

# SPAB LETHABY SCHOLARS 2016

## Triona Byrne

Age: 25

Qualifications: Civil and Structural Engineering BAI Trinity College Dublin 2013

Civil and Structural Engineering MAI Trinity College Dublin 2014

Employment: Self employed work with Lisa Edden (Structural Engineer) Co Wicklow Dec 15 - present

Barrett Mahony Consulting Engineers Dublin July 2014 – July 2015

Triona was uncertain if structural engineering was her calling when in her final year of undergraduate studies, however she soon realised conservation engineering combined her interest in history and practical issues. After graduating, she spent 2 months in France volunteering to help a British couple repair their stone mill, and with it an introduction to working with lime mortars. Upon leaving college, she joined a design engineer's practice in Dublin to get experience in mainstream engineering and in this time furthered her interest in historic conservation by attending a 12 week lecture series 'Conserve your Dublin period house' run by the Georgian Society and making visits to live sites with members of CARE. After a year, she took the opportunity to join her boyfriend travelling in Central and South America and since her return has been working on conservation projects with Lisa Edden; she leaves behind a project working on Dublin's oldest intact domestic building. Triona first heard about the Scholarship at a talk given by 2014 Fellow Eoin Madigan for the Building Limes Forum Ireland, for which she manages the Twitter account. She enjoys life drawing evening classes and relishes the thought of interacting with other disciplines, both now and in her future career.

## Declan Cahill

Age: 25

Qualifications: BSc. Building Surveying University of Salford 2013

Employment: City of London Corporation Building Surveyor October 2014 – present

AHR Building Consultancy London Graduate Building Surveyor March 2014 – September 2014

Carillion PLC Undergraduate Internship May 2012 – July 2013

Interested in old buildings from a young age, Declan found this informed his choice of study, Building Surveying. This interest has also influenced his other hobby, travelling, and when he went travelling around South America, Far East Asia and Spain for 7 months in July 2013, he spent time visiting historic sites. From his first job in a general surveying practice, he went on to join the City of London Corporation Operations Team. Having expressed his interest in historic buildings, he works in a team caring largely for historic public buildings, and is responsible for the Grade 1 listed cemetery and crematorium at Manor Park, where he is working with his colleague Ulrike Wahl (2006 Fellow) on the repair of a stone gateway at the entrance to the site. Declan has attended several SPAB events including 'Modern Design in Historic Contexts' for the Philip Webb re-launch in December 2014, Sullington Working Party in July 2015 and is a member of the recently formed SPAB London Regional Group committee. Keen on climbing, last summer was spent in a tent exploring the rock faces of the Peak District and Portland. He appreciates debating the options rather than adopting a "one size fits all" approach, and looks forward to seeing skilled crafts people in action and talking to them.

## Gethin Harvey

Age: 28

Qualifications: BA (Hons) Architecture Manchester School of Architecture 2009

BArch Manchester School of Architecture 2012

PgDip Architecture Kingston University 2014

Employment: Nicholas Warns Architect Ltd – Jan 2015 - current

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From Norwich, Gethin began sketching old buildings as a teenager and it was from this careful looking at buildings, that his desire to be an architect was instigated. Since going to work for Nick Warns for his Part 1 placement, he has returned to Nick's at each stage of his architectural training where he is currently employed. Under the mentorship of a past Scholar and current SPAB Guardian, he has been exposed to the SPAB approach to the repair and conservation of historic buildings, as well as glowing faces of visiting Scholars. Working largely on churches, he is keen on the range of projects, philosophies, techniques and skills the Scholarship offers. Attendance at events such as the SPAB Repair Course and Stone Repair Masterclass has impressed on him the amount of knowledge gained from discussions with craftspeople and site workers. On a research project investigating the integration of bio-climatic strategies into existing urban environments, Gethin explored a range of contemporary techniques, and how modern technologies and softwares may be appropriated for use within a historic context.