



Hampshire Gardens Trust

Biographical Notes on our Speakers

Kim Wilkie

After 25 years of running his own practice, Kim now works as a strategic and conceptual landscape consultant. He collaborates with architects and landscape architects around the world and combines designing with the muddy practicalities of running a small farm in Hampshire, where he is now based. Kim studied history at Oxford and landscape architecture at the University of California, Berkeley, before setting up his landscape studio in London in 1989. He continues to teach and lecture in America; writes optimistically about land and place from Hampshire; and meddles in various national committees on landscape and environmental policy in the UK. Current projects are focused on regenerative farming combined with human settlement, both in England and North America.

Nigel Dunnett

Nigel Dunnett is Professor of Planting Design and Urban Horticulture in the Department of Landscape Architecture at the University of Sheffield, and is one of the world's leading voices on innovative approaches to planting design. He is a plantsman, designer and pioneer of the new ecological approach to planting gardens and public spaces. His work revolves around the integration of ecology and horticulture to achieve low-input but high-impact landscapes that are dynamic, diverse, and tuned to nature. Nigel's work is based on decades of detailed experimental work, and widespread application in practice: he works as a designer and consultant and regularly collaborates with a wide range of other professions, and his work has been widely applied in the UK and abroad. In 2016 Nigel was appointed as an Ambassador for the Royal Horticultural Society to spearhead their 'Greening Grey Britain' campaign, and is a former Garden Club of America International Fellow. Nigel has authored and co-authored key books on planting design, water-sensitive design, and urban rainwater management. He is a regular lecturer to audiences throughout the world. Projects include: The Queen Elizabeth London Olympic Park; The Barbican Centre, London; Sheffield Grey to Green (Planting design for the UK's largest retrofit inner-city greenway and water-sensitive scheme). Nigel is a gold medal-winner at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show. In November 2018 Nigel won Landscape Institute Award 2018 for Planting Design, Public Horticulture and Strategic Ecology, and the Fellows Prize for Most Outstanding Project, both for The Barbican, London.

Isabel Allen

Isabel Allen was the Editor of the Architects' Journal from 1999 – 2007, where she won numerous awards for journalism and editing and was a member of the jury for the Stirling Prize for four consecutive years. She left the AJ to launch HAB Housing with the broadcaster Kevin McCloud. The company was set up with the express aim of working with the UK's best architects and landscape architects to build outstanding residential schemes. During her 12 years as Design Director HAB projects won several awards for sustainability, landscape and architecture. She is currently Editor-in-Chief of Citizen, a new magazine dedicated to cross-disciplinary solutions to improving civic life and Creative Director of the London Pavilion at the 2019 Seoul Biennale. Isabel is a member of the National Panel of the Civic Trust Awards, a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts and an Honorary Fellow of the Royal Institute of British Architects.