

MICHELLE OGUNDEHIN

Interior Design Expert

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Michelle Ogundehin is a writer, creative consultant, TV presenter and the multi award-winning former Editor-in-Chief of British ELLE Decoration. Originally trained as an architect, she is internationally renowned as an authority on interiors, trends, colour and style and a regular contributor to prestigious publications worldwide, including *The Financial Times' How to Spend It* magazine and the influential online architecture and design magazine, *Dezeen*.

Her first book, *Happy Inside: How to Harness the Power of Home for Health and Happiness* (published April 2020), shares her philosophy on the relationship between our homes and our wellbeing. Her mission? To decode the often-confusing world of interior design and to empower us to be our best selves.

She combines brand consultancy and writing with TV presenting. She is the lead judge on BBC Two's *Interior Design Masters* series one and two, as well as a co-presenter of Kevin McCloud's *Grand Designs: House of the Year* on Channel 4. She has also presented *Inside Out Homes*, as well as joining *The Great Interior Design Challenge* as a guest judge.

Michelle previously worked in architectural offices in both London and New York, where she lived for two years. She began her publishing career on the launch of Tate Art Magazine, followed by formative years at *Blueprint Magazine*, before being headhunted to join Ilse Crawford's *ELLE Decoration*. Two years later she founded her creative consultancy, MO:Studio, shuttling between bases in Los Angeles and London, while maintaining a connection to *ELLE Decoration* as its Editor-at-Large.

Michelle was appointed Editor-in-Chief in May 2004. During her 13-year tenure at the helm, the magazine rose to its highest circulation, achieved record revenues and was awarded numerous creative accolades.

Ever keen to broaden the scope of the brand, she launched ELLE Decoration Collections, an annual guide to the world's best new designs; started ELLE Decoration Country, a bi-annual celebration of the world's most beautiful rural homes; and debuted the ELLE Decoration Style Consultancy, an interior design service aimed at commercial property developers. She initiated the 'Equal Rights for Design' campaign, enlisting the support of Sir Terence Conran to Sir James Dyson, alongside government

ministers and politicians. The goal was a change in UK copyright laws with respect to design. Within 12 months, the issue had been debated in both Houses of Parliament and a year later, knock-off designer classics were officially declared illegal in a landmark ruling for the industry. She left the magazine in August 2017.

Michelle was born in Manchester, grew up in London, and now lives in Brighton with her young son and two boisterous Basset Hounds. She is a self-confessed detail queen and clutter clearing obsessive with a keen interest in the study of colour psychology, Buddhism, meditation and mindfulness. A lover of pattern, pots, tiles and texture, she also served as a Trustee of the V&A from 2008 – 2015.

CREDITS

TV

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Inside Out Homes, 2016, (Channel 4)

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