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Lincs2Nepal, Kohalpur, Nepal

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Phase II planned for Lincs2Nepal shelter



EDITORIAL

School by day, home to 23 families by night

As available land becomes ever more restricted and expensive, and the needs of the end user continue to expand, so we see a rise in the mixed-use building. Often these are residential-led towers with a retail base or commercial high-rises with a podium of restaurants and public space.

Such is the prevalence of these mixed-use structures that we even introduced a new category to our awards scheme this year. But this week our editorial department received a project submission that made us sit up and consider the mixed-use category in a new light.

[Lincs2Nepal Design Association](#) - an organisation initiated by Rosie Elvin, Senior Lecturer at the University of Lincoln's School of Architecture and Design - has constructed a brick school building in a slum in Kohalpur, Nepal which transforms into a shelter for 23 families out of school hours.

The organisation raised £7,500 to construct the building by inviting 75 supporters to each donate £100 to this thoroughly worthwhile project. Lincs2Nepal utilises the expertise of university students, designers, academics, volunteers, and practicing architects in order to provide solutions to housing problems in Nepal.

Following the success of this project, the next step is to design an interior for the '75 Friends' building to further expand on its multi-use properties.

Garry Goddard, founder of the wider [Lincs2Nepal charity](#), said: "While staying in the slum area of Kohalpur, I began to understand the problems that these amazing people face every day. They have no access to healthcare, education or sanitation, and during monsoon season, the weather can often wash their mud huts away and leave them completely homeless.

"The multi-use brick building is therefore a vital addition to the community, and the first phase is now complete - the shell is up, and the aluminium roof, doors and windows have been fitted. We are proud to be working with the Lincs2Nepal Design Association, which will now design the interior of the building to provide the community with the versatility it needs."

University of Lincoln student Amira Taib has won a design competition for the first ever toilet block for this community, with realisation of the design now been considered. The competition was open to the university's BA Architecture and BA Interior Architecture and Design students.

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