

David Durling

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David Durling HonFDRS PhD MDesRCA BA is an independent research consultant.

He is Board Member and immediate past Vice-President of the International Association of Societies of Design Research (IASDR).

He is a Fellow of the Design Research Society, and in 2016 was awarded an Honorary Fellowship.

professional roles

He held a number of senior research management posts in UK universities including Professor of Design at Middlesex University London, and Associate Dean (Research) at BIAD Birmingham before joining Coventry University 2012-20.

Prior to his academic career, he ran a design consultancy specialising in science laboratory planning and equipment design and latterly was managing director of a manufacturing company. He has commercial experience in furniture, interiors, product design and design management.

He is a past Chair of the Design Research Society (1998-2006) and a longtime member of its governing Council from the early 1990s until 2017.

He is the founding editor of 'Design Research News' which has more than 9000 subscribers world-wide, and has edited it for over twenty years. In 1998 he also co-founded the discussion forum phd-design, focused on doctoral studies in design.

He was a panel member for Art & Design in the UK national Research Assessment Exercises in 2001 and 2008.

education

His education was in furniture (Wycombe) industrial design (Royal College of Art, London), and he holds a PhD in design education (Open University).

expertise

His expertise is primarily in design research management, doctoral training, research audit, and peer review processes.

In UK national research assessment exercises (RAE and latterly REF) he has been consultant to several leading design departments.

interests

His research interests have ranged across: creativity and designer personality; peer review processes; doctoral supervision and examination; and research management.

conferences

He has co-chaired significant international conferences such as 'Doctoral Education in Design' 2000 (France) and 2003 (Japan); inaugurated the Design Research Society biennial international conferences from 2002; has helped develop the quality of peer review processes; and been adviser or reviewer for many other conferences.

availability

Dr Durling is available for consultancy in the following areas:

strong track record in supervising doctoral students both within UK and overseas; supervision; supervisor training; examination; development of doctoral programmes; online resources;

research development, including: quality audits for national research assessment exercises; development of research culture; management of research.