



C E S

Creative Exterior Solutions Ltd

• Landscape Architecture • Landscape product design • Urban Design • Graphic Design



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MARK SYNAN

BA (HONS) Dip LA, CMLI, BCSLA, CSLA

Mark was born in Cardiff, Wales UK and graduated from University of Gloucestershire, Cheltenham England. He is a Chartered Landscape Architect and registered in the UK and Canada. He has organised, managed and assisted on a wide variety of Landscape Architecture projects for over 16 years in Wales, Canada, England & N.Ireland. Mark also has several years experience in the landscape construction industry and other related trades.



AFFILIATIONS

Canadian Society for Landscape Architects
(CSLA)

Registered Landscape Architect,
Ottawa Ont, Canada (2014-2018)

British Colombia Society Landscape Architects
(BCSLA)

Registered Landscape Architect,
Vancouver BC, Canada (2014-2018)

British Landscape Institute for Landscape
Architects (CMLI)

Chartered/Registered Landscape Architect,
London, England (2007-present)

EDUCATION

University of Gloucestershire Dip (LA)

Post Grad. Diploma Landscape Architecture
Cheltenham, Gloucestershire (2002)

University of Gloucestershire BA (Hons)

Bachelor of Arts (Hons) Degree Landscape
Architecture
Cheltenham, Gloucestershire (1998-2001)

Whitchurch High School

GNVQ Art and Design: Gained Distinction
(highest award)

Whitchurch, Cardiff, Wales (1996-1998)

Whitchurch High School

GCSE'S. Passed all 9 GCSEs grade C & above.
Grades A for Art/design & Design Technology.
Gained a Innovative Technology award.

ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

NVQ City & Guilds - Level 1 Carpentry

Part time carpentry course and industry
qualification.

London, England (2018-2019)

British Arboricultural Association

Basic tree survey and identification certificate
London, England (2005)

PROFESSIONAL HISTORY

CREATIVE EXTERIOR SOLUTIONS LTD (CES) & FREELANCE LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT (NOVEMBER 2017-PRESENT)

Projects in: England, Wales, Saudi Arabia, Canada.

Position: Director/freelance/Chartered Landscape Architect (F/T)

Mark is the Director and project manager of CES and works on a direct appointment or freelance basis. Several global clients we are fortunate to work with include:

- Boedeker Gmbh, Berlin, Germany;
- Cardiff Council, & Cardiff Harbour Authority, Cardiff, Wales;
- Royal Commission for Riyadh City, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia;
- Diplomatic Quarter General Authority, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia;
- HomeGroup Housing Association, London England;
- The Urbanists, Cardiff Wales;
- Military Medical Museum, Cardiff Wales;
- Private residential projects in England, Wales, Canada and USA.

During this time, Mark has been appointed on a freelance basis as:

- Cardiff Council Parks Department Programme Manager;
- Cardiff Parks Planning Officer (reviewing 50+ planning applications).
- Completed over 40 projects in the Middle East & Germany
- Direct contract award for over 50 parks and housing projects in England & Wales for Councils, Housing Developers, and consultants.

CITY OF RICHMOND (CoR) (MAY 2016-NOVEMBER 2017)

Richmond BC, Canada

Position: Parks Planner for City of Richmond Parks Dept (Full Time).

Senior Park Planner overseeing park development & improvements for parks, waterparks, greenways, streetscape, and dykes in Richmond. This includes reviewing planning applications and servicing agreements within the City Centre Area Plan (for Landscape Architects submissions), managing capital budgets and funding, presentations & community involvement, and establishing the Cities streetscape standards. One main projects was over seeing the CoR submission for the Zhengzhou China 2017 Garden expo which was a cultural exchange between Canada and China.



MAIN PROJECT AWARDS

Welsh Enterprise Awards 2025

Best Landscape Architecture Firm 2025
SME News

Green Flag Awards

Maltings Park, Splott Cardiff 2024

*Swanage Recycling Centre 2012 (Swanage, England)

RIC's Highly Recommended
RIBA (Shortlisted 2012)

*Holland Park 2011 (Surrey, BC Canada)

New City Design Awards: Surrey honours
with an Award of Excellence

*Arnos Vale Cemetery 2010 (Bristol, England)

Landscape Institute Award 2010 - Winner in
Category of Heritage & Conservation

*Cargo, Millbay 2009 (Plymouth, England)

'Best Housing Scheme' 2009 in Royal
Institute of British Architects Town & Country
Design Awards

*Lisburn Castle Park 2009 (Belfast, N.Ireland)

Landscape Institute Award 2009 - 'Highly
Recommended' in category of Heritage &
Conservation

*Projects awarded to company employed at
in which Mark worked as the Project Manager
or significant time involved in the project(s).

PROFESSIONAL HISTORY (CONT)

VAN DER ZALM ASSOCIATES (JULY 2010-APRIL 2016)

Langley BC, Canada

Position: Senior Project Manager & Landscape Architect (Full Time)

Senior project manager for the firm overseeing main development projects throughout the lower mainland of BC. This ranged from landscape services for major green roof and multi-tower developments, parks and plaza developments, condominiums and town homes, water features, display homes, unique childrens playareas, artificial sportfields, and residential projects.

HOLLAND LANDSCAPERS (JULY 2009- JULY 2010)

Vancouver BC, Canada

Position: Skilled worker (Full Time)

Gained valuable implementation experience working on high profile landscape projects around Vancouver and for the 2010 Vancouver winter olympics. Experience gained working on Vancouver convention center, Simon Fraser University, 'The Erikson' condo development, Robson Square ice rink regeneration, and commercial and residential schemes within the lower mainland of British Columbia.

