

Stephenson, Gordon 1908 - 1997



Gordon Stephenson was born in Liverpool, England in 1908 and studied at the School of Architecture, University of Liverpool from 1925 to 1930. In 1929 he spent six months gaining experience in the office of Corbett, Harrison & McMurray in New York. He received a B.Arch. in 1930. In 1930 he was awarded a Chadwick Trust Scholarship enabling him to study for two years at the Institut d'Urbanisme at the Université de Paris, and work in the office of Le Corbusier. Following his return to Liverpool in 1932 he taught fourth and fifth-year students at the School of Architecture until 1936. During the mid-1930s he was briefly in partnership with [Douglas Winston Aldred](#) (1909-1987) as Gordon Stephenson & D. W. Aldred (Stephenson & Aldred). Semi-detached houses on Moor Lane in Crosby, Liverpool designed by Stephenson & Crosby in 1936 are discussed in *The Modern House in England* by F.R.S. Yorke (London: The Architectural Press, 1937 pp. 42-43).

From 1936 to 1938 he was a Harkness Fellow at Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

During World War Two Stephenson was Senior Planner with the Ministry of Town and Country Planning and designed a number of factory buildings. After the war, he worked on the planning of Stevenage New Town

From 1948 to 1953 he was Lever Professor of Civic Design, University of Liverpool. He later held chairs at the Universities of Toronto and Western Australia, and was subsequently Professor and later Emeritus Professor at the University of Western Australia. He died in Claremont, Western Australia on 29 March 1997.

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