Will Alsop Dies at 70
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British architect and educator Will Alsop died on Saturday May 12 at the age of 70 following a brief illness.

Alsop, who founded the London-based firm aLL Design in 2011, also worked as an architecture professor at the University for the Creative Arts' Canterbury School of Architecture in Kent, England. The Peckham Library in London stands out among Alsop's varied portfolio of expressive and often polarizing work, earning him the Stirling Prize in 2000. Alsop's extension of the Ontario College of Art & Design has also become a key landmark in Toronto.

Following his studies at the Canterbury School as well as the Architectural Association in London, Alsop went on to work for famed architects including Cedric Price. He co-founded his first practice, Alsop & Lyall in 1981 with former pupil John Lyall. Jan Störmer later joined the firm, which blossomed into Alsop, Lyall and Störmer. In addition to the Peckham Library, Alsop served on projects like the North Greenwich tube station in London during his tenure with firm, which disbanded in 2000. Alsop was awarded an Order of the British Empire (OBE) in 1999.

"Will has inspired generations and impacted many lives through his work. It is a comfort to know that due to the nature of Will's work and character, he will continue to inspire and bring great joy" aLL Design co-founder Marcos Rosello said in a statement released today. "He had an exceptional ability to recognize particular strengths in individuals which he would draw out and nurture. His design ethos, essentially to 'make life better,' is evident in the architecture of his buildings and their surrounding communities."