

## UK Architects Declare - Guide to the Practice Action Masterclasses

In 2022, UK Architects Declare held a series of masterclasses on key topics in our Practice Guide (2021), as part of our Practice Action collaboration with ACAN and in partnership with the RIBA.

Over 80 practices took part in workshops showcasing expert presentations, with breakout sessions and Q&A.

The videos (not including the breakouts) are available via our [Resources page](#), where you can also find our Practice Guide and its launch video, and videos from many other AD events. Participants used Miro boards during the workshops to share ideas and their practices' progress on the topics, and you can view the templates for these [here](#).



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### [Designing Your Own Practice Roadmap](#)

A special launch event to share expert guidance and participants' experiences on using the principles in AD's Practice Guide to build more sustainable and regenerative projects and practices.

*(April 2022, 50 minutes approx.)*

#### **AD & ACAN Hosts:**

- **Zoe Watson** (Sustainability Specialist at Levitt Bernstein)
- **Rachael Owens** (Head of Sustainability, Buckley Gray Yeoman)

#### **Speakers:**

- **Lizzy Westmacott** (Associate Director, ECD Architects)
- **Ken Okonkwo** (Associate Director, Haworth Tompkins)
- **Alasdair Ben Dixon** (Partner, Collective Works)

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### [Masterclass 1: Climate Literacy](#)

This workshop helped participants to assess existing levels of climate literacy against the Climate Framework – an industry-recognised tier system for climate literacy.

*(May 2022, 40 minutes approx.)*

#### **AD Host:**

- **Zoe Watson** (Sustainability Specialist at Levitt Bernstein)

#### **Speaker:**

- **Mina Hasman** (Sustainable Practice Director at SOM)

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### [Masterclass 2: Understanding Impact](#)

This workshop helped practitioners to measure and reduce their impact by developing an understanding of the relative impact of project and business carbon footprints, reporting against scope 1-3 emissions, and carrying out early-stage life cycle assessments.

*(June 2022, 60 minutes approx.)*

**AD Host: Dr Craig Robertson** (Associate & Head of Sustainability at AHMM)

#### **Speakers:**

- **Joe Jack Williams** (Associate and researcher at Feilden Clegg Bradley)
- **Ben Hopkins** (Associate at Bennetts Associates)
- **Jess Hrivnak** (Sustainable Development Adviser with the RIBA)

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### **Masterclass 3: Working with the Client**

This workshop explored how to work with clients to develop a project brief that achieves sustainable or regenerative outcomes; challenge weaknesses in the brief; overcome typical barriers during development and delivery; develop in-house office champions; galvanise support within the design team; develop a compelling business case to demonstrate clear value to the client.

*(July 2022, 60 minutes approx.)*

#### **AD Hosts:**

- **Zoe Watson** (Sustainability Specialist at Levitt Bernstein)
- **Mandy Franz** (Associate Director at MICA Architects)

#### **Speakers:**

- **Mina Hasman** (Sustainable Practice Director at SOM)
- **Sarah Williams** (Chair of the RIBA client advisor group)
- **Ronan Leydon** (Director at Bioregional)

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### **Masterclass 4: Collaboration & Learning within Practice**

This workshop helped practices to foster a culture of collaboration and learning: how to grow climate literacy and share expertise, galvanise action within design teams and draw on what is successful already.

*(August 2022, 60 minutes approx.)*

#### **AD Hosts:**

- **Mandy Franz** (Associate Director at MICA Architects)
- **Ken Okonkwo** (Associate Director, Haworth Tompkins)

#### **Speakers:**

- **Laura Baron** (Head of Sustainability at Purcell)
- **Tim O'Callaghan** (Director at nimtim architects)
- **Anna Pamphilon** (Director at Pamphilon Architects)
- **Lilly Ingleby** (Architect at Race Cottam Associates)
- **Joel Callow** (Director at Beyond Carbon)
- **Adam Mactavish** (Director at Currie & Brown)
- **Simon Smith** (Director at Smith and Wallwork)

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### **Masterclass 5: Closing the Loop**

Including case studies of Post Occupancy Evaluation, this workshop helped participants to: develop a successful feedback loop looking at types of building evaluation; to engage other members of the team with the process; gain an understanding of how clients and practice benefit from such appraisals.

*(September 2022, 70 minutes approx.)*

#### **AD Host:**

- **Anna Pamphilon** (Director of Pamphilon Architects)

#### **Speakers:**

- **Judit Kimpian** (Architect and Environmental Policy expert at UCL)
- **Diana Dina** (Head of Sustainability & Regenerative Design at Haworth Tompkins)
- **Zoe Watson** (Sustainability Specialist at Levitt Bernstein)
- **Christian Dimpleby** (Associate & Chartered Engineer at Architype)
- **Dr Craig Robertson** (Associate & Head of Sustainability at AHMM)

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We ended the series in December with a special event with ACAN, in London, Edinburgh and online. You can watch the 'Practice Action - Assembly!' video, with videos from ACAN's Conversation series complementing our Masterclasses, on [ACAN's YouTube channel](#).

Many thanks to all our speakers and hosts for the series, to ACAN and the RIBA, and to all who took part.