

workshops overview

Hi awesome human 🙌

Thanks for downloading this overview.

I know that being an architect has its challenges,

...and going into a workshop with other architects can be intimidating.

I want you to know that my workshops are a safe and confidential space.

I got you

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**I'm curious,
what brings you here?**

Do you want to challenge the way that you practice? Uncovering a way of practicing that represents yourself and your idea of success?

Are you a practice owner, a practice leader, wanting to start your own practice or an architect wanting to level up? Are you seeking a change, feedback, a new perspective, hard questions and accountability?

Are you looking to focus on your challenges, those that are particular to you?

Or are you wanting to develop your leadership and other human skills in order to serve your clients, to be a better collaborator and a better architect?

Do you appreciate insightful questions and digging into the hard answers?

Do you want to become remarkable?

I like the way you think!

You've come to the right place.

the juicy part

I'm currently developing three workshops

Note: sometimes as I develop workshops I decide that it's better as a Group Coaching session or it isn't coming together as I would like and so I can't guarantee that these will happen in their current form or at all. The following is the current description of each under development.

better practice

I know I can always get better at what I do, and so can all architecture practices. So this is a workshop that identifies opportunities to get better at practice.

In this workshop, run across 6 sessions in 6 weeks, we'll focus on one aspect of practice per session.

Your **Strategic Vision** and the goals you have for your practice, where you're going and how to get there faster.

Marketing and the ways you can get better at how you both work on your marketing as well as how you think about it - it's more than your message.

People & Culture is at the heart of every office, whether it is staff, clients or collaborators, we all benefit from getting better at these relationships.

How you **Manage your Office** has a considerable impact on all the work you do, from managing clients, thinking about your expertise and developing a better business.

Finance can be a little dry and we won't be looking at spreadsheets or better apps but instead taking a more global view to understanding better frameworks and strategies that will serve you in rethinking how you charge and manage the financial side of practice.

We finish with an **holistic wrap up** session to teach you skills and strategies for putting everything in place. Dealing with everything from the fears you may have to finding the time to do the work to make a better practice.

license to skill

The technology of the fourth industrial revolution is driving the development of specialist skills and knowledge in architectural practice. Yet the skills required for thriving relationships, the everyday skills of doing an architect's job and running a practice, are seldom taught within architectural degrees.

Most architects possess these skills to some extent. It's fair to say, however, we can all get better at our human skills. This workshop is an introduction to human skills such as empathy, communication, trust, feedback, leadership, curiosity, decision making, critical thinking, and more.

We'll identify where these skills can have the greatest impact on your architectural practice and where to start. Also delving into why human skills are important, introducing frameworks assisting in practising, and getting better at these vital skills.

a better office culture

Everyone wants to work in an office that's friendly, fun, safe, productive, equitable, and financially sustainable. How might we create an office environment that everyone wants to be a part of? What office practices can we focus on, develop, and embrace in order to have the practice we desire?

This workshop covers the foundations of how practice leaders may create a better practice culture. Assisting you to identify the areas you might contribute as well as develop the human skills to lead the culture. Helping you to pick yourself in leading office culture. But culture doesn't come from the top - everyone contributes to culture. This workshop introduces ways all members of a practice might contribute to the culture. It's a workshop for everyone in architectural practice.

This workshop include frameworks, methodologies, and tools to develop better office culture, for small or large offices.

still got questions about the workshops? FAQs

Are these workshops only for architects?

Anyone is free to join in these workshops. They are, however, targeted at the specific needs and challenges of architects and landscape architects.

How long are the workshops

Length varies according to the workshop and will be indicated in the workshop outline. Each session is typically 1.5 to 2 hours and some will run for one session and others might run weekly over 4-6 weeks. There may also be the occasional half day workshop.

Is there homework to do outside of the workshop?

In the multi-session workshops there's an expectation that you will start to apply the learning from the session and incorporate it into your practice. This is the work you should be doing in any case.

Can I get CPD points for these workshops.

Yes. The number of CPD points varies with the length of the workshops. The number of CPD points available are identified in the workshop descriptions.

How do I find out about the next workshop?

You can sign up for my Updates and Events email [HERE](#). You can also download an overview of the current program using the button towards the top of the page.

You can read more about me following...

michael's story

I'm unceasingly seeking to expand the nature and boundaries of our lives & work, in a style that is creative, critical, constructive and contributes to the way we navigate the challenges of the world.

I graduated in Architecture at the University of Sydney long ago and, almost a decade later, in Industrial Design at the University of NSW. I've undertaken a variety of shorter courses including Seth Godin's altMBA, where I now coach. I've taught in Architecture Faculties at UTS, UNSW and USyd, including in Professional Practice.

My first significant architectural adventure was at Hill Thalys Architecture + Urban Projects where I worked for 9 years. Following, I co-founded Redshift Architecture & Art where I remained for 14 years until taking this stroll out on the edge of architecture to coach others.

As a committee member of the Association of Consulting Architects (NSW/ACT), I facilitate the Architects Mental Wellbeing Forum and support the architectural profession from the brain out.

Over the years, I've also studied small business, learnt to make jewellery, built architectural models professionally, as an assistant manager of a fine wine shop, and joined an artists' studio where I started making art (Fun fact: I've had my work exhibited in Sculpture by the Sea on 4 occasions. Always site specific work. Context is all).

These diversions allow me to see the world from outside the professional bubble, from a different perspective, revealing new insights, and helping me build new and different skills. It was invaluable and to this day it effects and infects my work.

what others have said about michael

"Michael's talents lay in being able to distil and extract essential ideas from your thoughts, re-frame and offer practical ideas on how you can develop them further... I particularly enjoyed my journey with Michael and the moments where I was unsure of what the journey would teach me, but sure it was in the right direction."

- Michael Manzi: Founder, Fluid Studio

"Michael helps you prioritise and face the tough issues. He helps you set goals and not delay with the items in the too hard basket. He is passionate about his clients and their success. He makes it clear that his priority is your business and your needs and there's many ways to judge success."

- Louise O'Brien: Founder, Apsara, and Architecture School for Kids

"I really try to avoid self-improvement sessions and workshops... Michael's workshop couldn't have been more different. There was a sense of humour and empathy... without being saccharine. Michael's advice was specific, at times bracing, and helpful without being condescending. I learnt a lot about me..."

- Laura Harding, Hill Thalys Architecture + Urban Projects