

Dear Member,

The Glasgow Institute of Architects (GIA) is seeking up to twelve nominations to join GIA Council. The GIA is the largest Chapter of the Royal Incorporation of Architects in Scotland, representing over 1600 members. Further information can be found on our website at <http://www.gia.org.uk>.

Since our inception our primary aim has been the advancement of 'the Art and Science of Architecture'. Our flagship event is the GIA Annual Design Awards which last year saw the Supreme Award presented to Reiach & Hall for their new Cancer Research Facility, Beatson Institute, Glasgow. The awards are presented at our Annual Members Dinner, now in its 143rd year.

Our events, which include GIA@theLighthouse and the GIA Annual Lecture, have seen Sir Peter Cook, Ian Simpson and Alex de Rijke present lectures in 2008. This year our speakers at our AGM were David Mackay and Andy MacMillan, focusing on the design of cities and their sense of place. The evening also launched David Mackay's autobiography, A Life in Cities.

The GIA supports education through the Student Awards which are presented annually to students in each year of both Glasgow Schools of Architecture at an event at the House for an Art Lover.

GIA is run by the GIA Council comprising the President, the Past President, Committee Convenors and Council Members, all of whom are drawn from the GIA membership. There are six council meetings each session and you will have the opportunity to join one of our four committees covering Communications, Education, Practice/CPD and our newly established committee Architecture, People & Places.

The GIA welcomes nominations from across our membership. We are keen for GIA Council to be fully representative of our profession. As such we would especially welcome applications from newly qualified architects, as well as from female architects and architects from Black, Ethnic or other minority groups - all of whom are currently under-represented on GIA Council.

As a member of GIA council you can be eligible to join RIAS Council and contribute to the promotion of architecture in Scotland at the highest level.

This is an excellent opportunity and one that I hope you will consider. Should you have any queries or wish to discuss this opportunity feel free to contact me on president@gia.org.uk or telephone 07765 898399.

Martin McKay
President **GIA**