Dear Headteacher,

**Architectural Design Competition and FREE architectural workshops for Year 5 and 6 pupils: Folly! 2018 at Fountains Abbey & Studley Royal**

I am writing to you with regard to an exciting project which we think may be of interest to you and your pupils.

The North Yorkshire Society of Architects are working in partnership with the National Trust at Fountains Abbey and Studley Royal, to run a design competition for primary school pupils aged 9-11 years to create an art installation that will be installed alongside professionally designed installations in the water garden at Fountains Abbey & Studley Royal (pictured below) from May to October 2018.

This is a unique and unusual commissioning opportunity at one of the National Trust's most spectacular and important sites.

As part of the competition, we would like to offer a series of architectural workshops to local schools, to provide a background to the design competition whilst presenting an insight into architecture and the built environment. The workshops will be delivered by RIBA Chartered architects.
Architecture is a multidisciplinary subject and this project has relevance across several key areas of the national curriculum including: Mathematics, Science, Design and Technology, Art and Design, as well as potential application in History, Geography, Citizenship and ICT.

North Yorkshire Society of Architects have experience of working with primary schools through the BIKEBAY project when 10 year old Will Hunt’s winning design (pictured below) was constructed and exhibited at the Tour de France Fan Park in Harrogate during the Grand Depart 2014. The installation will find a permanent home this year at the new Harrogate Council Offices. A full photographic introduction to the project can be seen on [http://nysarchitects.wixsite.com/bikebay](http://nysarchitects.wixsite.com/bikebay).
The project will comprise the following elements:

**Autumn term 2017**

- Architect-led workshops by RIBA Chartered architects to primary school children in years 5 and 6 in the first half of the Autumn term.
- A competition to design a “Lost folly”, including plans and models, using skills gained in the workshops. North Yorkshire Society of Architects will provide a clear competition brief during the workshops. Entries to be submitted at the beginning of the second half of Autumn term 03 November 2017.
- Judging will be conducted by an expert panel comprised of members of the North Yorkshire Society of Architects, National Trust and the installation fabricator Stage One.

**Spring Term 2018**

- The winning design will be announced and a publicly accessible online gallery of all entries will be created.
- The winning design will be translated by members of North Yorkshire Society of Architects into detailed architectural plans and models from which the final product will be manufactured by Stage One, Yorkshire based fabricators of 2012 Olympic Cauldron.

**Summer Term 2018**

- The winning entry will be constructed and unveiled alongside the professionally designed installations in May 2018.
- The winning entry will be on show for all visitors to Studley Royal to enjoy throughout the summer term and summer holidays (approx. 235,000 visitors).
We really hope that you will see this project as an exciting opportunity for your students to find out more about architecture and to put their learning into practice.

A project brief, timeline and workshop outline is attached to this letter.

If you would like to take part, or are interested in further information, please email NYSArchitects@gmail.com by 26 July 2017. Please note, places will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis and workshops cannot be guaranteed to all schools who wish to take part if demand is very high.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours Faithfully

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James Mate
Chair of the North Yorkshire Society of Architects

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