LI Election 2025 - Candidate Statement

Chartered Council Member:
Kathryn Ward CMLI

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

1. Please summarise your skills and experience relevant to the role for which you are standing
2. Why are you standing for this position and what would you hope to achieve as a member of the Council

Candidate Statement:

I have 18 years post graduation experience as a Landscape Architect, a title I am very proud to hold, 9 of those post chartership. I will be honest, when I graduated from Manchester Met in 2007, I wasn't sure this was the profession for me, it was a degree hard fought for. I have had the pleasure for the majority of my career to date to serve the public sector as a Landscape Architect, by working in and growing in the local authorities, developing city masterplans and project, both here and in New Zealand. That service includes in private practice, working alongside public sector clients such as NHS England developing new hospital masterplans to name a few. I am proud to have worked alongside First Nations peoples, co-leading strategies, designs and stewarding the land together, for landscape led outcomes but also creating places where all people feel a sense of belonging. I am passionate about developing the skills of our graduates and those through chartership via the Experienced Route when called, a proud member of the LI North West branch, in the LI Adaptation and Resilience workstream and am very passionate about achieving social, landscape and human outcomes in landscape and urban design projects.

I hope to continue to represent the public sector as an Elected Officer, but also to highlight the role landscape architects play in creating places where people of every background can belong, where cultural heritage is celebrated and inspire others to join our incredible profession.

Current membership of any other organisations:

Association of Project Managers
New Zealand Institute for Landscape Architects