

The First International Chapter of the American Institute of Architects

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Education and Mentoring Policy

It is the policy and practice of The AIA UK to provide opportunities and events for complete fulfillment of the educational and developmental needs of its chapter members.

At a minimum, the chapter provides 18 CES credits within each calendar year, at least 12 of those credits are Health Safety and Welfare compliant. Typically the chapter provides in excess of 50 hours each year through events, lectures, tours and traveling opportunities around the United Kingdom, Europe and beyond.

Mentoring takes place informally at all AIA UK events, as approximately half of the active membership have over 20 years of service in the field of architecture. These more established members welcome the younger members and facilitate development of their career and transition to living and working in the UK.

The Chapter has discussed more formal mentoring programmes, such as the successful Bridge Program in Chicago. This has not been initiated yet, but is under on-going discussion by several members.

The Chapter hosts an annual information evening on how to complete US licensure while living in the UK, as well as maintains a library of ARE study materials for those members preparing for the ARE exams. The chapter also host periodic study sessions for members. The AIA UK chapter was a strong influence in expanding the ARE testing facilities abroad.