



Biography of the Mayor

George Ferguson, past President of the Royal Institute of British Architects, was co-founder of Ferguson Mann Architects in 1979 and founded the national UK wide network of practices, Acanthus, in 1986.

His achievements include many award winning schemes such as the Bristol Millennium project with its new urban spaces, Royal William Yard in Plymouth, and his own mould breaking [Tobacco Factory](#) mixed use project and nationally acclaimed theatre that has helped kick start the regeneration of South Bristol.



This led him to being awarded honorary degrees from the Universities of Bristol and of the West of England, and to being elected RIBA President (2003-2005) when he was noted for championing the causes of education, the environment and urbanism. He was appointed a CBE in the 2010 New Year's Honours for services to architecture and to the community in the South West.

A co-founder of the [Academy of Urbanism](#), he writes, broadcasts and lectures extensively on the environment, planning and architectural matters at home and abroad. He is amongst many other things an Academician of the Royal West of England and also founder of the Bristol Beer Factory.

He was elected Mayor of Bristol in November 2012 and is the first independent mayor to lead a major city in Britain.

During his first term he led the team that secured Bristol the title of European Green Capital 2015 and has joined the elite ranks of [Rockefeller's 100 Resilient Cities](#). He continues to lead on making Bristol one of Europe's most liveable and creative cities, delivering a long awaited 12,000 capacity arena and the Temple Quarter Enterprise Zone aimed at attracting 17,000 new jobs.

His efforts have not gone unnoticed in Europe; George Ferguson made the shortlist for the [World Mayor's Award in 2014](#).

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