



Lucy Bullivant

BUSINESS LEADER

Leading place vision strategist and award-winning author



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About:

- **Gender:** Female
- **Nationality:** United Kingdom
- **Languages:** English
- **Travels from:** United Kingdom

Engagement Types:

- Moderating and Emcee
- Speaking

Topics:

- Authentic Leadership
- Strategic Planning

Websites:

- [Professional website](#)

Biography Highlights

- Strategising solutions for global cities' regenerative futures, Lucy is an award-winning advisor and author, a dynamic public speaker, and the founder of Lucy Bullivant and Associates and Urbanista.org webzine
- Leading innovative community co-design and engagement - London and Oslo
- Phoenix Rising: Visions for Rebuilding Ukraine - creating a major exhibition and events platform in London, 2025-, about the world's largest reconstruction project

Biography

Lucy Bullivant's background

Lucy Bullivant PhD Hon FRIBA is a place strategist, curatorial director, award-winning author, and public speaker with extensive global experience gained through collaborating with and across the cultural, public and private sectors globally. Lucy was elected an Honorary Fellow of the Royal Institute of British Architects in 2010 for her services to architectural culture globally.

Lucy Bullivant & Associates strategises sustainable, culture-led solutions for the future of global cities and towns. Lucy's focus is urban recovery

and reinvention, higher design standards and experimental multidisciplinary strategies for liveable urbanism countering the negative effects of inequality, climate change and globalisation on communities. She has curated groundbreaking exhibitions including 'Retrofit 23: Towards Deep Retrofit of Homes at Scale', and 2025-6, 'Phoenix Rising: Visions for Rebuilding Ukraine' (co-curated with Arthur Kay), for the Building Centre, and for other leading venues globally.

Experiencing Lucy's talks gives you access to her profound insights arising from her international project work. She pinpoints priorities, strategies and resources, and inspires audiences to create new road maps based on critical awareness of innovative and adaptive ways of thinking and acting vital to survive and thrive in the 21st century.

Lucy has created and delivered more than 100 groundbreaking and popular projects of public value internationally: educational, cultural and engagement strategies, exhibitions, lectures, books, magazines, media features, videos and public information material on priorities for architecture, urban design, master-planning and place-making. As a Trustee of Temple Bar London she promotes diversity in the built environment.

Lucy works with local government, BIDS, cultural organisations and the third sector. In the last five years she has successfully delivered consultancy projects for Enfield Council; Bydel Bjerke local authority, Oslo; University of Qatar; ANCB, Berlin; the Building Centre and the Latvian Development and Investment Agency. From 2019-25 she was chair of the Lambeth Design Review Panel; an Expert - Specialist (Design Council); and is a serving member of the Enfield Design Review Panel, and formerly member of the London Legacy Development Corporation Quality Review Panel (2012-13).

Lucy has a PhD in adaptive planning from the School of Art, Architecture and Design, London Metropolitan University and an MA(RCA) in Cultural History from the Royal College of Art. She is Trustee of Temple Bar Trust and a Liveryman of the Architects Company.

Lucy was the first Heinz Curator of Architectural Programmes, Royal Academy of Arts, London, before founding Lucy Bullivant & Associates, her consultancy business working with museums and galleries, publishers, academic and professional bodies on a wide range of projects of public value: exhibitions, strategy, publications, debates and symposia.

As a groundbreaking, award-winning non-fiction author of over 10 titles on architecture and urban design published globally, Lucy has for 30 years evaluated and chronicled innovative creative practices in architecture and urban design and their shape-shifting contributions to society. Forthcoming is *Masterplanning Futures: Agents of Change* (Routledge, 2026), her global analysis of the ideals and processes of adaptive sustainable planning - an extensive reworking of her book *Masterplanning Futures* (2012), which won Book of the Year at the Urban Design Group Awards, 2014.

