

## Ledeboer, Judith 1901 - 1990



Judith Ledeboer was born in Judith Geertruid Ledeboer in Almelo, The Netherlands on 8 September 1901 and moved to London, England soon after her birth. She studied at the Bedford College, University of London, and at the Architectural Association School of Architecture in London.

She designed at least one house in the 1930s with Mary Medd (1907-2005). In the late 1930s Ledeboer worked with the architect and planner Max Lock (1909-1988) as Max Lock & J. Ledeboer on a project to design holiday camps for the urban poor, one such was at Hillborough in Kent (1940).

In 1939 she formed a partnership with the architect David Booth (1908-1962) as Booth & Ledeboer. They had offices at Lincoln's Inn, London and Blacknall Road, Oxford. The practice was suspended in 1942 as both Booth and Ledeboer were engaged on war service - Booth in the Army and Ledeboer at the Ministry of Health. She was appointed secretary to both the Dudley Committee and the Burt Committee, which were established by the Government to prepare to raise construction standards for post-war housing

Following the war, Booth and Ledeboer reactivated their offices in Oxford and London in 1946. In 1956 John Pinckheard (1911-1977) joined the practice which was renamed Booth Ledeboer & Pinckheard.

In addition to their work as architects, Ledeboer and Booth also designed furniture for Gordon Russell including a mahogany sideboard in 1951.

Ledeboer was elected an Associate of the Royal Institute of British Architects (ARIBA) in 1933. She retired from private practice in 1970 but retained her membership of the RIBA until 1976. She died at her home, Hilltop Farmhouse in

Hambledon, Hampshire, on 24 December 1990.

A biographical file on Judith Ledebøer is available at the RIBA Library, London

Worked in

UK

Works

Three-storey flats in Lambeth, London (Booth & Ledebøer, 1947-48); a neighbourhood unit in Hemel Hempstead (Booth & Ledebøer 1950-55); housing for the elderly on the Lansbury Estate in Poplar, London, for the Festival of Britain Exhibition of Architecture (1951); the Institute of Archaeology and Classical Studies at the University of London (Booth & Ledebøer/Booth Ledebøer & Pinckheard, 1953-58); 'Nuffield House' health centre in Harlow, Essex (Booth & Ledebøer, 1955); Nos.29-35 Gordon Square, London, for the University of London (Booth Ledebøer & Pinckheard, 1957); a residential block at Magdalen College and an extension to St. John's College, University of Oxford (Booth Ledebøer & Pinckheard, 1950s); and the School of Artillery in Larkhill, Wiltshire (Booth Ledebøer & Pinckheard, 1962).

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