



Elaine Stephen obtained a Masters in Advanced Architectural Design with Distinction at the University of Strathclyde. She previously graduated with a First Class BSc (Hons), receiving nominations for the RIBA Dissertation Medal and the departmental Dissertation Prize for research exploring architecture, heritage and politics in an Indian context. Her work is shaped by a strong interest in respecting historic fabric while creating design that responds directly to present-day needs.

At MLA, Elaine has worked across distillery, commercial fit-out, industrial and laboratory projects, from early concept through to delivery on site. Her experience includes large-scale refurbishment and master planning within working distillery estates, new-build visitor facilities, complex listed building upgrades, and Cat A/B commercial fit-outs combining historic frontages with modern extensions. She has also contributed to new-build infrastructure projects with specialist technical requirements, alongside smaller concept-led pavilion and landscape schemes.

As a newly qualified Architect and Board member of APEAS, Elaine is keen to support high professional standards while continuing to develop her own practice across technically complex and heritage-led projects.