

MARK RIDLER



'Married and a father of two young children, I became a T10 (complete) paraplegic following a road traffic accident in 2003. Subsequently I have become a director of a large architectural company in central London. I have been invited to lecture internationally and to visit our projects worldwide.

Since 2014 I have been mentoring recently injured people, providing them with emotional and practical support to aid their transition. I have always believed that there is a particular value in living and working visibly within the community to demonstrate just what disabled people can contribute, and that it is normally a simple change in perspective and attitude that is necessary to facilitate this.

I have been a member of the SIA since just after my injury and have always valued the support given to me and the wider work of the association. I bring my life skills, business acumen and experience in governance to the SIA, and it's a privilege to contribute to the SIA's future.'