

## University of Sheffield and RIBA bring exhibition of the world's best architecture student projects to Sheffield

A proposal to build 'room boxes' on top of London's terraced houses in response to the housing crisis and a design for a school damaged in the 2011 Tohoku earthquake are all on display at the 2017 President's Medals now on show in Sheffield.



The Sheffield School of Architecture (SSoA) and Sheffield Society of Architects (SSA) are delighted to bring the 2017 RIBA President's Medal exhibition to the city for the very first time.

The President's Medals are the RIBA's oldest awards and are regarded as the most prestigious international awards in architectural education.

The exhibition is a fascinating insight into the world of architecture and the projects on display are at the fore-front of creative design, delivered with exceptional artistic skill.

Work in the exhibition is from students from architecture schools across the world and includes:

The **RIBA Silver Medal** winner, for work at Part 2 or Masters level, awarded to **Daniel Hall** (The Cooper Union, New York, USA), for 'Cycles of Toolmaking: An Optic, Tactile, Haptic, Material, Scalar and Pedagogic Study' based in the ceramic town of Mashiko, Japan. The project proposes a place for learning which responds to the attitudes towards land use, extraction of clay, ceramic craft, agriculture, and water infrastructure, to replace a school damaged in the 2011 Tohoku earthquake.

The RIBA **Bronze Medal**, for best design project produced at RIBA Part 1 or equivalent, by **Kangli Zheng** (University of Nottingham), for 'Castle in the Sky'. A response to London's housing crisis, proposing an alternative model: flexible room boxes plugged into the available space above London's terraces. In these communities in the sky, the space is defined by its occupants, who can replace and customise architectural typologies such as residential homes, co-housing spaces, storage properties, and shared public gardens.

#### **High Commendation**

**Luca Garoli** (Queen's University Belfast), for 'Innovate to Conserve: Whiskey Distillery in Ballycastle',

#### **Commendations**

**Gabriel Beard** (for 'Ascaya City Hall: Constructing a Virtual Civic Image')

**Shi Yin Ling** (for 'Seasonal Dense(cities) – Living Garden Typologies for Future London'), both from the Bartlett School of Architecture, UCL.

Head of School at Sheffield University Professor Karim Hadjri said:

*"We are delighted to host the latest RIBA President's Medal exhibition. This stimulating exhibition will showcase some of the best architectural design projects by exceptionally talented students from all over the world. This is a fantastic opportunity for students, practitioners and colleagues from across the city and region to view this exciting exhibition which will be on display at our new Live Works venue in Moorfoot."*

SSA President **Leanora Simmonite** said:

*"We are thrilled to show the President's medal exhibition in Sheffield for the first time. Sheffield is a hub of architectural talent and I'm delighted that the SSA has been able to bring architects and students together to enjoy this stunning exhibition. Many of the schemes are highly complex and have been approached with intelligence and creativity to produce beautiful as well as innovative design proposals. I hope that anyone with an interest in architecture and cities will take the chance to come and see the work."*

The 2017 RIBA President's Medals exhibition is on display in Sheffield at Live Works, 108 The Moor, Sheffield. S1 4PD from Saturday 21 April to 4 May Monday to Friday 1pm – 6 pm and Saturday 28 April 10 am – 3 pm.