

WELSH SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE  
SCHOOL RESEARCH ETHICS COMMITTEE 2008/9

**Membership**

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**The School Research Ethics Committee (SREC) aims:**

1. To develop, promote and oversee the implementation of ethics procedures and guidelines in the Welsh School of Architecture;
2. To advice staff and students about ethics procedures and guidelines in the Welsh School of Architecture;
3. To monitor the standard of ethical considerations in research proposals (from both the School's staff and its students);
4. To assess ethical implications of research proposals involving human participants, human material or human data (from both the School's staff and its students);
5. To either give written approval for such proposals in the form of minutes or provide written information as to why approval has not been given;
6. To consider revised proposals;
7. To consider appeals concerning decisions made by the SREC, and where appropriate refer them to the Head of School and/or University Research Ethics Committee;
8. To make recommendations where ethical issues have not been fully considered;
9. To discuss with the researcher any complaints referred to the Committee claiming that research is carried out that is either (a) not approved by the SREC, or (b) not conducted in conformity with the proposal approved by the SREC, and decide whether the matter should be referred to the Head of School or the Pro Vice-Chancellor for Research;
10. To refer to the University Research Ethics Committee cases which cannot be satisfactorily resolved or about which there is uncertainty;
11. To operate procedures no less rigorous than those recommended or required by relevant professional bodies or other organisations in the subject domain (e.g. sponsoring bodies);

12. To develop guidelines for the handling of student projects;
13. To keep School ethical issues and procedures under review;
14. To inform the University Research Ethics Committee of any changes in the ethical codes of professional bodies in relevant discipline areas, in order that the University's procedures remain valid;
15. To address any other ethical matters relating to research in the School.

**Receives reports from:** Staff and Students conducting research involving human participants, human material or human data

**Reports to:** School Research Committee (routinely)  
Head of School (as appropriate)  
University Research Ethics Committee (as appropriate)