Lucy has been a globally connected investigative writer for a number of decades. She has contributed to the Cities and International Development sections of *The Guardian*, *The Financial Times*, *Forbes*, *Architects' Journal*, *Architectural Review*, *Volume*, *Archis*, *Domus*, *Harvard Design Magazine* and *Al Manakh*, published as a special edition of *Volume* monitoring new developments in the Gulf Region. Lucy's work has been featured in

Monocle, ADM (Milan) and Arkitekten (Sweden), and through radio and video interviews to Channel 4, Monocle and other European and international tv and print media.

Videos



Lucy's Topics

Masterplanning Futures: Agents of Change - how regenerative masterplanning is shaking up the status quo

Available: In person, Virtually

The Hyperlocal is not just hype: leveraging media for shared social value

How your smart phone is transforming your sense of place and opening up possibilities for shared social value

Available: In person, Virtually

Learning from the grassroots: insights and leverage for innovative community co-design

Available: In person, Virtually

Liveable urbanism from A-J: principles to mobilise inclusive change

10 non-negotiable principles and values for inclusive civic change, from Adaptation to Justice (A-J)

Available: In person, Virtually

Doing it for ourselves: how co-designing places can produce local social value

The rise of participatory design by local communities and social enterprises with local government and by themselves is opening the door to a new creative era of localism

Available: In person, Virtually

Phoenix Rising: unveiling the resilient visions and whole systems strategies for rebuilding Ukraine

Available: In person, Virtually

The soft stuff is the hard stuff: culture-led planning for more socially cohesive and resilient living

Culture as a key driver of innovative planning and placemaking in the 21st century supporting social cohesion and resilience

Available: In person, Virtually

Masterplanning futures: how to plan more mindfully for the next generation

The rigid top down masterplan methods of the past are being replaced by a much more holistic and inclusive step-by-step approach with resilience and sustainability as their goal.

Available: In person, Virtually

Retrofit Works: How to scale up and speed up best practice retrofit

Retrofit as a means to overcoming fragmented systems and boost health, wellbeing and local economies

Testimonials

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Thank you once more for your excellent lecture and participation in Re-City 2017. I hope you had a lovely weekend in Tampere and a safe travel to home.

Juho Rajaniemi

Professor of Urban Planning

Tampere University of Technology, Finland (Re-City conference & keynote, 2017)

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I work with Lucy on the LEAF Architectural Awards. Her knowledge & her hard work as a judge as well as presenting the awards in 2011 was faultless. She is always happy to help and I am pleased that once again she is on the judging panel for the 2012 award show.

Natasha Raynor

Global Digital Sales Manager

CNN International, London (presenter of the LEAF international architectural awards 2011, staged at the 5-star Landmark Hotel, Marylebone, London)

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I recently served as Dr Lucy Bullivant's mentor for her PhD by Prior Output at the CASS, London Metropolitan University (where I was PhD supervisor, 2010-17) based on her award-winning book *Masterplanning Futures*, 2012, essays and exhibitions.

Lucy has a remarkably rich, wide ranging knowledge of international contemporary cities. Her continuous enquiry and generosity with her audiences captures imaginations and future collaborators.

She draws on architectural and urban history, planning, anthropology, politics, economics, ecology, sociology and design practice to enrich her publications, lectures, conferences and exhibitions. Her energy, commitment and sound judgement means she occupies a quite singular position in a field of deep significance to the Anthropocene crisis.

We are indebted to her for our better understanding of the shift in city-making from top-down design and systems to an engaged, bottom up orchestration of sustainable creative civic life, with communication and collaboration addressing a much wider constituency than professional discourse among experts.

She embeds her consultancy approach within the possibilities and limitations of concrete conditions, benefitting from an unusually broad range of colleagues and collaborators: politicians, business leaders, academics, architects, urbanists and ordinary citizens.

I have nothing but admiration for Lucy's work. I recommend her in the very highest terms, without reservation.

Peter Carl

Distinguished Professor

Chinese University of Hong Kong, formerly Visiting Professor, Graduate School of Design, Harvard University, 2017-2019

Speaker Bureaus And Talent Agencies

Lucy Bullivant is available to book via these agencies



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Speaking Agency

Agent: Esther Nelson