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CO-FOUNDER
DIRECTOR OF URBAN STRATEGY



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 leaders 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 18 years' experience leading complex urban projects at all scales that address human connection, social equity, and climate repair. He applies his expertise to public realm, streets and mobility - 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 become reality.

In addition to his project work, Christopher is Vice-Chair of the Board of Trustees for the UK charity for everyday walking - Living Streets - and chairs their 'Technical Walking Design Expert Group'. He is past Vice Chair of the UK Urban Design Group; a Design Council expert; is host of a popular Urbanism Podcast and Keynote Speaker; is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts; is Guest Lecturer and Supervisor at Bartlett School of Planning, UCL; a DLUHC Design Code Pathfinders Programme Expert Panel Member; and a member of the United Nations 'Planning and Climate Action Group', ensuring he is always at the forefront of international thinking with respect to urban design and transport, and preparing cities for more resilient and regenerative futures.

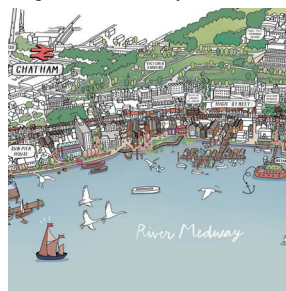
GLASGOW REGENERATION FRAMEWORK

Firstly as part of a team including Gehl Architects, and currently as part of a team with Austin Smith Lord, Christopher led the development of Glasgow's public realm, streetscape and transport Regeneration Framework. This 10-year Action Plan developed 15-minute city principles for Glasgow, packaging these into easily actionable projects at a variety of scales and levels of complexity. Designs were developed to demonstrate the potential of future interventions and raise excitement, with several having now been delivered.



CHATHAM RIVERSIDE REGENERATION

Christopher has been working on the regeneration of the historic Chatham Waterfront, on the River Medway for a number of years, leading on a movement strategy that unlocks quality of life and a new development energy for Chatham, as part of a team led by HTA. As well as looking at the movement network, Christopher has led on the redesign of the High Street and numerous other streets and spaces within new development parcels to create a pedestrian priority place that will support this creative and established community and invigorate the economy.



CUSTOM HOUSE QUAY GLASGOW

Commissioned by Glasgow City Council on a team led by Hawkins Brown and Civic Engineers, Christopher led Urban Movement's work on this landmark project to design and deliver a new River Park along the Clyde - better connecting the city to its river and delivering on Christopher's previous work for Glasgow's Regeneration Framework which identified this opportunity. Christopher led on the movement and public realm strategy and design, balancing competing demands on the new space between movement and place to create an impactful and enjoyable public realm for all.



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

OTHER RECENT PROJECTS

- Charing Cross Glasgow Public Realm + Motorway Cap-Park Design
- Brighton Station Gateway Public Realm Design
- Sauchiehall Street, Glasgow Streetscape + Public Realm Design
- Brighton Valley Gardens Concept + Detailed Design
- Carrigaline Public Realm Strategy + Design
- Norwich City Centre Culture-Led Placemaking Strategy
- Old Street Roundabout Station + Public Realm Regeneration
- Fitzrovia Open Spaces + Public Realm Strategy
- Ankara Transport + Public Realm Strategy
- Abbey Wood Interchange Urban Realm Design
- Dartmouth Park Streets + Traffic Community Conversation
- Kuala Lumpur Streetscape Design Capacity Building
- Aylesbury Gardenway Orbital Park
- Marylebone High Street Redesign