

Dissertation Synopsis

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Introduction

The issue I will be attempting to explore will be the “in-equality of females in architecture”, I will be wanting to show others how the industry is changing from previous times, and how the industry previously stood with a male ran industry. My end goal is to educate others on all the information I have found out and putting all my research into something they will understand.

Methodology, Aims and Objectives.

I will collect my data through interviews, and research through the internet. I will interview any architects in or who may have left the industry, visiting local practice. As well as using online articles and any other reliable sources to help my argument. I have secured two interviews with current architectural designers who are working in the industry currently. One being an architect with 15+ years in the industry and one who is new to the industry, having the range of experience from both interviewee's it will allow me to have an idea of how gender equality in architecture has changed throughout the years. The two interviewees are both male so this could give some bias opinions in the answers from the interview, so I have contacted a female architect with again 15+ years in the architecture industry, giving a female's perspective on the whole situation.

Literature Review

The reason I believe the topic I will be researching is so important is because of how male ran the industry is. And how I believe that the change on how the industry is ran is slowly changing, being an architecture student myself and having a small majority of female students in my course shows the increase in female architects. I believe that it is an important subject to highlight to others, where there may be some companies only focusing on male architects, they could be missing a great opportunity of having an extremely intelligent person in their practice. That person who may have been turned down, could be another Zaha Hadid as an example.

Limitations

Some of the limits that are imposed would be that I would only be talking about one major problem, although it is a big subject to research into. There are other problems that could relate with this subject for example, recently qualified architects finding jobs, racial judgement in the construction industry etc.

Ethical Considerations

An ethical problem is that how the industry is more of a male run industry, could lead me to interviewing more male than female architects, although there are many female architects out there. Many of the architects that are local to me are in fact male, I have only found one female architect now to be able to interview. Which would lead me to expanding the area in which I look for interviewees, emailing other female architects perhaps situated in Swansea or Cardiff.

Timeframe

First, I will start off with the research found about my topic giving the enough information to write. I will give myself a minimum of a month for research, allowing myself enough time to research and narrow down the major points and information that will input on my dissertation. With a maximum of two or three months for research, then after the time scale is up, I will be moving on to writing the dissertation.