LI Election 2025 - Candidate Statement

Vice President:
Ruth Lin Wong Holmes FLI

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:

It is time to come together as landscape professionals to confront climate and biodiversity crises: for people, nature, and the planet. I am standing for Vice-President to support a shared vision, one where our collective expertise, passion, and action truly make a difference.

Over the past 30 years I've worked across the private, public, and charity sectors alongside exceptional landscape practitioners. I've studied with many, supported the next generation through P2C and Expert Routes to Chartership, and engaged with students and educators on university courses. As a Fellow and member of the LI Council, I've witnessed the breadth of our profession's talent and potential.

We have a rich foundation, diverse in knowledge, training, and lived experience, and I'm committed to championing this strength.

In roles as trustee for environmental charities, advisor on Mayoral taskforces or commissions, and DEFRA and MHCLG advisory group member, I consistently advocate for the landscape profession. Whether judging awards, volunteering, or speaking at events, from schools to international conferences, I've made it clear that my landscape training has given me the platform to share, research, and innovate - backed by policy and guidance.

In planning authority/client roles, I've pushed for landscape professionals to be involved from earliest stages, attending pre-apps and sitting on design review panels, because it leads to better, more resilient outcomes.

Now, more than ever, we must be better connected, bridge gaps in understanding, and continue to raise our profile.

Ours is a profession we should be proud of!

Current membership of any other organisations:

RICS
World Urban Parks (Corporate)
The Royal Parks Guild
RSA
MPGA
RHS Bursary Committee
National Trust
Women in Parks Horticulture Landscape