

Mayor's Young Professional Panel Member Biographies

2019-2021 Cohort

Adam Prais, Civil Engineer, Conisbee



Since graduating in 2015, Adam has worked as a Civil Engineer. From a technical background, Adam is responsible for advising private sector clients and delivering projects from planning through to construction on schemes ranging from solo house builders to £800 million redevelopment schemes providing thousands of new homes, commercial and amenity spaces. Adam takes a keen interest in the technical aspects of his projects. Adam has a particular interest in Sustainable Drainage and delivering solutions to reduce flood risk in ways

to complement developments and promote the importance of this often forgotten utility.

Áine Ní Bhreasail, Senior Engineer, Arup



Áine Ní Bhreasail works for Arup as a chartered civil engineer. Since completing her PhD in frozen ground at Imperial College London, she has worked on a wide variety of projects from design of new developments to providing strategic advice to infrastructure owners such as Highways England and Network Rail. She is interested in making infrastructure more resilient to shocks and stresses including climate change, demographic shifts and natural hazards.

Outside of her professional achievements Áine mentors with the [Social Mobility Foundation](#), helping young people from low-income backgrounds explore careers in engineering.

Alex O' Byrne, Associate, Volterra Partners



Alex is an associate at economic consultancy Volterra Partners where he manages a range of infrastructure and property development projects. He is experienced in developing the economic and financial cases for transport infrastructure – with specific expertise in wider economic benefits – and has worked on business cases for major transport schemes in the UK, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand and Canada. He has led complex economic and social assessments of developments – such as Battersea Power

Station and the redevelopment of London Olympia – and economic development strategies for areas, including Oxford Street, Old Street and Victoria. He enjoys public speaking and has given talks to students at UCL and Imperial College and industry professionals.

**Alison Noehrbass, Policy Officer Infrastructure, Land and Regeneration,
Central London Forward**



Alison leads Central London Forward's policy and project development on infrastructure, land and regeneration topics. Prior to joining CLF, Alison worked in the Project's Directorate of the European Investment Bank in Luxembourg as part of the Graduate Programme.

Alison holds a MSc Infrastructure Planning Appraisal and Development from the Bartlett School of Planning at University College London, and bachelor degrees in Political Science and Philosophy from Wellesley College.

Dario Feliciangeli, Associate - Head of Innovation, Meinhardt



Dario Feliciangeli is a chartered Engineer and Architect and who has worked in New York, London and Hong Kong. He is a firm supporter of the holistic approach, working against the separation of disciplines. Dario grew up in Rome (Italy) where he was granted with a M.S. degree in Architecture and Building Engineering (summa cum laude). As a recipient of the H2CU (Honour Center of Italian Universities) fellowship, he further expanded his knowledge of the construction industry with a second master in Civil Engineering at Columbia University in New York focusing on large-scale constructions. Dario decided to work on infrastructures, in particular on bridges, because in his view they affect people's life as no other areas of construction industry can. He believes that to disclose their full potential, infrastructures should engage with people and respect their life and sense of beauty.

Emily Carmichael, Architect, Reed Watts



Emily is an architect with experience of both strategic design and delivery of public sector projects. She joined Reed Watts in 2019 to work on a number of the practice's arts projects, having previously worked at 5th Studio and Haworth Tompkins.

At 5th Studio, she was involved in both strategic and architectural projects for London Boroughs, including the award-winning New Cross Area Framework, focused on planning growth around the Bakerloo line extension to Lewisham, as well as I've Farm Sports Ground and a number of residential schemes. She led the practice's mentoring work with the Stephen Lawrence Charitable Trust, and has acted as a guest critic for Central St Martins and the University of Cambridge, where she completed an MPhil in Architecture and Urban Design.

Katherine Pelton, Senior Planning Policy Officer, LLDC



Katherine began her career in communications before retraining to become a Town Planner, and has since worked in local planning authorities focused on infrastructure policy and delivery.

She currently works for the London Legacy Development Corporation as a Senior Planning Policy Officer focusing on CIL and infrastructure. Her role covers infrastructure policy and Community Infrastructure Levy and planning obligations.

This enables her to develop and advise on policy in addition to managing the processes of collecting funds and financing infrastructure delivery within the Legacy Corporation area.

