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# Indy Johar

*Dark Matter Laboratories, UK*

*Key Note International Speaker*



Indy Johar is an architect, co-founder of 00 (project00.cc) and a Senior Innovation Associate with the Young Foundation and Visiting Professor at the University of Sheffield.

Indy, on behalf of 00, has co-founded multiple social ventures from Impact Hub Westminster to Impact Hub Birmingham and the HubLaunchpad Accelerator, along with working with large global multinationals and institutions to support their transition to a positive Systems Economy. He has co-lead research projects such as The Compendium for the Civic Economy, whilst supporting several 00 explorations/experiments including the wikihouse.cc, opendesk.cc. Indy is an Advisor to the Earth Security Initiative and a director of WikiHouse Foundation.

Indy Johar is a co-founder of the Project00.cc Research Laboratory & Skunk Works. He is a Fellow of the RSA, Republica Fellow, JRF Anti-Poverty Strategy Programme Advisory Group member and a member of the Mayor of London's SME Working Group and most recently a member of the RSA Inclusive Growth Commission. Indy was Director of the Global Impact Hub Association and Impact Hub Islington [the original Impact Hub in the Hub Network] and worked with Jonathan Robinson to design the protocols and modes of the network scaling. Indy has taught and lectured at various institutions from the University of Bath, TU-Berlin; Architectural Association, University College London, Princeton. He has written for many national and international publications on the future of design, systems change and social investment

# Tim Horton

*Registrar NSW Architects Registration Board*



Tim Horton is an architect, nationally recognised as an adviser and agitator for smart policy that enables good design. He has worked in nationally and internationally in both the private and public sector. In 2014, Tim was the Registrar of the NSW Architects Registration Board; an independent statutory authority that exists to inform and engage people on issues of architecture in NSW. A former founding CEO of the Committee for Adelaide and former Commissioner for Integrated Design based in Adelaide, South Australia, his interests lie at the intersections of design, technology, innovation and governance, architecture, city planning, and the application of research in creative public policy. Tim has is also the former President of the Australian Institute of Architects (SA Chapter), Chair of the National Practice Committee of the Australian Institute of Architects, member

of the Australian Government's Built Environment Industry Innovation Council and a regular contributor to media on built environment policy, design practice, and public sector innovation.

## Darryl Gobbett

*Chief Economist and Financial Adviser, Baillieu Holst Ltd.*



Along with his senior role with Baillieu Holst Ltd, the national stockbroking and financial advisory firm, Darryl is also a Visiting Fellow with the University of Adelaide's South Australian Centre for Economic Studies (SACES). After completing his Bachelor of Economics (Honours) degree at the University of Adelaide, Darryl went on to hold senior management and financial/economic advisory roles in both the private and public sectors – including with the Federal Departments of Treasury and Prime Minister & Cabinet, Access Economics, Adelaide Bank, Bank SA and Prescott Securities. For five years, Darryl was on the SA Judging Panel for the General Sir John Monash Awards. Darryl is a life member of the Financial Services Institute of Australasia, a Master member of the Stockbrokers' Association of Australia, a member of the Leaders Institute of South Australia (which incorporates the Governor's Leadership foundation), the Treasurer of Treenet and an Associate of the Self-Managed Superannuation Funds Association.

## David Homburg

*Adelaide Principal, Hassell Studio*



HASSELL is a leading international design practice with studios in Australia, China, South East Asia and the United Kingdom with architects, interior designers, landscape architects, urban designers, planners and specialist consultants working together in integrated design teams. David is a Principal of HASSELL and manages HASSELL's Adelaide Studio. He is also the former President of the South Australian Chapter of the Australian Institute of Architects, the peak body for the architectural profession that works to improve the built environment by promoting quality, responsible, sustainable design. David has delivered some of Adelaide's most innovative buildings including SA Water's Headquarters in Victoria Square, Flinders University's School of Computer Science Engineering and Mathematics at Tonsley, and the Stretton Centre at Munno Para.

