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ACCESS AND PARTICIPATION STATEMENT

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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.

The AA commits to a review of this statement on an annual basis thus guaranteeing that access to the AA School and its programmes of study remains a primary strategic objective.

As part of this review, the AA will reference the range of data consolidated annually which provides summary of the backgrounds and progress of all applicants to, and students and graduates of, the AA School.