Education.
- To ensure better working relations with policy makers related to architecture and the built environment of the Higher Education Estate
- To improve the performance of clients and design professionals to ensure that value for money, fitness for purpose and quality are achieved in the projects they undertake.

- To encourage clients and design professionals to understand and embrace strategic issues, to inform and improve specific project developments.
- To research the needs of building users and explore the success of projects, in order to influence future projects.
- To publicise successful schemes and highlight examples of good practice, as perceived by the client whilst exploring the implications of social, institutional and technological change.
- To influence those who commission buildings to appreciate long-term issues rather than short-term, low cost solutions.

The role of a Member requires a regular contribution to the aims and objectives of the HEDQF including supporting and contributing to the orchestration of events or publications.

### **Eligibility for Membership**

Membership will be available by invitation to institutions and organisations that have a role or connection to Higher Education and in particular the building, design and construction of HE buildings and campuses.

International Membership will be encouraged from individuals and organisations that are engaged in Higher Education internationally where their inclusion in the Forum will benefit knowledge and understanding of the Higher Education built environment.

### **Membership Benefits**

- Membership is organisational and will allow named representative(s) free priority bookings for most meetings and events.
- HEDQF conferences and seminars will be charged at a discounted rate
- Fully paid members will be able to access restricted website resources including building case studies and data sheets, research papers and international tour web items.
- Membership will allow free access to meetings and events.
- An organisational colleague may represent named individuals who cannot attend events as and when appropriate.
- Members will be expected to attend and contribute to meetings.
- Members would be expected to demonstrate commitment to the Forum by attending at least 40% of all meetings arranged for the year.

The Membership Group reserves the right to review all memberships on an annual basis.

### **Membership Rates**

Membership shall run from 1<sup>st</sup> September each year.

- \*£150 p.a. for organisations with 10 members or less.
- \*£200 p.a. for organisations with 11 members or more

\*New rates applicable from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021

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