

Harper Perry Ltd.

Experience of working with communities

We enjoy working with non-expert clients and engaging communities and individuals in the process of designing and building their future homes. We have experience of working with urban and rural communities in different ways, from informal community groups to large experienced housing associations (Peabody Trust, Catalyst Housing and, the London Borough of Hackney) in the delivery of new housing.

We focus upon ways of working with residents as co-designers and co-builders from the outset. A recent example involved the landscaping of a residential area, and was designed over evenings in the local pub. In this instance we've been liaising between the developer client (Igloo Regeneration) who will fund the project and the residents who will be involved in building the project. The role of the architect here is very much facilitator, enabling residents to participate as much as possible, whilst satisfying technical requirements of planning, tender, procurement and construction.

Involvement in community led or self-build developments (especially housing projects)

We are currently working on several community-led projects, helping groups to assess the feasibility of housing projects, devising briefs, and navigate the funding process. Two of these are with urban communities: one for a community building and garden, the other to devise plans for a vacant urban site. We have also worked with a rural community group, helping them to assess the feasibility of a refurbishment project to provide affordable housing for rent. We are currently completing a new home in North Yorkshire working with a self-builder client. In 2016, we were runners-up in the National Custom & Self Build Association competition for our Self-Build Guild: a proposal to enable communities to engage in house building. This project is currently being adapted to be featured in the Baltic Contemporary Art Gallery as part of their 'Ideas of the North' exhibition.

Areas where they work	All Areas		
Services they can provide	Community Development Technical Co-ordinator Planning Construction Project Manager	Services they can offer through other providers	Architectural Design
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