



# United Kingdom **ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2023**

Thursday 11 May  
The Barbican Centre

## Schedule

09:00 – 10:00	Registration and welcome breakfast
10:00 – 10:15	Introduction: ULI UK Chair <b>Anette Simpson</b> and Executive Director <b>Ben Collins</b>
10:15 – 10:30	Welcome and History: <b>Claire Spencer</b> , CEO, The Barbican Centre
10:30 – 11:00	Keynote address: Economic Outlook with <b>Trevor Williams</b>
11:00 – 12:00	Panel Discussion: Real Estate Investment Perspective
12:00 – 12:30	In Conversation: ULI UK Leadership Award Winners <b>Anne Kavanagh</b> and <b>Yohance Harper</b>
12:30 – 13:45	Networking Lunch (Barbican Conservatory) and Tours of the Barbican Centre
13:45 – 14:15	City Leadership: Fireside Chat with Tom Copley, Deputy Mayor of London (Housing)
14:15 – 15:15	Panel Discussion: Future of Urban Living
15:15 – 15:45	Closing Keynote: 'Digital Frontiers and AI': <b>Tom Wilcock</b> , Arup
15:45 – 16:00	Closing Remarks and ULI UK Chair Announcement
16:00 – 18:00	Drinks Reception (Barbican Conservatory Terrace)

## Sessions & Speakers

10:00–10:15

Introduction from **Anette Simpson** (ULI UK Chair) and **Ben Collins** (ULI UK Executive Director)

10:15–10:30

## WELCOME AND HISTORY **THE BARBICAN CENTRE**



**Claire Spencer**  
CEO, The Barbican Centre

Claire Spencer joined the Barbican in May 2022 as the first-ever CEO. Claire was previously at the Arts Centre Melbourne where she successfully led a thriving cultural centre, re-positioned the organisation to be a key player in the district's creative economy and steered it through the Covid-19 pandemic. In the 2020 Australia Day honours list she was conferred a Member of the Order of Australia for her work in the performing arts. Claire has been a champion of women in leadership and a supporter of organisations and projects that provide scholarships and mentoring support to those from marginalised or disadvantaged backgrounds. A Chartered Accountant and Theology graduate, she is married with three children.

10:30-11:00

## KEYNOTE SPEAKER



**Trevor Williams**  
**Former Chief Economist, Lloyds Bank**

Trevor Williams is the former chief economist of Lloyds Bank. His extensive experience covers financial markets, econometric modelling, banking markets, analysis of the UK and global economy and financial market risk. Topical issues such as global trade, the housing market, demographics, productivity, the fourth industrial revolution, 'big' data, global mega trends and the future of manufacturing are areas he has focussed on.

Trevor runs his own consultancy – TWC - and is co-founder of FXGuard, a fintech based risk management tool for SMEs to manage foreign exchange risk exposure.

He is a visiting Professor at the University of Derby, St Marys University, rotating Chair of the IEAs Shadow Monetary Policy Committee (SMPC), author of Trading Economics (Wiley), and writes a regular monthly column in Moneyfacts.

11:00-12:00

## PANEL DISCUSSION REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT PERSPECTIVE



**Thibault Weston Smith**  
Managing Director  
**Realty Corporation**  
*Moderator*



**Michael Kovacs**  
Partner  
**Castleforge**



**Kirsty Wilman**  
COO, Real Estate  
**Federated Hermes**



**James Rosenfeld**  
Managing Director  
**Blackstone**

12:00-12:30

## IN CONVERSATION 2023 ULI UK LEADERSHIP AWARD WINNERS



**Anne Kavanagh**  
CEO  
**Telford Homes**

ULI UK Award for  
Outstanding Contribution to  
Real Estate



**Yohance Harper**  
Associate Partner  
**Quadrant Estates**

ULI UK Talent Award

12:30–13:45

Networking lunch in the Conservatory and Garden Room  
Guided tours of the Barbican Centre (please book on arrival)

13:45–14:15

## FIRESIDE CHAT CITY LEADERSHIP



**Deputy Mayor Tom Copley**  
**Housing and Residential Development**

Tom Copley became Deputy Mayor for Housing and Residential Development in March 2020 and oversees the Mayor's two affordable homes programmes, including 'Building Council Homes for Londoners' – the first-ever City Hall initiative dedicated to council homebuilding.

Tom also oversees the Mayor's work to improve the private rented sector, support the delivery of community-led housing, commission services to support rough sleepers, and on building safety.

He sits on the board of Barking Riverside Ltd, a joint venture between the GLA and L&Q housing association which is delivering 10,800 homes along with new transport and other infrastructure in the London Borough of Barking and Dagenham.

Before becoming a Deputy Mayor, Tom was a London Assembly London-wide List Member for 8 years, serving as Chair of the Assembly's housing committee and as Labour Group housing spokesperson. He also served on Lewisham Council, representing Sydenham.

Prior to his election to the Assembly, Tom worked for Hope not hate - an anti-fascist, anti-racist charity that works with communities to fight racism and hatred.

He is a trustee of New Diorama Theatre in Camden.

14:15–15:15

## PANEL DISCUSSION FUTURE OF URBAN LIVING



**Debra Yudolph**  
Partner  
**SAYProperty**  
Moderator



**Simon Chinn**  
VP, Research &  
Advisory Services  
**ULI Europe**



**Harry Downes**  
MD– UK  
Multifamily  
Investment  
**Greystar**



**Michael Howard**  
Owner & MD  
**urbanbubble**



**Honor Barratt**  
Chief Executive  
**Birchgrove**



**Paul Bashir**  
CEO, Europe  
**Harrison Street**

15:15–15:45

# DIGITAL FRONTIERS

## LEVERAGING AI TO BUILD SUCCESSFUL RE OUTCOMES



**Tom Wilcock**

**UKIMEA Digital Services Leader, Arup Group**

Tom Wilcock is the Digital Services Leader for Arup's UK, India, Middle East and Africa (UKIMEA) business. His focus is on applying emerging digital technologies to transform traditional design processes and create better physical and social systems for clients and communities. In his time at Arup, Tom has pioneered the application of experiential design in structural engineering and developed custom simulations that mimic the movement of buildings and bridges. With a background in numerical analysis, he has seen first-hand the power of digital tools to transform the built environment. They have been central to his work delivering specialist structures from transport infrastructure to renewable energy installations and super high-rise buildings. Previously, Tom was the Americas Digital Leader, based in New York. He founded the advanced technology and research practice in New York, to drive innovation in the built environment. He was also instrumental in setting up Arup's digital and venturing businesses in the Americas, engaging with start-ups and developing non-traditional revenue models.



**Adam Burstow**

**Business Development Lead, Amazon Web Services**

Adam Burstow is Amazon Web Services' business development lead for the construction and real estate industries in EMEA. He began his career as a quantity surveyor, construction project manager and facilities consultant. He then joined KPMG Consulting's real estate and construction team, providing technology services and based in London and New York. This led to chief information and digital officer roles in the real estate industry, most recently as Group Digital & IT Director for Grosvenor Group. Adam has also been an advisory partner at Concrete VC which invests in proptech startups. An urbanist and technologist, he advocates the improvement of cities and places through technology and is Co-Chair of the ULI UK Innovation Product Council.

15:45–16:00

Closing Remarks and announcement of incoming ULI UK Chair

16:00–18:00

Networking Drinks Reception on the Conservatory Terrace

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