

## **'In Common': Reflections from the LFA2023 Curation Panel**

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Nic: 'In Common' for me is about the ability for architecture and design to bring us together. And I think it can do that at a range of scales.

You can look at the macro scale so the way that we plan and design and build our cities, by learning from each other and learning what we have in common. And it always makes me think about that Jane Jacobs quote that everybody knows, you know, "cities have the capability of providing something for everybody only because, and only when, they are designed by everybody."

But you've also got the micro scale and that's looking at architecture and design at the building scale but also what's going on inside the building. So the furniture, the lighting, the way that we design things in a manner that makes it accessible for everyone. And again learning from what we have in common, so considering age and ability in how we design.

And then I think there's also finally, I guess, the interpersonal scale. So that's looking at the relationship that we have with each other and the discourse we have with each other around architecture and design and the way we build. And its finding again common ground to create places that really do serve everybody.

At LFA2023, I'm hoping to see architects and designers sharing their work and their processes with each other and the broader community to foster a sense of understanding about processes and I guess a knowledge sharing exchange. And then I'm also hoping to see Londoners and people visiting London share what the city means to them and hopefully provide some insight to the design community.