

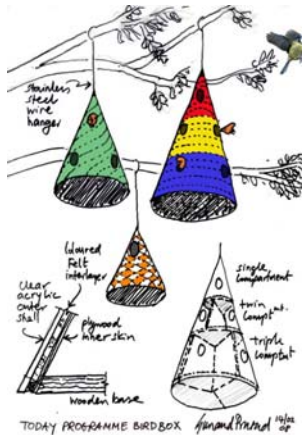
Bird Watch Cardiff

An important aspect of Architecture is the need to understand and respond to the needs and wants of the client promoting a building and also the eventual user. This project is about how we respond to these needs, particularly as in the case of part of the project the eventual user will not be human. The project is also about how buildings can respond to nature.

According to the British Trust for Ornithology "the natural nest sites on which many bird species depend, such as holes in trees and buildings, are fast disappearing as gardens and woods are 'tidied' and old houses are repaired" In response to this the BBC Radio 4 Today programme commissioned designs for bird boxes from Architects Sunand Prasad and Will Alsop. There are standard designs for bird houses, but Today asked what Architects might add to the designs.



Will Alsop Proposal



Sunand Prasad Proposal



Weaver Bird

The project will consist of two principal parts:

Part 1: Following discussion with local ornithology groups and library based research, you will be asked to design and make a prototype bird house.

Part 2: Using your understanding gained through making the bird house, you will be asked to make proposals for a centre for bird study. This is likely to be both a meeting place for local voluntary groups, but would also a place where the public can learn about urban trees and how they support wild life in particular birds. You will be responsible for determining the exact brief through discussion with a potential client.

There are two possible sites for the project; either Roath Park Arboretum or Cathays Cemetery possibly re-using the deteriorating funeral chapels dating from 1859.

The project will be lead by Sylvia Harris (Library), Andy Roberts (4th Year Chair) and Dave Bull (Facilities Manager, and keen ornithologist).

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