



# My Working Day



**My Working Day as a:** Architect

**Organisation:** Austin-Smith Lord LLP

**Type of organisation:** Architects, Designers, Landscape Architects and Urban Designers

**Subject of study:** Architecture

**Job title:** Partner

**Job type:** Architect

**In which country are you currently working?:** UK

**What does your job involve?:**

Winning, managing and delivering high quality studies and building solutions for a wide range of client types.

Involvement in the running of our multi disciplinary practice across several offices.

**My typical day:**

Really there is no typical day: that's the best aspect of my job!

**6.30** Rise & Shine, cycle ride

**7.30/8.00** In the office

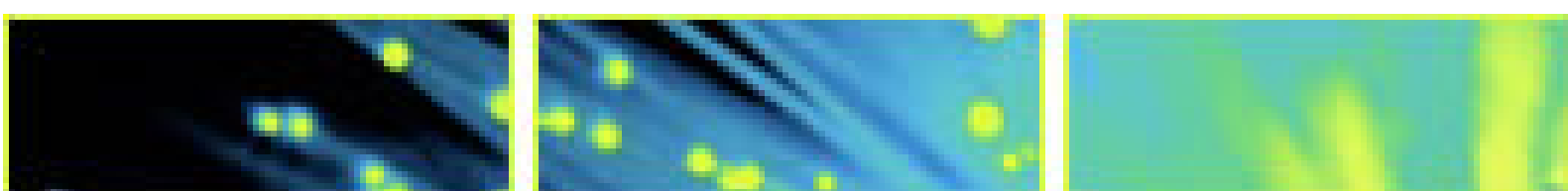
**8.00/9.00** Organise the day; internal meetings

**9.00-12.30** Internal and project meetings, to bid for new opportunities, to develop designs or to monitor progress.

**12.30-2.30** Working lunch with clients, contacts or senior staff

**2.30-5.00** Editing and writing documents and design reviews.

**5.00-5.30** "5 minutes" with Partnership Secretary



**5.30-7.00** Catching up with all the bits and pieces that have not been completed, attending networking functions or voluntary support for social, arts and professional organisations.

**7.00-8.00** Return home to late meal that's been waiting since 7pm!

**8.00-11.00** Reading, packing and planning for tomorrow, watching television, putting off pressing domestic issues.

**Three things that I like about my job:**

**(1):** Variety

**(2):** Creativity

**(3):** Working with brilliant people

**Three things that I'm not quite so keen on:**

**(1):** Chaos - never enough time

**(2):** Always too many opportunities

**(3):** Not getting to see everything we do

**Key points in my career development to date:**

Technical grounding and design freedom at LJMU. Having the opportunity to progress at Austin-Smith. Privilege of involvement with outside organisations

**What I wish I'd known when I was a student:**

Don't become an architect if you want to be "filthy rich".

Today is not a rehearsal for tomorrow.

Tips or advice for those looking for jobs: Get a job, any job. Learn at work. Don't move too often but keep seeking your dream Make life plan with 1, 3 and 5 year targets