NICHOLAS PEARSON ASSOCIATES & INTERROUTE (HIGHWAYS AGENCY) (JAN 2005-JULY 2009)

Bath & Bristol, England UK.

Position: Project Manager & Landscape Architect (Full Time)

Project manager and assisted directors on heritage lottery funded historic cemetery restoration, award winning household recycling centres, road schemes and highways assessments, park and rides, housing schemes, major land housing assessments for the Duchy of Cornwall, and a variety of CA work.

SOLTYS:BREWSTER (SEPT 2002-SEPT 2004)

Cardiff - Wales UK & Belfast - N.Ireland UK.

Position: Graduate Landscape Architect (Full Time)

Assisted directors on major landscape and urban design projects during Cardiff Bay regeneration (which was Europe's fastest growing City at the time). Projects involved a variety of multi-use development and stadium development. Time was also spent working on historic park regeneration, environmental assessments, public inquiries, and highway LVIA's within nationally protected land.

STAFF RESOURCES

Mark is assisted on many projects by several talented Landscape Architects and Graphic Designers on a subconsultancy basis. Staff work on full/part time contracts as required to meet deadlines, resource work, and provide specialism in key areas. They are based cross the globe (Turkey, Germany, Wales, Canada, and England) offering different perspectives on design, construction methods, and placemaking. A large proportion of the work we produce is created using Autocad, Adobe Creative Suite, and 3D software packages to assist our clients visualise the design. We have a proud record of detailed drawings and specifications for Concepts, Development Applications (e.g Planning), Tender, and Construction.

Tobias Koker: Landscape Architecture Diploma Ing (FH)

Senior Landscape Architect

Role: Construction details and technical drawings/documents for tender and Construction projects.



Tobias is a qualified Landscape Architect and Arborist from Germany. He has detailed knowledge of construction details, 3D Technical Design, and Tender/Construction drawings for over 10 years in Germany, the Middle East, and the United Kingdom. Tobias plays a key role in our team and produces many of our drawings & details for projects.

Career Summary:

- 2020 - Present – Subconsultant to Creative Exterior Solutions Ltd
- 2011-2023 - Freelance Landscape Architect for BPLA (Riyadh, Saudia Arabia & Berlin Germany)
- 2010 - Europaisches Generalsekretariat, Luxumberg.

Qualifications:

- 2010 – Graduate Dipl. - Ing (FH) for Landscape Architecture
- 2005 - 2010 – Landscape Architecture at The University of Applied Sciences, Erfurt, Germany

Dilay Tezcanli: Landscape Architect BA (Hons)

Play Area Designer.

Role: Play Area concept and technical drawing designs.



Dilay is a forward thinking and creative play area designer educated at Istanbul University through the Landscape Architecture department. She is proficient at 3D software, autocad, and creative suite skills. We are constantly trying to create unique, challenging, and educational Childrens Play Spaces for our clients and with Dilay's International experience, she is able to offer a fresh and different perspective to design.

Career Summary:

- May 2022- Present – Subconsultant to Creative Exterior Solutions Ltd
- 2020 - Gelar Play Ground Equipment - Play ground designer and consultant.
- 2019 - Kenthamle Construction C.O.

Qualifications:

- 2013-2018 – BA (Hons) Landscape Architecture, Istanbul University, Turkey
- 2021–Present Child Development, Istanbul University, Turkey

Anna Strawson: BA (Hons) Graphic Design, DIP Art/Design.

Senior Graphic Designer

Role: Project Management, graphic preparation.



Anna is a talented Graphic Designer with over 17 years experience at a Landscape Architects in Bath. She was responsible for document design and concept presentation, design graphics, and company literature. She is highly skilled in Adobe Creative Suite: Illustrator, Photoshop, Indesign, which are the programs used to create some of our work.

Career Summary:

- February 2019-Present – Subconsultant to Creative Exterior Solutions Ltd
- October 2001- 2018 – Nicholas Pearson Associates, Bath England

Qualifications:

- 1998- 2001 – BA Hons Graphic Design, Bath Spa University
- 1997- 1998 – Art & Design Diploma

Andrea Fryett: Bachelor of Fine Arts.

3D Graphic Designer & Artist

Role: 3D render specialist.



Andrea is a 3D and fine artist specialising in 3D Max, photoshop, and lumion. She has worked as a tutor at Cegep Du Vieux Montreal University in Quebec Canada for 3 years, and a 3D Environmental Artist for 7 years. Andrea prepares exceptional 3d visualisations that help our clients visualise the design, user experience, and the character of the sites.

Career Summary:

- February 2019-Present – Subconsultant to Creative Exterior Solutions Ltd
- Ecoedge Developments, Richmond BC
- Le Campus ADN, Montreal - Program Coordinator & Teacher

Qualifications:

- 2005 – AEC 3D Graphics, Campus Ubisoft, Montreal, Quebec, Canada
- 2004 – Bachelor of Fine Arts, Quebec, Canada

ADDITIONAL PROJECT SUPPORT



Creative Exterior Solutions Ltd work closely with Chris Flynn at Team Health Performance/ Green Mile fitness group on Calisthenics and exercise park design. Chris is a former marine, now director at Teamhealthperformance.com, focusing on physical a mental wellbeing benefits of training/exercising in nature. Chris has trained many professional sports teams, including The Welsh Rugby Team, Bristol City Football club, and many sports teams across the UK, and provides valued input into our exercise parks for Cardiff Council.

