

## 1. Profile

A highly networked, trilingual (English, Arabic & Spanish), leading practitioner and academic with a strong self-starting attitude and an international experience working across cultures in Europe, the Middle East and Latin America. My strengths lie in leadership and delivery with skills in planning, organising, networking, motivating, negotiating, influencing and building strong relationships. My areas of expertise include higher education management, planning and development, real estate markets, housing provision and the use of land. I work collaboratively with a range of public and private partners. I am dynamic, self-driven and will search out and create ideas and will set up methods and systems to make them work. A major strength is my enthusiasm for ideas and my ability to deliver in a fast paced global environment.

## 2. Key Skills

Networking, influencing & presenting a convincing argument	Chairing, hiring, mentoring and coaching	Strategic innovative thinking and resolving differences through diplomacy
Leading and delivering despite bureaucracy	Research skills & generating external revenue	Numerate with experience in forecasting and managing to KPIs

## 3. Selected Achievements

### Proven Leadership & Providing Expert Professional Advice

- Acting as the strategic contact and lead for senior-level internal stakeholders and external partners ensuring that both internal and external stakeholders experience of my organisation is exceptional.
- Influencing through publications and report writing: Gathered and evaluated economic, social, demographic and real estate market data for input into project specific deliverables.
- Campaigning and having a broader perspective of issues: Through service on the Glasgow Urban Design Panel, the Brighton and Hove Sustainability and Housing Action Groups influencing policies on integrating sustainable development into planning policy.

### Organisation and Effective Staff Management

- Advising, liaising and managing operational leaders and sub teams within the Brighton Planning School team to ensure that the organisational and strategic objectives are met.
- Setting the vision and strategy for the School co-ordinating the development and delivery of courses to meet sector and professional body priorities within institutional objectives.
- Networking and liaising with local planning authorities and building effective relationships and to support their training objectives.
- Defining and delivering a vision for the service the planning school demonstrating strategic thinking and leadership with gravitas, credibility and well-developed work habits achieved through journal editorship, conference chairing and research student supervision

### Capacity Building

- Making decisions that are relevant to the operational function of my organisation ensuring a consistent and high quality service
- A coaching leadership style and empathy to build relationships with many different stakeholders, internal and external achieved through working group membership and local authority expert panels
- Developed capability to enhance the employability of graduates as global citizens

### Income Generation and Finance Management

- Monitoring ongoing feasibility and profitability of the planning school through increased business income from CPD and research projects bringing the benefit of my networks to bear on this and effective deployment of expertise
- Marketing and promotion: maintaining an influential brand for the Brighton Planning School and its individual activities through a range of marketing methods including use of social media and international higher education exhibitions

## 4. Career History

### Current appointments

- 2014- Member of the Royal Town Planning Institute Policy, Practice and Research Committee
- 2012- Elected by the RTPI membership to the General Assembly of the Royal Town Planning Institute
- 2010- Elected by the TCPA membership to the Policy Council of the Town and Country Planning Association
- 2009- Visiting Professor of Planning, Institute for Urban Economy, Universidad Esan, Lima, Peru
- 2008- Principal Lecturer (cf. Associate Professor) in Town Planning & Head of the University of Brighton Planning School

### Previous appointments

- 2013-2014 National Built Environment Discipline Lead, The Higher Education Academy, York
- 2012-2013 Member of the Royal Town Planning Institute International Committee
- 2006-2008 Lecturer in Spatial Planning, University of Aberdeen
- 2006-2007 Visiting Lecturer, Department of Urban Studies, University of Glasgow
- 2004-2006 EPSRC Research Fellow in Urban Sustainability, Department of Architecture, University of Strathclyde
- 2003-2004 Head of Urban Studies / Senior Planner, MAWARED – National Resources Investment and Development Corporation, Jordan
- 1999-2000 Lecturer, Development Planning Unit (DPU), University College London
- 1997-1999 Training Programme and Master Plan Co-ordinator, The Technical Office of the Old City of Jerusalem Revitalisation Programme
- 1994-1997 Lecturer in Architecture and Urban Design, The Applied Science University, Jordan

## 5. Professional Qualifications and Memberships

- 2014- Fellow, RSA (Royal Society for the encouragement of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce)
- 2013- Academician, Academy of Urbanism
- 2012- FRICS, Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors
- 2008- MRTPI, Member of the Royal Town Planning Institute

## 6. Academic Qualifications

- 2008 MBA, Strathclyde Business School
- 2003 Doctor of Philosophy in Planning Studies, The Bartlett, UCL
- 1999 Postgraduate Diploma in Conservation and Restoration of the Architectural and Urban Heritage, *Escuela Tecnica Superior de Arquitectura de Madrid*, Universidad Politécnica de Madrid
- 1999 Postgraduate Diploma in International Co-operation, *Escuela Tecnica Superior de Arquitectura de Madrid*, Universidad Politécnica de Madrid
- 1993 Master of Science in Architecture: Building and Urban Design in Development, The Bartlett, UCL
- 1992 Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Architecture, The Bartlett, UCL

## 7. Personal Interests

- 2012-2013 President, the Brighton and Hove South Downs Rotary Club
- 2011-2013 Trustee and Director, Brighton Bilingual Primary School (Free English-Spanish School)
- 2009-2012 Elected Chair of Governors for St. John the Baptist RC Primary School, Brighton
- 2008-2009 Elected Community Councillor, Yorkhill and Kelvingrove Community Council, Glasgow
- 2006-2008 Co-opted Management Committee Member, Partick Housing Association, Glasgow
- 2006-2008 Non-Executive Director, Partick Works Ltd., Glasgow
- 2005-2006 Planning Consultant for Partick and Hillhead Community Councils in Glasgow