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CO-FOUNDER
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Christopher is an influential urban designer and planner working all over the globe to help communities improve their public spaces; as well as supporting cities and Governments to develop strategy, change policies, and make great places possible.

He is Co-Founder and Director of Urban Strategy at Urban Movement, and a fully qualified Urban Designer and Planner, with over 15 years' experience leading complex urban projects - applying his expertise to public realm, streets and transport - where he consistently adds value through ensuring the seamless integration of urban and landscape design, with engineering and transport. This coupled with his ability to convincingly communicate the benefits of people-focused urban design ensures policies, visions, and strategy can become a reality.

In addition to his project work, Christopher is a Trustee of the UK charity for everyday walking - Living Streets - and chairs their 'Technical Walking Design Expert Group'. He is a member of the Executive Committee of the UK Urban Design Group; a contributor to the NACTO 'Designing Streets for Kids' Design Manual; is host of a popular Urbanism Podcast and Keynote Speaker; and is a member of the United Nations 'Planning and Climate Action Group' ensuring he is always at the forefront of international thinking with respect to mitigating the negative effects of climate change through urban design and transport, and preparing cities for more resilient and regenerative futures.

CAREER

2011
Co-Founder +
Director of Urban Strategy
Urban Movement

2010
Urban Design + Planning
Urban Initiatives

2007
Urban Design + Planning
Llewelyn Davies Yeang

2005
Urban Design + Planning
Rolfe Judd

OLD STREET REGENERATION

Christopher led on this landmark project in central London to dramatically re-imagine Old Street roundabout. The project created a new vision for Old Street - putting people and experience at the heart of this dynamic area. The design created a new public space that was all about community, delivering communal dining tables, games spaces, and gardens - as well as a new Underground station portal that was stitched into the public realm.



GLASGOW AVENUES

Working extensively in Glasgow for a number of years, Christopher has worked to establish a new urban vision for the streets and public realm - helping to establish the Avenues - and has subsequently been a leading figure in the design team taking this forward to delivery. The Avenues Programme is a £150m project that puts people back at the heart of the city's public realm, prioritises active travel and the sociability of city streets, delivers urban greening and unlocks development potential.



CUSTOM HOUSE REGENERATION

Christopher led the visioning and strategy for the transport and public realm regeneration of the Custom House area in London. Working with local stakeholders and Pollard Thomas Edwards architects, he developed a strategy that plans for successful future neighbourhood growth - whilst delivering increased social + green space, and increased resilience. New streets were designed that truly prioritised active travel alongside a new community park.



OTHER RECENT PROJECTS

- Marylebone Low Emissions Neighbourhood Street Design
- Charing Cross Glasgow Public Realm + Motorway Cap-Park Design
- Sauchiehall Street, Glasgow Streetscape + Public Realm Design
- Custom House Regeneration, Streetscape, Landscape + Public Realm Design
- Norwich City Centre Culture-Led Infrastructure Strategy
- Royal Sutton Coldfield Town Centre Masterplan + Transport Strategy
- Central Street, Islington, Streetscape Design
- Glasgow District Regeneration Strategies