Widening Access and Participation Statement

The AA is committed to widening access and participation in architecture and higher education. It aims to provide as many talented students as possible the opportunity to study and succeed at its School, irrespective of their gender, age, disability, race, nationality, ethnic or national origin, religion, sexual orientation or personal circumstances.

Currently around one in five AA students receive financial assistance from the School’s Scholarship, Bursary and Assistantship programme. As part of its five-year Strategy Plan (2015-2020) the Architectural Association and its trustees have prioritised an increase in student financial support and assistance, through increased fundraising, thus enabling more students to afford the costs of studying at the School.

In addition, numerous outreach initiatives and events are held each year nationwide and worldwide via the AA’s Public Programme, Visiting School, Membership Office and Admissions Office. These include the delivery of activities such as summer schools and global workshops; public lectures, exhibitions and symposia; events to cultivate beneficial relationships with individuals, organisations, institutions and companies; and the provision of information for prospective students and admissions policies which ensure that candidates from all backgrounds are treated and assessed fairly.