

JAMES K THORP

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Currently studying on the BArch (RIBA Part II) course at the Manchester School of Architecture, having completed the first stage of practical experience earlier this year. I have a strong interest in the economic and social issues that surround and influence architecture and public space, as shown through my final degree project (a social housing scheme) and in my recent competition entry for Urban SOS. Alongside my studies I volunteer at the CUBE gallery in Manchester and I am a committee member of the MSSA. I actively participate in the online architectural community through blogging and Twitter, and have recently been invited to write for the RIBA.

IT skills MS Office, Windows and Mac OS
AutoCAD, ArchiCAD, Vectorworks, SketchUp
Adobe Photoshop, InDesign & Dreamweaver

Personal skills strong visual & verbal communication ability
project management & coordination experience
excellent customer service skills
technical & creative
able to work as part of team, and individually

QUALIFICATIONS

June 2008	BA (Hons) Architecture	Manchester School of Architecture (University of Manchester & MMU)	FIRST CLASS
June 2004	BTEC Diploma in Foundation Art and Design	Manchester Metropolitan University	PASS
June 2003	A Levels	Hulme Grammar School, Oldham	AACE
June 2001	GCSEs	Hulme Grammar School, Oldham	A*A* AAAA BBBB

PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE

Architectural Assistant
CRAWFORD PARTNERSHIP (1a Muswell Hill, London. N10 3TH. Tel 0208 444 2070)
25 June 2008 – 27 February 2009

RESPONSIBILITIES: Producing drawings for planning applications, building regulation compliance, tender packages and working drawings for construction. Production of 3D models and visuals for clients and planning. Site supervision of projects. Liaising with planning officers, building inspectors, clients and contractors. PR responsibilities including arranging magazine articles, books, photography and website updates.

SKILLS: self motivation, project management, CAD, team working, organisation, communication

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

RIBA RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM 2009 - CHANGING PRACTICES

24 September 2009

Invited by the RIBA to produce live blog of the one day symposium for ribablogs.com. is 'Changing Practices' takes an introspective look at the profession and provides an opportunity for debate on the challenges and opportunities that architectural practice faces now and in the future.

URBAN SOS COMPETITION ENTRY

July - August 2009

Completed and submitted a competition entry on a site in Store Street, Manchester as part of a team with John Wood, fellow MSA student, looking at the issues of urban decay. Our proposal examined the social, economic and physical attributes of the site and responded with a proposal for a truly sustainable settlement combining housing and shared public space.

ARTICLE 25 CPD - ARCHITECTURE OF HUMAN RIGHTS

3 October 2008

Participant in a one day CPD course on the role of architects in international development, looking at seismic mitigation and Community Action Planning in particular. An enjoyable and informative introduction to humanitarian sector.

PART TIME EMPLOYMENT

Contact Centre Adviser (Temporary)

GENERAL MEDICAL COUNCIL (via Search Consultancy, One Central Street, Manchester. M2 5WR.)

20 April 2009 – 04 September 2009

Customer Services Adviser

ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND GROUP (1 Hardman Boulevard, Manchester. M3 3AQ.)

May 2006 – November 2007

Customer Services Adviser

CO-OPERATIVE FINANCIAL SERVICES (Miller Street, Manchester. M60 0AL.)

February 2004 – May 2005

VOLUNTARY EXPERIENCE

Communications Secretary

MANCHESTER STUDENT SOCIETY OF ARCHITECTURE

June 2009 - present

RESPONSIBILITIES: website design and maintenance, social media updates, graphic design, promotion of society activities.

SKILLS: web design in Dreamweaver, communication, teamwork.

Gallery Attendant

CENTRE FOR THE URBAN BUILT ENVIRONMENT (CUBE), MANCHESTER

December 2007-June 2008, April 2009 - present

RESPONSIBILITIES: welcoming & assisting visitors, constructing & maintaining exhibitions, assisting with private views.

SKILLS: communication, exhibition building, dealing with the public.

The Manchester Leadership Programme

UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER

Sept 2007-June 2008

Successfully completed the MLP whilst at university, which encourages the importance of leadership that promotes social, economic and environmental sustainability. This involved an academic unit and voluntary work in the community in the north west of England.

Completed volunteering for the Red Rose Forest, the Mersey Basin Campaign and CUBE (Centre for the Urban Built Environment) as part of the programme.

Sound Technician & Graphic Designer

MIKE GILHOOLY & RICH LUKE SHOW, EDINBURGH FRINGE

August 2007

Volunteer Labourer

HARTENBERG CASTLE RESTORATION, IVS CZECH REPUBLIC

July 2007

REFEREES

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