# Dr Alice Clark

*Executive Director, Shelter SA*



Alice commenced at Shelter SA, the peak body for housing, in 2011 with a wide range of skills she is well suited to policy and advocacy work. With a background predominantly in the community services sector, Alice is also a nationally and internationally published author who has worked for State Government and as a research only academic at the University of South Australia. Alice's research background provides strength to the evidence based policy analysis Shelter SA undertakes in both qualitative and quantitative methods, including community engagement. Alice is passionate about social justice in terms of how social policies impact people's lives, particularly for children, young people and those living on low incomes and creating affordable and safe housing for all South Australians. Alice is currently also the Chairperson of National Shelter and has served on the South Australian Urban Renewal Authority Board. Shelter SA is the home of Capital Asset, inspiring the Open State event.

# Adrian Pisarski

*Executive Officer, National Shelter*



Adrian Pisarski, is the Executive Officer of National Shelter. Adrian has a 35 year history in the community sector including roles with housing, housing policy, advocacy, homelessness and youth peak bodies in Tasmania, Victoria, NSW, Queensland and nationally. Adrian was the Executive Officer of Queensland Shelter between 2002 and 2013, the Chairperson of National Shelter between 2004 and 2013 and is currently the Executive Officer of National Shelter. Adrian's housing policy knowledge and expertise is second to none and he has contributed to Australian housing policy over many years and was a member of the Affordable Housing Summit Group, instrumental to the development of the National Affordable Housing Agreement and the National Rental Affordability Scheme.

## Ellen Witte

*Senior Associate, Partner and Director, SGS Economics and Planning*



Ellen is one of SGS' leading housing experts and the lead researcher behind the National Rental Affordability Index. She is a regular media commentator on topics such as housing affordability, intergenerational changes and climate change. She has worked with a range of State departments and the community housing sector to explore solutions for housing affordability in the areas of commissioning social and affordable housing, planning mechanisms and contributions, the attraction of institutional investment into the sector and wider policies affecting housing affordability in general. Ellen has over 17 years of experience in consultancy. Ellen has extensive experience in social, environmental and economic impact assessments, financial feasibility studies, cost benefit analyses and strategic assessments of facilities and land use projects.

## Erin Turner

*Head of Campaigns and Policy, CHOICE Australia*



Erin Turner leads CHOICE's campaigns team which fights to keep industry and government accountable and achieve real change for Australian consumers. Erin joined CHOICE in 2014 and focuses on housing and finance policy and campaigns. In 2014 Erin led CHOICE's successful campaign to keep strong consumer protections as part of the Future of Financial Advice reforms and she is currently working on challenges consumers face when dealing with mortgage brokers and arranging finance for new homes. Her team worked with National Shelter and the National Association of Tenant's Organisations to create the "Unsettled: Life in Australia's private rental market" report which received unprecedented mainstream and social media coverage. Erin has a Master of Politics and Public Policy and a Bachelor of Arts.

## Emma de Jager

*Executive Officer WA & SA, Planning Institute of Australia*



PIA is the national body representing planning and the planning profession. Through education, communication and professional development, PIA is the pivotal organisation serving and guiding thousands of planning professionals in their role of creating better communities. Emma is a Registered Planner with over 15 years' experience acquired working across several States and Territories. Delivery of PIA activities is through collaboration and coordination with Committees,

contractors, members and industry stakeholders. PIA WA in 2013 conducted research focussed on refining government strategies and better responsiveness to people's housing needs and desires into the future. Emma previously worked as a Senior Planner for Housing NSW responsible for planning and managing the provision of public housing in the complex social context of the inner city and adjoining suburbs of Sydney spanning 27 Local Government Areas.

## **Jessica MacDonald**

*Director, Aqenta Consulting*



With a strong reputation for driving project and practice direction, Jessica manages strategic relationships and successfully capitalises on opportunities to support best project outcomes and ensure business objectives are met through long-term growth and profitability. From leading Aqenta's South Australian operations to expertly managing multi-million dollar architectural projects and sitting on external committees and boards, Jessica is constantly seeking ways to build upon her leadership, talent management, technical, and networking expertise. A savvy strategist and troubleshooter, Jessica is very comfortable with stepping outside the box and leveraging her creativity to overcome challenges and drive ongoing success.