Infrastructure is a fascinating and wide-ranging area that has a huge impact on our lives, but is something that is often taken for granted. The potential to increase efficiencies through use of emerging technologies and focus on sustainability means that it is a really exciting time to be thinking about and looking at what the future of different areas of infrastructure might hold.

Katie Hickman, Principal Consultant, The Nichols Group



Katie is an infrastructure policy professional with extensive experience of working in Central Government, leading and delivering on a range of economic and social issues across key project disciplines, including policy development and delivery, project sponsorship, business case development, assurance reviews, programme management and stakeholder liaison.

During her time in the Civil Service, Katie led the development and delivery of several key initiatives particularly focused on local growth and devolution, including the Coastal Communities Fund, Tax Increment Financing, and the innovative 'payment-by-results' finance mechanisms negotiated through the City Deals process. As part of the Department for Transport, Katie then led the development of a comprehensive strategy for Euston Regeneration, linked to the High Speed 2 programme, securing additional funding from HM Treasury to promote an Over Site Development scheme.

Since joining The Nichols Group, Katie has led on a number of assignments including a Train Operator Franchise bid, Independent Reporter work for the Office of Road and Rail and designing bespoke governance and assurance processes for East West Rail Company.

Lara Young, Group Carbon Manager, Costain



Lara Young is Group Carbon Manager for Costain Group, her role is to embed carbon management and drive the delivery of whole life low carbon solutions across the Costain Group. To achieve this she is challenging existing business models and processes to ensure sustainability is designed and integrated into infrastructure systems.

Lara graduated with a BSc in Biology from Bayonne University and an MBA specialising in Environmental Management & Sustainable Development from La Rochelle International Business School in France. Lara is the Project Leader for integrating the world's first standard for managing infrastructure carbon, PAS 2080 within the Costain Group and Costain Value Chain.

Lewis Hubbard, Director, Lewis Hubbard Engineering



Lewis established Lewis Hubbard Engineering in 2016 as a practice of urban infrastructure specialists. As a chartered civil engineer, he has worked on the planning, design and construction of over 50 regeneration projects across London, including Enfield's Meridian Water and the London 2012 Olympic Park. He is an active member of the Academy of Urbanism and sits on Enfield Council's place and design quality panel and the Association for Consultancy and Engineering's property special interest group. Before

establishing Lewis Hubbard Engineering, Lewis worked at Peter Brett Associates, McNicholas Construction and spent 5 months studying Spanish in Madrid.

Mihir Benison, Senior Planner, Arup



Mihir is a Senior Planner within Arup's Transport Consulting team where his role integrates multiple disciplines on transport focussed infrastructure projects. Having trained in both Architecture and Mechanical Engineering, his problem solving approach focusses on embedding creative engineering solutions within high quality urban design. His current role has afforded him the opportunity to work on a diverse range of projects including Heathrow Airport Expansion Surface Access, HS2 Station Concepts,

Thamesmead Waterfront Development and the CaMKOx Corridor Housing Growth Strategy.

Prior to Arup, he has held various roles at Network Rail managing major station redevelopment projects, at Allies and Morrison designing London 2012 Olympic Park Infrastructure, and at smaller scale practices in Switzerland developing private residential dwellings.

Since 2015, Mihir has been a part of the Harrow Regeneration Residents' Panel where he actively champions the importance good design and community-led regeneration to support the development numerous sites within the borough.

Samuel Ewuosho, Principal Consultant, Project Finance Advisory, Turner and Townsend



Sam is a Principal Consultant in Turner & Townsend's Project Finance Advisory team, where he manages transaction advisory and technical due diligence services on an international portfolio of infrastructure investments. He also helps infrastructure clients develop and deliver their corporate strategy in changing market conditions.

Prior to this, he worked in HM Treasury & the IPA, monitoring and advising on national infrastructure investments. Sam started his career in financial services at PwC, and holds an MSc in Infrastructure Investment & Finance from UCL. He is a Fellow at the RSA and an EP board member at the Electrical Industries Charity (EIC).

Tom Seymour, Executive Advisor to CEO-Europe, Lendlease Europe



Tom has worked at Lendlease for six years, across its construction, corporate finance, and strategic functions, in both London and at global HQ in Sydney where his focus was on capital allocation and group strategy. He currently works as special advisor to the CEO and CFO of Lendlease Europe. Tom started his career as a management consultant with OC&C, and has recently completed an MSc in Urban Economic Development at UCL.