

Roz Barr

RIAS RIBA

Director of Roz Barr Architects

Roz Barr founded Roz Barr Architects in 2010. Roz Barr's interest in developing an idiosyncratic process of making led her to pursue her own architectural studio. Her portfolio has grown quickly, and the size of the studio has followed. As founder and director, she has learnt through experience that being at the forefront of any design lead practice requires constant involvement in all stages of the design and delivery of a project.

Her now 8-strong practice is currently involved in projects in London, Scotland, Spain and New York. She has gained international recognition in Norway for her proposal for a new church and was part of Venice Biennale 2014 with her proposal for a public square and the restoration of San Lorenzo in Venice. They have recently completed the restoration and refurbishment of St Augustine's Church which won both RIBA National and Regional Awards in 2018. They are currently refurbishing The Building Centre in London and the restoration of the Bishopsgate Institute in the City of London. In 2019 the practice was successful in winning the international competition for the new Fashion Galleries at the V+A Museum, London. In 2020 she was selected to design two buildings within the new development called the Design District in London where she has created the central Members Club and heart of this exciting centre in London, joining 8 other eminent international architectural practices.

Roz is originally from Scotland, she has worked in Hong Kong and Vancouver, and has been practicing in London for 20 years. Roz Barr spent nearly 10 years as an Associate Director with Eric Parry Architects, where she led projects from competition to completion such as 23 Savile Row, London, and the Holburne Museum of Art in Bath. Her understanding of placemaking and tectonics developed her keen interest in materials and their identity within defining architecture that responds to context and content. A theme she has won acclaim for within her own work.

She studied at Glasgow School of Art, and Manchester Metropolitan University before studying architecture where she completed her education in London at the Bartlett, UCL, London. Roz has taught at the Architectural Association, London and the Bartlett School of Architecture, UCL London and has many External Examining roles at UK Schools. She is currently teaching a Master's Unit at Kingston School of Art and Design, which she formed in 2019. She has given lectures at many universities across the UK as well as in Lisbon and Granada. In 2015 she published the practices first catalogue called "Adaptation" which documented 5 years of 'making' through the practices use of models and maquettes. The book was launched at the Architectural Association and is the first to document a body of work and architectural research.

Her former role as Vice President of Education at the RIBA between 2013-2016 follows on her enthusiasm for education and how architecture and design is taught. As a young female architect setting up her own practice, she was keen to show how diversity and equity is championed within further education. Her involvement with the RIBA Validation panel which joined the panel over 15 years ago has given her an insight into how architectural education is taught globally. As well as chairing exploratory panels in the UK she has led visits to Colombia, Sri Lanka, Beirut, Azerbaijan and Argentina.



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EXPERIENCE

Roz Barr Architects | Founder

2010—present

Eric Parry Architects | Associate Director

2000—2009

Dixon Jones, London

1997—1998

Foster and Partners, London

1996—1997

EDUCATION

RIBA Professional Studies in Architecture

Bartlett School of Architecture, UCL,

1999

Diploma Architecture (Commendation)

Bartlett School of Architecture, UCL

1995

MA Interior Design (Distinction)

Manchester Metropolitan university

1993

BA Interior Design (Hons)

Glasgow School of art

1991

TEACHING

Unit Tutor, Master Unit 7 - Kingston School of Architecture

2019—present

Unit Tutor, Intermediate Unit 5 - Architectural Association

2010—2011

Teaching Fellow, Diploma Unit 13 - Bartlett School of Architecture, UCL

2009—2010

Lecturer and Critic - Toh Shimazaki Architecture Forum

2009

External Critic - Bath University

2005—2006

EXTERNAL APPOINTMENTS

Vice president for education, RIBA

2012—2015

External examiner, MA. Architecture - Robert Gordon University,
Arberdeen

2015—present

External examiner, MA. Architecture - Ulster University, Belfast

2011—2015

External examiner, MA. Architecture - Architectural Association, London

2016—present

RIBA Validation Panel

2007—present

LECTURES

Universitie Granada

December 2017

Newcastle university

December 2018

Kingston university

December 2018

Models First Network - V&A

March 2019

Eduardo de Souta Moura with Roz Barr - RIBA

January 2020

RIAS - Keynote Lecture Glasgow

October 2020 Glasgow