

# The 2024 Future Leaders Cohort and their sustainability journey so far

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Now in its eleventh year, the [UKGBC Future Leaders](#) programme continues to go from strength to strength. The five month course equips tomorrow's leaders with the skills, network and inspiration to drive transformative change within the built environment.

This year's cohort have already got off to a raring start, spending three days in January exploring sustainable ideas and personal leadership around the city of Bristol. The group engaged with local speakers and projects such as WeCanMake and Sparks Bristol, discovering what's possible as we create a sustainable built environment together.

One Future Leader, Mike Kovacs, Senior Sustainability Consultant, Arup, has already reflected: "The programme has kicked off with methods and personal challenges that are substantially different from my day-to-day experience, or past innovation and personal development programmes I've been on; and there have been pioneering speakers and exemplary project site visits that are inspiring and refreshing to glean insights from. I think it's been a great environment in which to build up future leaders who think and respond very differently to the built environment challenges we face."

The programme is continued by this week's residential retreat. This crucial part of the programme takes the cohort out of their day to day setting, allowing them to connect with nature and their leadership journey in a new environment. The programme will then culminate in May with a finale showcase to celebrate the journey each of the Future Leaders has embarked on.

Alongside these in-person experiences, there are a number of online check-ins featuring inspirational speakers and moments for collaboration as well as opportunities for 1:1 personal leadership coaching.

Overall, they are encouraged to develop their leadership skills in the context of the climate crisis. Using skills such as business development and storytelling to drive forward the changes we need to radically transform our built environment.

Following the programme's culmination in May, the journey for the cohort continues as they join the Future Leadership Forum network with almost 300 alumni members. This sets them up with all the tools they need to create the connections and network they need to grapple with the key issues facing our sector and to develop the solutions needed to tackle them.

Our 2024 Future Leaders:



Ainsley Diprose	Verte Ltd
Alistair Stewart	Heidelberg Materials UK
Anita O'Hare	Mace
Cameron McGeoch	Multiplex
Emily Cao	Colliers
Emily-Rose Garnett	UKGBC
Emma Houston	Troup Bywaters + Anders
Helen Foster	BRE

Iona Deacon	JLL
Josephine Benthall	Fiera Real Estate
Leah McCabe	verco
Lottie Macnair	Useful Simple Trust
Matt Bonney	gcp Chartered Architects
Matteo Mercuri	Troup Bywaters + Anders
Melpomeni Rapti	LLOYDS BANK COMMERCIAL BANKING
Mike Kovacs	Arup
Natalie Dutton	David Morley Architects
Nathan Cooper	The Crown Estate
Nicola Elliot	AtkinsRéalis
Petro Michaelas	Verte Ltd
Phil Towle	The Furniture Practice
Roseanna Hart	Cast group
Tom Wigg	UKGBC

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