

Second Prize**ROSA & JOHN'S HOME**

Alterations to the ground floor of a terraced, two-storey Edwardian house to create family kitchen, dining and living accommodation for a couple with two young children

— Reconnecting the ground floor rooms, previously arranged with rooms leading off a long entrance hall, one continuous space was created – from the living area at the front, the snug in the centre, to the kitchen/dining area at the rear. Lacquered herringbone pattern oak parquet flooring was laid throughout to tie the areas together. The scheme makes the most of the split ground floor levels: steps become shelves extending around the walls, and become a bench seat by the existing fireplace on one side, and a desk on the other. The snug has become the centre of family life.

COMPLETED: **SEPTEMBER 2013** PROJECT COST: **£64,500** BOROUGH: **HARINGEY**

ARCHITECT: **ZMINKOWSKA DE BOISE ARCHITECTS** MAIN CONTRACTOR: **IREK MADUZIA** STRUCTURAL ENGINEER: **ALAN MCEWAN ASSOCIATES LTD** PHOTOGRAPHY: **TOM CRONIN AND ZMINKOWSKA DE BOISE ARCHITECTS**

**Third Prize****ISLINGTON PENTHOUSE**

Within and above an Italianate villa in Highbury, a series of unexpected inside and outside spaces have been created, using concrete, scaffolding boards, steel, glass, and recycled timber

— Originally built as an Italianate villa in the 1850s, the building had already been converted into mansion apartments. This intervention transformed the top floor apartment from a series of small spaces, with an inexplicably large number of small bathrooms and dark corners, into a series of distinct and dramatic spaces. The main living floor was completely opened up along one side, making the most of the double aspect views. Two secret terraces, accessed by climbing through doors from the rooftop library, utilise recycled scaffolding boards, astroturf, illuminated glass flooring, built-in lighting and sound systems, to become retreats amongst the London skyline.

COMPLETED: **NOVEMBER 2013** PROJECT COST: **£300,000** BOROUGH: **ISLINGTON**

ARCHITECT: **HÜT** CONTRACTOR: **ASAP CONSTRUCTION LTD** STRUCTURAL ENGINEER: **MORPH STRUCTURES** PHOTOGRAPHY BY: **JIM POTTER PHOTOGRAPHY**

