

## Tigg + Coll wins filmmaker's contest for disabled-friendly family home

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Emerging practice [Tigg + Coll Architects](#) has won a design competition for a disabled-friendly family home in Box Hill, Surrey

The London studio was chosen as the 'unanimous' winner ahead of [Ciarcelluti Mathers Architects](#), [Scott Whitby Studio](#) and [Clague Architects](#) to win the Colander Associates-organised contest which received 28 entries.

The competition, open to architects and designers under 40, sought designs for a 'light, spacious and barrier-free home' for the clients' two sons who suffer from Duchenne muscular dystrophy (DMH).

The project, *Theo and Oskar's New Home*, is backed by the boys' father Nick Taussig, who founded the award-winning film finance and production firm Salon.

The brief states that Taussig 'will be filming the competition process, from conception through to the selection of the winning team, including sessions with the jury panel and interviews with shortlisted teams, as well as the subsequent building process.

'It is the intention that the resultant documentary will play at film festivals, be broadcast on domestic television, and sold for foreign broadcast.'

Duchenne muscular dystrophy, named after French neurologist Guillaume-Benjamin-Amand Duchenne, is a fatal inherited condition which causes gradual muscle weakness and is only detectable in early childhood. Five-year-old Theo and three-year-old Oskar were both diagnosed with the condition two years ago.

The £100,000 project will transform the Taussigs' two-bedroom 1930s bungalow into the 'best possible barrier-free home' for the children.

The winning team will create an environment that maximises the children's freedom of movement and improves the feeling of connections to the outside world and garden. The project will require bedrooms opening on to the garden, potential accommodation for a live-in carer, and demolition of an existing garage.

Judges included Nick and Klara Taussig, John McAslan of John McAslan & Partners, British Psychological Society associate fellow Suky Macpherson and the artist Tony Heaton.

Nick Taussig said: 'I would like to thank, first, our jury, which comprised architects John McAslan and Adam Khan, chartered psychologist Suky Macpherson, and sculptor and lecturer Tony Heaton, who gave their time and expertise; second, Colander, for their generosity of spirit in running such a fabulous competition; and third, our finalists, all of whom did very well to make it to the final round.'



The strength of Tigg + Coll's presentation, and their vision, pragmatism and understanding of Theo and Oskar's current and future requirements, won over the jury unanimously. We look forward to working with them.'

Adam Khan, chair of the interview panel, said: 'This small project is a microcosm of the whole deal of being an architect – opening up possibility, leading and inspiring through a clear vision, engaging wholeheartedly with real people and all founded in rigorous practicality. It's not easy. Great to see so many practices enthusiastically embracing the challenge.'

Tigg + Coll will receive £600 and the design commission, while the runner-up teams will receive £200 each.

#### **The full shortlist**

- Ciarcelluti Mathers Architects, London
- Clague Architects, Canterbury
- Scott Whitby Studio, London
- Tigg + Coll Architects, London