

LI Election 2023 - Candidate Statement

Advisory Council Candidate: Ruth Lin Wong Holmes FLI

All candidates are required to provide a manifesto/candidate statement of no more than 250 words that must address the 2 questions below

- 1 How would you support delivery of the LI corporate strategy whilst living the LI core values?
- 2 Please summarise your skills and experience relevant to the role for which you are standing

Candidate Statement:

I hope to fulfil advisory council role to help the LI in deliver a renewed corporate strategy and review the past 5 years. I think I have a useful perspective having worked in a client role for nearly 20 years, and for the private, charity and public sectors. I have been involved in LI as a member of the College of Fellows, EDI group, Award Judge, contributor to Landscape Magazine (including podcast), Mentor, Supervisor and Examiner for the LI Chartership (including testing the new pathways into the profession and competency-based approach).

My volunteering roles embody the LI's core values of caring and nurturing – including supporting P2C candidates and horticultural apprentices/trainees. I am passionate about the profession and have been thinking of creative ways to find pathways in; by setting up a Future Gardeners pilot for Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park and supporting the UEL Landscape Course on the LI Professional Review Group.

My work continues to be socially and environmentally responsible using my position as part of the Mayoral Development Corporation to regenerate Stratford. Continuing the sustainability legacy of the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games, advising on the Gender Diverse design case studies (GLA Good Growth by Design) and social justice strand of the NLA Public Realm Expert Panel. I connect into the park management sector through my work.

A great deal has happened since the strategy was set and I would like to play a part moving forward as landscape professionals play a significant role in addressing current global issues.