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Areas of Expertise

- ✓ Project Management
- ✓ Project Delivery
- ✓ Sustainable Architecture
- ✓ Energy Efficiency
- ✓ Architectural Design
- ✓ Design Consulting
- ✓ Technical Training

Board Experience

2015: Chair of the
Buckinghamshire Society of
Architects

Rachael Wilson R.I.B.A

Originality | Speed | Dedication | Tenacity

Dynamic, driven and decisive – a seasoned chartered architect offering a wealth of team management expertise within retail and commercial environments. Brings over 35 years' experience, demonstrating an impressive track record of award-winning design schemes.

Perceptive and intuitive; a cohesive, grounding presence, providing a vital 'big picture' perspective. Outstanding problem-solving abilities. Places the best interests and needs of clients firmly at the heart of all undertakings, constructively challenging where necessary. Provides direction, clarity and an astute understanding of people and personalities. Committed to enabling both customers and colleagues to develop and reach their full potential. Engages, influences and inspires across all levels, building trust and respect with ease.

A persuasive, poised and articulate individual, perfectly placed to advise on a broad range of complex issues. Contributes unique insight, unwavering enthusiasm and invaluable creativity to any business or board room. Currently seeking appointments as a non-executive director.

Employment Experience

**Rachael Wilson
Architects**
Mar 2010 –
Present

Senior Architect and Owner

Key Achievements:

- Designed and project managed new builds and refurbishments for residential projects, with estimated values of up to £700K; successfully completed several self-build residential refurbishments, consistently achieving profitable results
- Designed and delivered training projects for industry professionals. Utilising previous role experience, coached professionals on every element of heat loss scenarios. Provided engaging, interesting and accessible sessions, receiving overwhelmingly positive feedback

Notable Assignments:

- Oversees a £300,000 extension on a large Edwardian property; strives to protect the client against financial pitfalls, keeping a close eye on budgetary restrictions
- Instrumental in the work of 7 listed barn conversions near Oxfordshire, with a build value of £600,000

**Rickaby
Thompson
Associates**
May 2006 – Mar
2010

Architect/Senior Energy Consultant

Key Achievements:

- Designed and delivered training courses for energy assessors in both National Energy Services in Milton Keynes and University College Dublin; utilised the teachings of Peter Rickaby, receiving highly favorable feedback from those involved
- Provided energy and sustainability reports on behalf of clients in support of their planning applications; oversaw a passive house and SAP Comparison Project for the AECB, successfully navigating a challenging environment and tight deadlines. Went above and beyond to monitor the project both before and after completion

PRP Architects
Milton Keynes
Sep 2002 – Nov
2002/ Mar 2004 –
Aug 2005

Senior Project Architect

Key Achievements:

- Acted as lead architect for a £45m social housing scheme in the heart of London, comprising of 532 units. Tasked with overseeing planning, producing a working drawings package, from Stage D to Stage G; led a technical team of architectural staff in England, expertly managing outsourcing to Vietnam. Navigated a challenging, high-pressure environment; achieved planning permission, enabling the later successful completion of the project
- Co-founder of the PRP Sustainability group, driving a passion for energy-efficient, crisp design

TV Energy
Sep 2001 –
Jun 2002

Architect/Built Environment Advisor

Key Achievements:

- Working as part of a team, promoted the use of renewable energy within the Thames Valley, including photovoltaic systems, geothermal and small-scale hydro installations and opportunities. Raised vital money from sponsorships; met with energy suppliers, designing courses and seminars to enable the seamless integration of newly introduced methods

EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

2006 – 2011: Commercial and Domestic Energy Assessor and Trainer

2005: Registered Eco Homes/Code for Sustainable Homes Assessor

2000: Chartered Architect

2000: Post Graduate Diploma in Architecture/ Energy Efficient Design, Oxford Brookes University

1991: BA (Hons) Architecture, Canterbury College of Art and Design

- Oversaw feasibility and design strategy for three eco centers in the Surrey and Berkshire area; successfully introduced funding initiatives to aid the integration of renewable processes
- Delivered a PFI bid for the refurbishment of 1,250 houses within Reading, effectively incorporating renewable energy systems. Applied for a public finance initiative for the implementation of photovoltaic systems, submitting bids to governmental bodies

Earlier Employment Highlights

- Collaborated with Safeway's marketing and operations departments, designing and project managing the implementation of the new environment package within 17 Safeway stores, with a cost of £230,000 per unit; instrumental in the rebranding of Safeway's to Morrisons (**Lacey Hickie Caley**)
- Worked with a multi-disciplined design team, including Ove Arup & Partners and Gleeds & Bovis; instrumental in the £18.9m refurbishment of an occupied grade II* listed building, now the corporate head office for Lloyds bank in Lombard street (**S.G.M Management & Design Ltd**)

Earlier Employment Experience

- Lacey Hickie Caley**
Sept 1999 – Sep 2001
Project Architect
- S.G.M. Management & Design Ltd**
Jul 1997 – Sep 1999
Project Manager
- Argos Home Retail Group**
Mar 1996 – Oct 1996
Space and Store Planner (On contract)
- SGM Threshers Property Department**
Sep 1995 – Mar 1996
Architectural Assistant (On contract)
- Fleet UTRIA Architecture, Zimbabwe, Africa**
Jan 1993 – July 1995
Design Architect
- S.G.M. Management & Design Ltd**
Feb 1992 – Dec 1992
Architectural Assistant