Deborah Fadipe
CEng, Managing Director

My motivation is grounded in the connection between environmental performance and people's everyday lives. Through social housing retrofit programmes, energy advice and community work, I have seen how housing quality affects residents' comfort, health and ability to afford their energy bills. I want to support AECB's work in turning sound technical knowledge into better buildings, stronger professional practice and lasting benefits for occupants.

I would bring practical experience of delivering decarbonisation in occupied homes. As Project Manager for Sustainability at Peabody, I led a multi-contractor Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund programme across approximately 300 homes, overseeing programme plans, budgets, cost caps, risks, contractor performance and resident engagement. Previously, at Warmworks, I coordinated energy-efficiency delivery across more than 1,000 homes through government-funded programmes. These roles have given me insight into the challenges of translating technical requirements into consistent delivery: coordinating responsibilities, maintaining quality, managing access and ensuring that residents understand and can use the improvements installed.

My qualifications in retrofit coordination, risk management, retrofit assessment and domestic energy assessment underpin this delivery experience. Through my freelance retrofit coordination work, I also review assessments and evidence, evaluate improvement options and support medium-term improvement planning. I would bring this perspective to Board discussions about skills, standards and the practical adoption of effective retrofit approaches.

As Managing Director of Cystem Green Solutions Limited, I set business priorities and oversee business development, pricing, resource planning, subcontractor relationships, quality assurance and cash flow across property, construction and sustainability services. Running a small business requires disciplined decisions about growth, capacity, financial resilience and reputation.

If elected, I would be particularly interested in helping AECB strengthen its connections with social housing and retrofit delivery organisations; develop partnerships that broaden participation and support financial resilience; and bring practical lessons from occupied-home programmes into discussions about education, quality and building performance.

Eric Fewster

Passivhaus Consultant, Carbonlite Certifier, Managing Director

Eric is a Certified Passivhaus Consultant, CLR graduate, AECB standards certifier, and trainer with Coaction for their Passivhaus Tradesperson and Retrofit Delivery courses. His work has focused largely on domestic retrofit for ordinary folk (think Medium Designs rather than Grand Designs), after he retrofitted his own house between 2008-2011. He not only does design work (including thermal bridge and WUFI modelling himself) but gets on site to help clients or contractors to troubleshoot issues or to provide mentoring (and actually he has been part of a contractor team on site for several months early on). Before getting into all this, he was a water and sanitation advisor for various humanitarian organisations overseas, and also helped start up a business in Madagascar in 2005 (which is still going). He hopes his retrofit hands-on experience might be useful, along with an increasing amount of technical knowledge (although in retrofit, when one thinks one knows things, one then finds more questions than answers…) and he would like to see the AECB become better known and the standards more widely adopted.

Loreana Padron
Architect, CarbonLite Certifier, Passivhaus Designer

Loreana is a Chartered Architect and sustainability leader with two decades of experience across architecture, building performance and sustainability. Her work spans large-scale residential retrofit delivery, decarbonisation of domestic and non-domestic portfolios, building physics, Passivhaus and low-energy design. A Certified Passivhaus Designer and Retrofit Coordinator, she has spent most of her career in architectural practice, understanding both strategic challenges and the realities of delivering change. She has engaged with the AECB for many years, initially as a member and more recently as an Expert Advisor and AECB CarbonLite Standard Certifier. Based in London, she will soon lead the AECB London Group. She has also been involved with the Passivhaus Trust for over 15 years, reflecting her commitment to rigorous, evidence-based approaches to better buildings.

Loreana bridges sustainability ambitions and implementation, working across strategic, design and technical levels. She contributed to the LETI Climate Emergency Retrofit Guide and was Editorial Director of the Retrofit Academy's Retrofit Designer course. She regularly lectures at universities and is a member of Design South East's Design Review Panel. Her professional, technical and strategic experience, together with her understanding of the wider industry, would enable her to contribute to the Board, particularly in shaping the AECB's direction, developing partnerships and raising awareness of its work.

Loreana values the AECB's role in bringing together people, knowledge and experience to raise industry standards and she would like to support the AECB build on its achievements and extend its influence across the built environment. She sees an opportunity to strengthen its voice across mainstream practice, construction, housing, property, investment and local authorities. She would help make AECB's knowledge, standards and guidance accessible and influential, supporting wider adoption of better retrofit, building performance and low-carbon construction. She would welcome the opportunity to contribute her experience, networks and enthusiasm to that goal.

