

# Louise Holden

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## PROFILE

Masters of Architecture graduate from Manchester School of Architecture, who is confident using a variety of skills and thinking creatively to explore new and different concepts. I have evolved my interests from biophilic design to feminist spaces and deep diving into each of these to find a love for healthcare and wellbeing spaces to help improve inequalities in architecture. I would like to continue to investigate sustainable, natural design to improve the impact the construction industry has on the environment.

## EDUCATION & QUALIFICATIONS

Manchester School of Architecture- Masters Degree  
MArch Architecture 2024- Present (graduate July2026)

Oxford Brookes University- 2:1 Bachelor's Degree  
BA (Hons) Architecture, 2019-2022

Archery GB Instructor Qualification Oct 2024- Present  
Ropes, Climbing and Abseiling (In house)- May 2025- Present

## KEY SKILLS

- Technical skills including; Autocad, Rhino and Adobe Applications
- Strong leadership and communication within a team to take onboard everyone's suggestions to come to a solution
- Range of experience across all RIBA stages
- Enthusiastic and energetic, providing a positive and inclusive environment

## INTERESTS

Product Design and at home DIY projects  
Art & photography  
Travelling; 6 months around Australia and SEA 2023-24  
Swimming/ Running (Marathons)- fitness  
Cooking and Baking  
Scouting/ Expeditions

## ARCHITECTURE WORK EXPERIENCE

### Architectural Assistant Part 1 | Thompson & Bradford Architects LTD

Sept 2022- Oct 2023

- **Surveying** Sites for residential conversions.
- **Understanding** listed property requirements.
- Forming **relationships** with clients, builders and structural engineers.

### Volunteer Researcher | Planted Community

Dec 2022- May 2023

- Allowing me to **pursue my passion** in Biophilic architecture
- Forming **connections** in the industry.

### Architecture Work Experience | D-lab Studios

Jul 2018 (2 weeks)

- **Experimenting with materials and scales** to learn how to feel the physical properties of a material, in model making.
- Learning how to use **natural, organic shapes** and forms in architecture creatively
- Producing a 1000 paper cup sculpture as an experiment for a bus shelter design

### Architecture Work Experience | Atelier Architecture and Design

Jun 2017 (2 weeks)

- I was asked to work on a project for a client wishing to develop their Grade 2 listed property to **fulfil their needs** of a new family life.
- **Understanding the brief** of the project and working with the clients wants and needs.

## AWARDS

6th Year University Work Nominated for: [2026]

- 'the sports' ARCHIVE Student Design Award

3rd Year Architecture Work Nominated for: [2022]

- KCA Architects Prize

- The Design Engine Architect Prize

University of Bath Engineering Summer School [2018]

Silver Duke of Edinburgh [2018]

Lifeguard (NPLQ) [2017]

Bronze Duke of Edinburgh [2017]

Swimming Qualified Time Keeper [2014]

## WORK EXPERIENCE

### Social Media Team Lead | The Egalitarian

February 2025- Present

- **Management and collaboration** of a team of people, delegating tasks
- **Public speaking** through leading training sessions to group of people from bar staff/ university groups

### Outdoor Activity Instructor | Hertfordshire Scouts

May 2024- Present

- Working with **children of all ages**, understanding how I keep them entertained throughout their stay
- Customer facing work, **managing situation**, events and emergencies
- **Leading** a range of activities, requiring qualifications and learning

### Scout Leader & Trustee | 1st Wilstone & Long Marston

September 2022- Present

- **Engagement** of young people and the community, teaching children to have **fun with learning**

### Classroom Assistant (community involvement scheme) | Marsworth CE Infant School

Sep 2018 to Dec 2018

- **Support and assist** reception children (4 years old) education using playtime and craft activities, including integrating learning into play to make learning easier

### Lifeguard | Tring Sports Centre | City of Oxford Swimming Club

Jun 2017 to Aug 2022

### Swim Coach Volunteer | Berkhamsted Swimming Club

Nov 2014 to Aug 2019

### Waitress | Bluebells Cafe

Jun 2016 to Sep 2016