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GRADONARCHITECTURE



JANUARY 2014

...2014

As we enter another New Year we wish all of our friends and colleagues in the industry a healthy, happy and successful year ahead. January promises to be a busy start to 2014 for the GRADONARCHITECTURE team, with a number of exciting and a diverse projects both in the UK and overseas. We look forward to working WITH YOU...



JANUARY 2014

...The Christina Noble Foundation

Committed to developing sustainable communities as part of a number of planned Ger Regeneration projects, GRADONARCHITECTURE visit The Christina Noble Foundation in one of the Ger districts of Ulaanbaatar to experience first hand some of the social issues which need to be addressed. The Christina Noble Children's Foundation is an International Partnership of people dedicated to serving underprivileged children with the hope of helping each child maximize their life potential. The programme seeks to protect children at risk of economic and sexual exploitation, while ensuring children in need have access to basic care and educational opportunities.

To learn more or to help visit www.cncf.org



JANUARY 2014

...Retail development submitted for planning

Scheme design has been completed and submitted for planning approval for a bespoke retail development in Ulaanbaatar. The development comprises four sales floors with ancillary and storage facilities to the basement area and forms as a slate clad "box" which hovers over a glazed ground floor podium. A series of extruded and recessed openings within the box provide vantage points for advertisements and display. Subject to a successful planning determination, the project is due to start on site in Spring 2014.



JANUARY 2014

...Tsagaan Sar 2014

As we approach the lunar new year and the first day of the Year of the Wooden Horse, GRADONARCHITECTURE wish all of our friends and colleagues in Mongolia warm wishes, health, happiness and success for the forthcoming year.



FEBRUARY 2014

...New life to Seaham Church

Proposals have been completed for the refurbishment and expansion of Seaham Methodist Church. Plans include a new entrance approach, canopy and enhanced landscaping and restructuring of the internal configuration to enable the church to broaden its offering to the wider community and in particular the local youth community. Reverend Gill McBride, a minister of the church said:

"We're delighted by the vision put forward by GRADONARCHITECTURE... the proposals will help to secure our position in the community for the future."

Donations for the proposed works are welcomed by the church and contact can be made via Gill McBride on 0191 581 3339.



FEBRUARY 2014

...All go at Tracerco

Work is continuing apace on our £7.4M new research and development headquarters for Tracerco on Teesside which is due for completion in May 2014. Internal fit out, finishes and external works are well underway following recent completion of the roofing and external facade packages.



MARCH 2014

...Be Creative in Darkhan

Initial design reviews are held in NE40 Studios for the development of a 18 storey hotel, apartment and shopping plaza scheme in Darkhan Mongolia. An Early form emerges as a slender linear tower accommodating bedrooms and apartments which are positioned over a wider podium deck of parking and shopping. Each component is then wrapped with a "wafer" skin surface to consolidate the form. The positioning of the N-S axis of the tower, set within a landscaped park facilitates a slot of photovoltaic panels and will contribute to the energy strategy for the complex.



MARCH 2014

...Katie Shepherd joins our team

We are delighted to welcome Katie Shepherd into our team based at Ne40 Studios. Having previously worked with Capita and Atkins, Katie joins us as an Architect and brings with her a wealth of experience in Commercial, Education and Urban Design sectors. Katie will initially be working on our designs for The Sedgefield Vision Project, comprising of a mixed use masterplan of commercial, education and residential uses.

APRIL 2014

...More than work...Teenage Cancer Trust

GRADONARCHITECTURE form part of a group of property experts getting together to raise money for Teenage Cancer Trust. Participating in the Sunderland half-marathon on 4 May 2014, Graham and Emily McDarby will help transform the lives of young people with cancer in the North East. To find out more visit:

<http://www.teenagecancertrust.org/who-we-are/about-us/>

If you are able, please support the group by donating generously as it is a brilliant cause and we will all be training hard to make it to the finish line! To support us visit:

<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/team/TCTproperty>

APRIL 2014

...The Percy Hedley Zip Wire Challenge

GRADONARCHITECTURE, joined by Portland Consulting Engineers and RPS Building Services Engineers get together to raise money for The Percy Hedley Foundation who are a registered charity that provide services for disabled people and their families across the UK. Zip-wiring from the Tyne Bridge in Newcastle on 10 May 2014, Graham, John and Emily McDarby and Andrew Woods seek sponsorship to support the charity and continue with their excellent work.

