



Angela Koch

MSc Development & Planning: Urban Regeneration/Urban Design, UCL
MSc Applied Geography: Spatial Development/Regional Economics, UoT

Career

2010
Founder,
Director
ImaginePlaces

2008
Senior
Associate,
Urban Design
Urban
Initiatives

2007
Associate,
Head of
Consultation,
Colin Buchanan

2006
Associate,
Urban
Regeneration
Colin Buchanan

2005
Principal,
Urban
Regeneration
Colin Buchanan

2004
Senior
Consultant,
Urban
Regeneration
Colin Buchanan

2002
Project
Manager, TAURUS
GmbH

2000
Consultant,
TAURUS GmbH

2000, Lecturer
at the
University of
Trier, Germany

1998
Assistant
Consultant,
TAURUS GmbH

Angela is an accomplished project, programme and process designer and manager. She has a notable track record in delivering best practices and a contagious drive for innovation. The work she gets involved with, and importantly how she approaches it, builds on 15 years of hands-on expertise in gathering a wide range of stakeholders at the heart of the design, planning and delivery process.

Prior to founding ImaginePlaces, Angela has worked for leading urban design and planning consultancies in the UK. She started her career at one of Germany's foremost sustainability think-tanks at the time. Angela has a sound background in urban planning, regeneration and design. She is an experienced Design Charrette facilitator and has led on large and small scale masterplans, design coding projects and feasibility studies as well as design value research in the UK, continental Europe, the Middle East and the Philippines.

She is a tool maker for dialogue and learning formats with a knack for good urbanism, designing with people and clever data visualisation. She is curious, creative and combines an analytical mind with a healthy dollop of business acumen. Over the last 3 years Angela thoroughly enjoyed working closely with many resourceful people in pioneering Neighbourhood Planning communities and building collaborative networks between local activists, professional design teams, businesses people, residents, charities, mutuals, government departments, local authorities, landowners, developers and councillors. Through that hands-on work she gained considerable insight, developed scalable and creative dialogue tools for often delightful and co-created plan making practices.

Angela speaks, publishes and teaches on plan-making best practices, co-design tools and measuring town centre performance; specifically in a London context.

She co-wrote 'Paved with Gold - the real value of good street design'; a groundbreaking demonstration project funded and published by CABE. It quantifies (in £) the link between better designed public realm and land values. More recently, she advised the team at StickyWorld working on their Destination Local Research project 'You Can Plan - a hyperlocal mobile web-platform for local community planning consultation' which is funded by the Technology Strategy Board in partnership with NESTA. Currently, she is supporting a number of Neighbourhood Forums on behalf of Locality and Planning Aid England in and around London as well as developing three town centre actions plans for LB Tower Hamlets. She is the founder of the London Neighborhood Planning Gathering initiative.

Key Projects for ImaginePlaces

- + Town Centre Audits & Action Plans: Brick Lane, Roman Road, Burdett Road, Co-Director
- + Kentish Town Neighbourhood Plan: Engagement Strategy & Design Charrette, Team Lead
- + Look! St Albans Design Charrette and Design Codes, Team & Design Lead
- + Conversazione con il Futuro di Atina: Concept, Artwork and Delivery, Co-Director
- + Old Maltings Site, Cambridge: Design and Development Guidance, Director

Key Projects for Urban Initiatives

- + High Town East Village Design Codes & Masterplan, Luton, SPD, Project & Design Lead
- + Knowle West Regeneration Framework, Masterplans & OPAs, Bristol, Project & Design Lead
- + Faversham Creek Area Action Plan, Project & Design Lead

Key Projects for Colin Buchanan

- + Paved with Gold: The real value of good street design, CABE, Project Lead & Author
- + Jebel Ali Airport City, Masterplan Validation, Project Lead in Dubai
- + Smart City Malta, Social Impact Consultant EIA, Gov. of Malta
- + Walker Riverside, Feasibility Study and Strategy, Principal Consultant
- + CrossRail, Economic Case and Regeneration Impacts, Senior Consultant

Affiliations

- + Fellow: Royal Society of Arts
- + Professional Member: Neighbourhood Planning at the Prince's Foundation
- + Academician: Academy of Urbanism
- + Member: Shape East's Design and Enabling Panel
- + Teaching: University College London, The Bartlett
- + Urbanista

Headlines

- + Lateral thinker, excellent communicator, versatile.
- + Strong analytical skills, agile and creative.
- + Robust management skills, refined in collaborative and dynamic environments.
- + Trained and experienced facilitator and co-designer.
- + Worked on projects in the UK, Italy, Luxembourg, Germany, Dubai, Qatar, Malta and the Philippines.

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