

**DAY ONE - 09 June 2026**

**08:30 Registration & Exhibitor Networking**

**09:30 Chair Introduction**

Steve Watts, Turner & Townsend alinea

**09:50 Keynote Speaker**

Tom Sleight, City of London Corp  
The city aiming high

**10:10 Eric Parry, Eric Parry Architects**

Tall building trends emerging in London

**10:30 Q&A**

**Session One - High Ambitions**

A session to focus on net zero & climate change rediness and adaptation

**10:40 Panel Debate - Rising to the Net Zero Challenge**

A forward-looking debate on how the tall buildings sector can deliver net zero while strengthening climate resilience.

Chris Edgington, Arup

David Leversha, WSP

Dr Saeed Talebi, Birmingham City University

Marie-Louise Schembri, Hilson Moran

**11:20 Refreshments & Exhibitor Networking**

**Session Two - A Modern Approach to Tall Building Development**

Building from the ground up – Building communities and enhancing public realm among tall buildings

**12:00 Alan Shingler, Sheppard Robson**

From the ground up: How can Tall Buildings balance local connection with city-wide impact.

**12:20 Benjamin Koslowski, Fletcher Priest Architects**

**12:40 James Lord, HTA Design**

Eden Dock and public realm among tall buildings

**13:00 Q&A**

**13:10 Tall Buildings Awards - Lifetime Achievement Award and Outstanding Contribution to the Industry Award**

**13:20 Lunch & Exhibitor Networking**

A dedicated networking session to foster collaboration and deepen engagement between delegates, speakers and exhibitors.

**14:20 Afternoon Keynote**

Laura Narvaez Zertuche, Urban Design at Foster + Partners - INVITED

**Session Three - Team Talks / Case Study**

A collaborative insight into this year's most talked about high-rise projects

**14:40 Gianluca Mortarotti, AKTII &**

James Ellender, AHMM

1 Broadgate, London

**15:05 Hans Jansen, Permasteelisa Group**

EDGE London Bridge

**15:30 Simon Critchley, SimpsonHaugh &**

Tom McClenan, WSP

Trinity Islands, Manchester

**15:50 Adam McPartland, Glancy Nicholls Architects**

One East Side, Birmingham

**16:10 Q&A**

**16:20 Closing Comments from Conference Chair**

**16:30 Drinks Reception** Hosted by:  Council on Vertical Urbanism

**18:00 Event End**

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**09:30 Chair Introduction**

Catherine Staniland, NLA

**09:40 Keynote Speaker**

Thouria Istephan, Ministry of Housing,  
Communities & Local Government

Reflections on Building Safety

**Session Four - Building Safety Act**

Policies, Expectations and Best Practice for navigating Gateway 2 & Gateway 3

**10:00 Daniel Lewis-Hickinbotham,**  
Building Safety Regulator

**10:20 Panel Debate - Building Safety**

Alan Robson, Project Four Building Safety

Dan Norman, Obex Protection

Samantha Thompson, Fieldfisher

David Aitchison, BCC Consultancy

David Bebb, Fenwick Elliott

Darren Brennan, Siderise Insulation

Danilo Gomes, Ursa by Etex

**11:00 Enson Tu, Core Five & Simon Robins,**

Make Architects

How we turned the building safety requirement into an advantage.

**11:20 Q&A**

**11:30 Refreshments & Exhibitor Networking**

**Session Five - Industrialised Construction**

A case-study-driven discussion on how offsite, standardised, and digitally enabled construction methods are transforming the delivery, sustainability, and retrofit of high-rise buildings in the UK.

**12:10 Beth Howells, John Sisk & Son**

**12:30 Matt Williams, FMDC**  
2-3 Finsbury Avenue

**12:50 Fabrizio Cazzulo, Woods Bagot**  
85 Gracechurch Street

**13:10 Will Hulme, Trimble & Daniel Leech,**  
Design4Structures

**13:30 Q&A**

**13:40 Tall Buildings Awards - Emerging Talent Award**

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**Session Six - Global Trends & What's Next for the UK?**

**14:50 Dmitri Jajich, DeSimone Consulting Engineering**  
Whats old is new again

**15:10 Rachel Coleman, Turner & Townsend alinea**  
Embracing uncertainty to unlock viabilities

**15:30 Afternoon Keynote**

Javier Quintana, Council on Vertical Urbanism

**15:50 Q&A**

**16:00 Closing Comments from Conference Chair**

**16:10 Conference End**

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