To support us visit:

<http://www.justgiving.com/gradonarchitecture>

APRIL 2014

...2014 CENE Shortlisting

GRADONARCHITECTURE are shortlisted for the SME Category in the 2014 Constructing Excellence North East Awards. Our entry outlines our successful collaborations with overseas partners and investment in graduates and apprenticeships. We congratulate and wish all of the shortlisted organisations the very best of luck in their respective categories and look forward to the Awards evening on 9 May 2014.

To find our more visit:

<http://www.cenenews.co.uk/newsletter.php?id=355>

MAY 2014

...Sedgefield Public Consultation

GRADONARCHITECTURE prepare draft development proposals on behalf of investment business ESG for an expansion to Sedgefield Town Centre in Durham. The low density mixed use scheme adopts best practice Building for Life Standards and comprises 450 new homes, community facilities, new infrastructure, healthcare, commercial and retail facilities. A Public Exhibition and Consultation event will be held at Sedgefield Racecourse on 8 and 12 May 2014. A planning application is scheduled for submission in late May 2014. For more information visit www.advantagesedgefield.co.uk



**Percy Hedley
Foundation**



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MAY 2014

...More than work

Committed to giving something back GRADONARCHITECTURE join fellow property and construction consultants in The Sunderland Half Marathon and The Tyne Bridge Zip Wire Challenge raising in excess of £5,000 in aid of Teenage Cancer Trust and The Percy Hedley Foundation. Thank you for all of the support.



MAY 2014

...Success

Delivering Architecture through Life Experiences with care and Efficiency. Testament to what we do, with the strength and dedication of our team, GRADONARCHITECTURE win The Constructing Excellence North East SME of the Year 2014. We look forward to representing the region in the National Finals in November. In the same week we are also named runner up in the New Exporter North East Exporters Awards 2014, recognising our continued work overseas in Kazakhstan and Mongolia.



JUNE 2014

...Plans submitted for Mongolian Embassy

GRADONARCHITECTURE in collaboration with one of their local partners in Mongolia, submit design proposals for a new Mongolian Ministry Building in central Ulaanbaatar. The design will sit alongside the central government building off Sukhbaatar square and seeks to inspire. Drawing from Mongolia's proud heritage, the building form stands tall amongst its neighbours with the flowing lines of the façade wrap reflecting that of a horse's tail – a strong and cultural reference to the country and its people.



JUNE 2014

...Community Benefits submitted for planning

Following a series of public consultation events, plans are submitted to Durham County Council for a development of 461 homes to include an additional 103 Extra Care Retirement apartments, a business incubator hub, a community youth centre and further outline proposals for further employment and retail uses. To find out more visit: www.advantagesedgefield.co.uk/



JUNE 2014

...Hydrotherapy Pool and Children's Home

Plans are submitted to North Tyneside Council for the development of a 24 bed children's care home and hydrotherapy pool at The Percy Hedley West Lane Killingworth Upper School. Subject to receiving planning permission the project will start on site in October 2014. To find out more about The Percy Hedley Foundation visit: www.percyhedley.org.uk/



JULY 2014

...Put your boots on in Palma

Palma Team Trip 2014

Following a busy lead in to summer, the GRADONARCHITECTURE team visit Palma Majorca. Committed to the believe that we deliver our architecture through our own life experiences, the team enjoy a much needed and rewarding CPD trip, taking in a different culture, the World Cup Football Final and a review of our achievements last year and our renewed focus on our Be Plan 2014-2015...watch this space.



AUGUST 2014

...Delivering architecture through quality

Gradon architecture have just been awarded the ISO14001 accreditation. Always seeking to improve and grow, this is yet another milestone on that quest. Following a series of working sessions with the Environmental Academy where we were participating under the EMSI scheme, Gradon Architecture now has a robust Environmental Policy and Management System thanks to the hard work of Andrew Woods and Tanja Smith. This will compliment the ISO 9001 accreditation we have continued to maintain and again offers our clients the assurance of the quality service that we offer to them. Our investment in our team continues along with the training opportunities. This standard will reinforce our strength and depth to further develop Gradon Architecture.



AUGUST 2014

...Curious?

Work commences on a temporary installation within Ne40 studios to display a selection of past and recent projects, key events and achievements in the last five years. The exhibition launches on Thursday 18 September and will run until further notice... We invite you to come and join us by appointment for a coffee and a private viewing.

