

## MS VESTALIA CHILTON

**SUMMARY**      **"Places without people are just places."**  
A Cultural Director lobbying for culture and the arts to be at the forefront of Placemaking and Urban Planning.

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**EXPERIENCE**

**FOUNDING DIRECTOR**  
**KENSINGTON + CHELSEA CULTURE FESTIVAL | 2021**  
A summer-long festival focused on co-creating a diverse performing art programme with artists, communities, organisations. World-class performers delivering free shows across 8 public parks and 20 outdoor locations including Shakespeare's Globe Company, 'Museum of The Moon' by Luke Jerram.

Kensington + Chelsea Festival is funded by Kensington and Chelsea Council, the European Regional Development Fund, Cadogan, Capital Partners, Ballymore, ECDC.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR + CO-FOUNDER**  
**KENSINGTON + CHELSEA ART WEEK | 2017 -**  
An annual arts week celebrating the expansive creative heritage, contemporary culture and future of Kensington & Chelsea supported by a summer-long Art Trail with an open Call encouraging applications from local and international artists in different stages of their careers. Over 1 million visitors enjoy the Public Art Trail per week, 150 venues taking part in Art Week, steered by an Advisory Board supported, on average, by 100 volunteers.

**FOUNDER + PRODUCER**  
**KCAW PUBLIC ART TRAIL (IN ITS 6<sup>TH</sup> EDITION) | 2018 -**  
The highly engaging and innovative installations connect 11 zones of the district and include prime locations such as the King's Road, Earl's Court, Exhibition Road, Holland Park, Portobello Road, Freston Road in North Kensington, White City and Chelsea Embankment. Over 1,000,000 visitors engaged with Public Art Trail since 2018, with at least 2,000,000+ online. Shortlisted by an Art Committee, the Open call encourages local applications along with international and national high-profile artists.

**CULTURAL STRATEGY**  
**HOTEL PROPERTIES | 2015 -**  
Property Development, Management and Hospitality Group Ireland & UK, managing over 40 properties ranging from small B&B Guesthouses to large Hotels. The unique locations of our properties offer a choice of excellent proximity to main tourist attractions, bus routes and other regional hubs.

**CURATING PRODUCER**  
**THE MARRAKECH BIENALLE 6<sup>TH</sup> EDITION, STREET ART | 2015 - 2016**  
The Marrakech Biennale was Founded in 2004 by Vanessa Branson and Abel Damoussi, is a not-for-profit association whose mission is to position Marrakech as a platform for contemporary art in Africa, the Middle East and the Mediterranean region. Under the patronage of His Majesty the King Mohamed VI  
Public Engagement and Education: Institut Francais, University of Mohamed VI, Abury Foundation.

**ART PROGRAMME CURATOR**  
**BRITWEEK | LOS ANGELES AND MIAMI | 2011 - 2012**  
BritWeek is a non-profit organization, established in Los Angeles in 2007 by Nigel Lythgoe OBE and the former Consul General Bob Peirce, to highlight the creative fusion between the United Kingdom and California.

## CONSULTANT

### CARFAX EDUCATION | LONDON / OXFORD | 2006 – 2011

Carfax Education Group is an international group of education businesses and institutions, each focused on bringing the best of British, American, and Swiss education to private and corporate clients around the world.

## VALUATIONS

### SOTHEBY'S LONDON | 2001 – 2004

Sotheby's is a British-founded American multinational corporation with headquarters in New York City. It is one of the world's largest brokers of fine and decorative art, jewellery, and collectibles. It has 80 locations in 40 countries, but maintains a significant presence in the UK.

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## EDUCATION

### THE UNIVERSITY OF KENT SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE AND PLANNING | 2023 - 2025

Urban Planning and Resilience RTPI-accredited Postgraduate MA

### THE LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICAL SCIENCE (LSE) | 2021

MBA Essentials (Business Administration and Management)

Supported by Arts Council of England (ACE)

### CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC RELATIONS (CIPR) | 2007 - 2008

CIRP Advanced Certificate

### DE MONTFORT UNIVERSITY (LINCOLN) | 1998 - 2001

Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences Valuation and Auctioneering of Fine Art and Chattels

### MAIDENHEAD SCHOOL OF ARTS | 1997 – 1998

Foundation Diploma in Art, Design and Technology

### WAINGEL'S COPSE SCHOOL | 1991 – 1997

A-Levels: English Literature, Maths, Art, Business Studies

GCSE's: Biology, Physics, Chemistry, Maths, History, Geography, English Literature, English Language, Art, German Language

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## HIGHLIGHTS

- + Awarded by The Mayor of Kensington and Chelsea for outstanding contribution to local culture and community.
- + Redesigned Chelsea and Westminster hospital wing with artist Yinka Ilori (OBE) to improve the well-being of patients: 'a happier' environment in support of CW+.
- + Clear Channel billboard campaign of 20 KCAW Public Art Trail artists; 4,136,349 est. views across various cities in the UK, July 2021.
- + 'Art on Empty Stores' - 8 windows delivered during the darkest hours of COVID-19 lockdown, Winter 2021.
- + Launched the Great British Bake off on BBC One with an exhibition titled 'The Garden of Earthly Delights' *Doughnut Table* by artist Cleon Daniel.
- + Record Breaking: *The Best Murals in the World*, published by the Lonely Planet Guide: The largest mural in North Africa spanning over 6,600 square meters dealing with the issue of migration, part of the Marrakech Biennale Street Art.
- + Team GB Sailing: Gold Medalists navigating 'Fine Art Sails' on London's Thames River, in San Francisco and Cowell's Week, Isle of Wight as the first of its kind Art On Star-Class sails, a campaign honouring The Bart Simpson Sailing Foundation and the work of Royal National Lifesaving Institution (RNLI).

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## INTERESTS

Embarking on part-time MSc Urban Planning studies in UAE, philosophy, learning to fly (PPL), architecture and planning our urban environment, travel, crafts, arts and culture in all its forms.

MEMBERSHIPS

**THE ACCADEMY OF URBANISM**

Academician

**ASSOCIATION FOR WOMEN IN THE ARTS (AWITA)**

Member

**NEW LONDON ARCHITECTURE (NLA)**

Member

**ROYAL SOCIETY OF ARTS (RSA)**

Fellow

**THE YOUNG MASTER'S PRIZE**

Jury

**THE SIGNATURE PRIZE**

Jury

**THE GOLDEN UNICORN AWARDS**

Jury

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