Andy Stanton
Board Advisor, Entrepreneur, Business and Sustainability Leader

I am standing for election to the AECB as I want to give something back and be part of an organisation that has helped me massively on my journey in sustainable building since joining for my Passivhaus Designer course more than eight years ago. This is an organisation that punches significantly above its weight. Taking a passionate grassroots membership with deep history in the industry and delivering guidance, tools, expertise, and a sense of collective purpose that has, and continues to, propel excellence in this industry

My career story has taken me from contractor to client to consultant. I started by founding my own business as an electrical contractor. Inspired by the need to improve buildings, a visit to CAT, and a need to act on climate change, I went back to university to study environmental engineering. A 20-year career in the public sector delivering energy efficiency and sustainable buildings, and having to prove it in the public eye across diverse buildings, has given me a real grounding in what makes successful projects, not just at completion. It also gave me an incredible grounding not just across my technical subjects, but also in commercial procurement, HR, and finance; all aspects of being successful in a diverse organisation. My consultancy career has given me the experience of working with, and managing, experts across the built environment, and leading projects, always trying to tweak the dial, ramping up Passivhaus in two different companies and working across energy, water, and whole-life carbon, from projects to strategy.

I will bring my experience of eight years on the board of the Better Buildings Partnership (BBP), helping grow membership from eight member companies to over 30, and contributing to strategy, working groups, publications, and a high-profile building performance benchmarking database, the largest in the UK.

Alfie Stephenson-Boyles
Architect, Certified Passivhaus Designer, Carbonlite Designer

Alfie is an architect, Certified Passivhaus Designer and Sustainable Architecture and Building Performance Lead at Donald Insall Associates (DIA), one of the UK's leading heritage architecture practices. He initiated DIA's membership of the AECB in 2023. Alfie has a particular interest in the human dimensions of sustainability, focusing on communication, collaboration and behavioural change to overcome resistance and build commitment to better building performance. He has experience in positioning, marketing and developing sustainability services within a traditionally conservation-focused practice. He recently led the development of DIA's sustainability framework, including the integration of simplified PHPP modelling into everyday architectural practice, and established an internal energy modelling team, training nine colleagues in PHPP. He regularly delivers sustainability training and CPD, including for the RIBA, and has contributed to the Transforming Tomorrow podcast.

Alfie is committed to improving the performance of both new and historic buildings. His experience includes leading the practice's first AECB CarbonLite retrofit, delivering low-energy timber-frame construction and undertaking his own retrofit of a 19th-century quarryman's cottage in North Wales. As a trustee, Alfie hopes to broaden the AECB's influence within the conservation sector, bridging the longstanding divide between heritage conservation and environmental sustainability. Drawing on his experience in organisational change, business development and stakeholder engagement, he aims to support the AECB's strategic development, membership growth and wider industry influence, helping translate technical excellence into mainstream professional practice.

Gwilym Still
MEP Engineer, Passivhaus Certifier, Chartered Environmentalist

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James York
Architect, Principal Consultant, Passivhaus Designer, Sustainability Lead

I am an architect and energy consultant specializing in retrofit, Passivhaus and the design of sustainable, low carbon buildings. I am a trustee at Collective Architecture and sit on the board at BE-ST engaged in the governance and strategic direction of each. Through 20+ years of practice I have been exploring how we can use the tools of social engagement, occupancy and performance evaluation, research and data and robust design standards to guide high-performance building design and define what good looks like for our industry. I am a passionate advocate on how we can design buildings and places to respond to our changing climate, provide resilience for people and nature and care for our built heritage.

I am interested in growing the AECB network in Scotland, collaborating with fellow industry professionals to support the necessary shifts towards more ecologically conscious design, bringing thought leaders together to share knowledge and promote positive change. I want to promote the great work that the AECB are already doing across the sector particularly through webinars, training and sector guidance. I am keen to support membership growth for the AECB by demonstrating the value that the AECB brings to the industry through its extensive knowledge base, expert guidance, promotion of the use of PHPP and exemplar building standards.

Joining the AECB Trust represents an exciting opportunity to further champion innovation, strategic thinking, and collaborative leadership. I am eager to leverage my network, practical experience, and passionate enthusiasm to support AECB's transformative mission.