Contact us: enquiries@gradonarchitecture.com or +44(191) 4139981



SEPTEMBER 2014

...Ben Weymes joins the team

Committed to investing in youth and raw talent, Ben Weymes joins our team. A recent graduate from Northumbria University School of Architecture and the BIM Campus, Ben strengthens our commitment and approach to the use of BIM technologies and will initially support the team on a range of projects including the design of a 30,000sqft office in Middlesbrough, a university physics building and masterplanning projects in the UK and Mongolia.



SEPTEMBER 2014

...From Mbarara to NE40 Studios

Following on from our support of Newcastle University and their The Wider Mbarara project in 2010, we are delighted that Randi Karangizi, currently studying architecture at Newcastle University and originally from Mbarara in Uganda joins us for a summer internship.



SEPTEMBER 2014

...Ryton school submitted for planning

Working as part of the winning Sir Robert McAlpine team for the delivery of The NE Priority Schools programme, in conjunction with Space Architecture, WSP, DESCO and SLR, GRADONARCHITECTURE submit proposals on behalf of the team, to Gateshead Council Planning Department for the redevelopment of The Charles Thorpe Academy in Ryton. Subject to gaining planning approval, the project is due to start on site in December 2014.



SEPTEMBER 2014

...UB comes to NE40

Inspired from Ulaanbaatar, GRADONARCHITECTURE host a Mongolian themed event at NE40 studios. The two day event sees a traditional Mongolian ger in the carpark as the focal point for Environmental CPD workshops, educational events with our local schools and vodka tasting in the evening. The event coincides with the launch of our timeline within the studio – our story so far.



SEPTEMBER 2014

...Tracerco operational

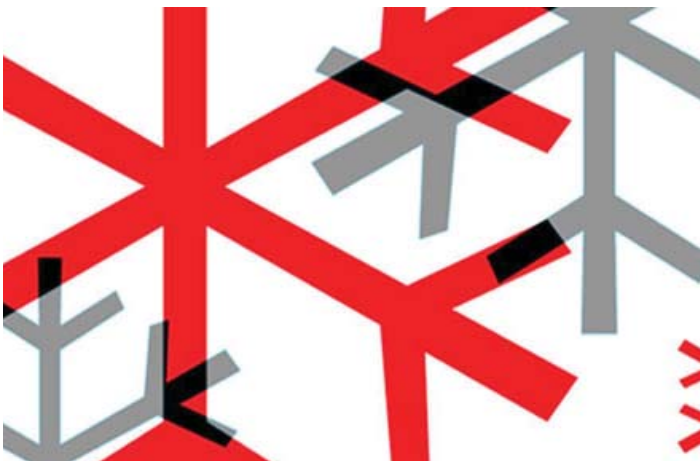
Following completion of the new £7.4M research and development headquarters for Tracerco in May 2014, GRADONARCHITECTURE review the completed project. Steve Waggett, Regional Manager for Contractor Clugston said, "Throughout the whole process we have never had cause to raise any issue with the team at GRADON. Their commitment, understanding and professionalism is amongst the best we have worked with through over 25 years in the industry.....we propose to enter the project for a number of forthcoming awards."



NOVEMBER 2014

...Global Learning

Committed to education and delivering our architecture through our life experiences, GRADONARCHITECTURE exchange ideas with St Thomas More RC School. Working in conjunction with Enviro UK Consultants and Yurts and Squirts we challenge the students to design an energy efficient low impact dwelling inspired by our recent Mongolian education event. The event proves extremely successful amongst Year 10 and 12 students and sees our Connor Newton, returning to his old school as part of the judging team. Prizes are awarded based upon work ethic, creativity and adherence to the design brief. The resultant success of the competition will see one student joining us in the New Year, or Tsaggan Sar in Mongolia, to embark on what may be the start of another career in architecture!



DECEMBER 2014

...Seasons Greetings

From all of the team at GRADONARCHITECTURE we wish you the very best of health, happiness and success for Christmas and 2015. Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to bringing you some exciting news in the New Year. Be...ready!



DECEMBER 2014

...Team Strengthening

We are delighted to announce that our Paul Skepper has successfully completed his RIBA Part 3 Architecture examinations. Having undertaken an extended time in practice before taking his Part 3 examinations, Paul now has the benefit of a wealth of experience of managing projects in a range of varying sectors. Paul's current projects include the refurbishment of a Grade 2 listed pumping station, a roof top apartment scheme, a range of varying church projects and a modern intervention to a listed Victorian building to provide a mixed use apartment scheme.