

## School of the Arts

# Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Update

### Introduction

Dear colleagues,

It is my pleasure to share with you some EDI activities led by Architecture and Music recently and in the coming month, which not only show our strong connection with the local region and internationally, but also send a strong message for diversity and inclusion. You may want to join and show your support in these events. Please continue helping promote the EDI Poster Competition among your students. We are looking forward to receiving some excellent entries. Thank you!

### Improving Architecture web accessibility

Recognising the importance of website as a window looking into the Department, Architecture is going to add Alt tags to images on their webpages to describe the visual content for users of screen readers. They would also like to use this opportunity to summarise images that may reflect the school's complex history: the diversities or lack thereof in the student body, architecture's role in the British Empire and more. Hence, they will focus on the Department's History and People sections, and will also contribute to their on-going initiative on alumni research carried out by the EDI working group in the Department.

### Celebrating inclusive practice

Preparations are in full swing at the School of Architecture for a month-long programme of exhibitions, talks and film screenings that celebrates the 2022 Aga Khan Award for Architecture and ArCHIAM 10th anniversary at RIBA North, 30th May-30th June 2023.

A symposium on 31st May will explore the changing nature of globalised practice and the paradoxical relationship between globalisation and inclusiveness. On 9th June, a colloquium will discuss the interweavings between cultural heritage, sustainable development, plurality and social cohesion, on the backdrop of interactive virtual experiences and film screenings.

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### Singtastic event with local schools

The Singtastic event was held at the Tung Auditorium on Wednesday 22nd March. It involved 150 children from five schools in deprived areas nearby. Louise Ellinson, the University's Choral Director organised the event, which was supported by the University's Staff and Community Choir along with the Chamber Choir. 2nd and 3rd year Music students worked as ambassadors in schools and helped with the creation of an original song. Many other students also provided musical support on the day. All seats were taken and the children were excited to take part.



Image: The group from St. Nicholas Catholic Academy

### Liverpool UNlty Choir sang in Eurovillage

A choir from the University kicked off the entire afternoon's and evening's entertainment at the Eurovillage on 10th May. Fifty singers – half Chamber Choir, half staff & local community – were singing as Liverpool UNlty Choir on the main stage at Pier Head.

We were singing some gospel-inspired bits, a song written to welcome refugees, and an ABBA medley. It promotes the awareness of diversity and shows our solidarity with Ukraine.

### Student Poster Competition ongoing

The EDI committee is still looking for original designs, photographs, collages, paintings, drawings or digital designs that reflect an EDI theme. We will select 4 to 6 posters and display them in the ground floor corridor of 19-23 Abercromby Square. Book tokens will be awarded to the selected posters and the best poster will receive a prize. The submission is due on 4pm 23rd June 2023 to [SOTAEDI@liverpool.ac.uk](mailto:SOTAEDI@liverpool.ac.uk). You may find more information of the competition by scan the code on the right.

