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APT LAUNCHES NEW APPRENTICESHIP SCHEME

London based architecture studio, Apt has partnered with the London South Bank University (LSBU) to launch a new apprenticeship scheme which will offer a fully funded, four-year placement to a student leaving school or college.

The scheme launch coincides with National Apprenticeship Week this week (8th – 15th February) and fulfils Apt's commitment to developing their workplace culture, talent pipeline and ways of working that support inclusion in the industry, as outlined in the Royal Institute of British Architects' (RIBA) charter for inclusion.

The RIBA currently estimates that the cost of an architectural education sits at around £100,000. For the majority of young people, this is simply unaffordable, and the routes of access into the profession are substantially narrowed.

Apt's apprenticeship scheme seeks to increase access into the profession of architecture without these crippling costs, promote equality of opportunity and provide a path for young people from diverse backgrounds for whom studying to become an architect might otherwise be impossible. The initiative embraces Apt's 'Employee-Owned Trust' status which seeks to create an attractive place to work where everyone (irrespective of seniority or longevity) is valued and rewarded.

Working, with London South Bank University, the National Apprenticeship service and neighbouring schools, Apt will offer a viable scheme which will enable a school or college leaver to work as an employee at the firm (with a full, living wage and employee benefits) and study for the four-year architecture degree course at LSBU, fully funded.

Today (8th February), four members of the Apt studio are meeting groups of students to present their scheme and opportunity. Candidates will then have the opportunity to apply for the post which is being advertised online: <https://apt.london/studio/careers-at-apt>

Interested applicants will be required to provide a portfolio of work and will be invited to attend an open day at the studio when restrictions allow.

The new Apt apprentice will commence their employment in August 2021.

Jason Geen, studio leader at Apt, said:

"We are delighted to launch the Apt apprenticeship scheme this week – an initiative that we have been developing for some time – and to begin our search for an enthusiastic, talented and self-motivated young person



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to join our team, and make the most of what we feel is an excellent, alternative route into a notoriously inaccessible profession. When we formed Apt, it was always one of our objectives to take action against the challenges of social inclusion and affect change. By broadening the pool of talent which architects come from, we believe Apt is making a positive contribution towards building a more equitable, diverse and inclusive society.”

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Notes to editors:

The Apt Apprenticeship

- Architectural education is divided into three parts. RIBA Part 1, Part 2 and Part 3.
- The Degree Apprenticeship course at London South Bank University (LSBU) is a Level 6 apprenticeship and gives the apprentice a RIBA Part 1 Exemption and a BA (Hons) Degree in Architecture.
- The apprentice is employed at Apt Works Limited and is a student at LSBU 1 day a week from September 2021. The Part 1 degree under LSBU is a 4-year undertaking, location is Southwark Campus.
- The reward is an undergrad degree of Architecture BA (Hons) the professional award of RIBA part 1, and 4 years of growth and experience within a top London architectural firm.

About Apt

Apt is an architectural practice underpinned by a creative and collaborative approach. We create architecture that inspires through great design, innovation and craftsmanship.

We work as a collective in a transparent and logical way. We do not have a 'house' style and look at every project afresh; creating desirable places to live and work that are richly detailed and diverse in character, celebrating the culture, customs and heritage of their setting, reinforcing a sense of identity and place.

From our studio in the heart of London's design district we work across multiple sectors including housing, commercial, heritage, arts and community projects of all shapes and sizes across London and the UK.

This is Apt.

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About London South Bank University

We're a cosmopolitan university with over 18,000 students drawn from over 130 countries. We've been awarded Silver for teaching excellence under the Government's Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF). We are also proud to be the only university to be awarded University of the Year for Graduate Employment or two years in a row (The Times and The Sunday Times Good University Guide 2018, 2019).

LSBU is one of two universities providing Level 6 (RIBA Part 1) apprenticeships in architecture. They also provide level 7 (RIBA Part 2 & 3) apprenticeships. Each course is four years long and is governed by criteria set out by the National Apprenticeship Service, RIBA and the ARB. To date they have taken on over 100 apprentices in both Level 6 and Level 7. In September 2020, LSBU took on 13 Level 6 apprentices on the architecture course.

www.lsbu.ac.uk