

THE LIVES OF BUILDINGS

26 – 28 June 2009

Celebrating the renewal of London through its architecture

Brought to you by Open House in partnership with English Heritage and the Mayor of London's Story of London festival, the **Lives of Buildings** is your chance to debate and discover how buildings live, grow, die and can be reborn for the future. This programme includes details of events and activities featuring in the Lives of Buildings programme (26 – 28 June).

PLEASE NOTE: Please note that advance booking online via the Open House website is now closed. Where events are fully booked this is indicated below, otherwise there are still places available so you can try and join on the day; NB availability not guaranteed. Please note that this programme may be subject to alteration, and that the timing and conditions of entry are entirely at the discretion of the event host and/or the venue.

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d = partial access for people with disabilities

D = full access for people with disabilities

P = parking

R = refreshments

T = toilets

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OPENING EVENT

Battle of the Buildings: the Great London Architecture Debate

Friday 26 June, 6.30pm – 8.00pm

Royal Institution of Great Britain, 21 Albemarle Street W1

Imagine a terrifying scenario: a giant alien spacecraft 50 km wide – as wide as London itself – is hovering over the capital and planning to destroy the city's architecture piece by piece – all except one which they will leave alone. With the capital facing impending doom and total destruction, a decision must be made about which of our most inspiring buildings must be saved to represent the best for the future. Our speakers – Iwona Blazwick, Paul Finch, Sean Griffiths, Razia Iqbal, Charlie Luxton – go head to head in the 'Battle of the Buildings' balloon debate on Friday 26 June at the Royal Institution of Great Britain – you get to choose the winner!

Tickets £8 each available in advance ONLY from openhouse.org.uk/shop – bookings online until 2pm Friday 26 June. After 2pm please turn up and pay on the door by 6.15pm, but entry cannot be guaranteed.

TALKS, TOURS AND EXHIBITIONS

Architecture Talks at the Whitechapel Gallery

Saturday 27 June and Sunday 28 June

FREE

Hear direct from some of London's leading architects in a series of free talks at the Whitechapel studio space. Taking place throughout the weekend, architects from both established and upcoming practices will highlight the wealth of creative and innovative approaches to reuse, refurbishment,

adaptation and intervention – with a critical and philosophical overview of the idea of ‘renewal’ in architecture by writers and critics

Saturday 27 June

10.00am Stanton Williams

Alan Stanton and Paul Williams will be talking about their involvement with two major renewal and regeneration projects: the creation of an award-winning landscaped square and visitor facilities at Tower Hill by the Tower of London, and a new campus for Central Saint Martins/The University of the Arts at King’s Cross.

12.00pm HÛT

HuT director Andrew Whiting will be discussing a range of HuT’s projects including 'Hoxton Fins', which references 'Hoxton’s historical roots as meadow beyond the City walls' with an elevation 'designed to be reminiscent of buttercups and meadow grass', and 'Granny Takes a Trip' – the once infamous 60's boutique on the Kings Road which has been refurbished and extended and is being relaunched as a gallery and retail space.

2.00pm Jamie Fobert Architects

Jamie Fobert will talk about his earliest experiments in making insertions into existing buildings, including his work for Cargo, a restaurant/nightclub built into Shoreditch railway arches, and for AVEDA, the organic cosmetics company. He will also describe the design process for The Anderson House— perhaps the most extreme example of his having created innovative and beautiful architecture within the tight fabric of London.

4.00pm Ken Allinson

Keeping tabs on what is happening on the scene of London's contemporary architecture raises some interesting issues. How does one deal with architecture's intrinsic muteness about its reasons for being? Quality, yes - but for whom, when, in what circumstance? Is there enough of it about? Are London's architects introverted and parochial? And are gorillas wearing lipstick where the cutting edge now is?’ Ken Allinson, architect and author of [London's Contemporary Architecture](#), discusses such issues in relation to the publication of the guide's fifth edition this year.

Sunday 28 June

11.00am Witherford Watson Mann

Porous City: The sociologist, Richard Sennett, refers to the development industries' prevalent tactics of demolishing short-lived buildings, as the Brittle City, as witnessed in the area just to the west of the Whitechapel Art Gallery many times. Large buildings forming part of the Broadgate development around Liverpool Street Station are already deemed to be defunct, just 20 years after being completed. In a culture which only has eyes for new and striking forms, is there any value in making things which are absorbed into what already exists?

2.00pm Glowacka Rennie

Agnieszka Glowacka of Glowacka Rennie will centre her talk 'on our recently completed competition-winning project of the V&A Ladies Toilet' – or 'a gallery which happens to have a toilet in it', an example of an imaginative reinvention of an often overlooked public space, and a fitting one for an exquisite building dedicated to craft, design and art.

4.00pm David Littlefield

David Littlefield, co-author of 'Architectural Voices: Listening to Old Buildings', among other works, is a writer who explores the lives of buildings – how, like people, they age, adapt and accumulate scars. David asks if there is any such thing as the glory of the newly completed building; indeed, what is the "authentic" building, if it is anything other than the building as it exists today?

Bookings now closed but places are available on the day on a first come basis.

***An architect-led tour of King's College London
Fully Booked***

Clerkenwell: Change and Continuity

BDP, 16 Brewhouse Yard, Clerkenwell EC1V
4LJ

Friday 26 June, 11.00am - 5.00pm, Last
entry 4.30pm D R T

Exhibition taking viewers through
Clerkenwell's past and present.



Tube: Barbican, Farringdon; Bus: 4, 55, 56, 63, 243

No booking required – please just turn up on the day

Transformation of Brewhouse Yard – Photo Exhibition

BDP, 16 Brewhouse Yard, Clerkenwell EC1V 4LJ

Friday 26 June, 11.00am - 5.00pm, Last entry at 4.30pm D R T

A photographic exhibition of the transformation of Brewhouse Yard.

Tube: Barbican, Farringdon; Bus: 4, 55, 56, 243

No booking required – please just turn up on the day

Transformation of Brewhouse Yard – talk and discussion

CANCELLED

Discovering Almshouses at Boones Chapel: Exhibition

Boones Chapel, Lee High Road SE13 5PH

Saturday 27 June, 12.00pm – 5.00pm/Sunday 28 June 12.00pm – 5.00pm

Max 30 at one time D

An exhibition explaining what almshouses are, why they were built and how we can learn from them when building new accommodation for older people; with a supporting display of local buildings at risk. Please note: parking on Saturdays is restricted to 20 minutes on red route, 60 minutes on adjacent roads. The neighbouring almshouses will not be open and access to the garden is restricted to immediate area.

Tube: Lewisham DLR; Rail: Blackheath, Hither Green, Lewisham; Bus: 122, 178, 261, 321

No booking required – please just turn up on the day

Behind the Scenes at the British Museum

Fully booked

Crossness Pumping Station

The Old Works, Crossness S. T. W., Belvedere Road, Abbey Wood SE2 9AQ

Sunday 28 June, 10.00am - 4.30pm, Last entry 4.00pm d P R T

The Crossness Pumping Station was built by Sir Joseph Bazalgette as part of Victorian London's urgently needed main sewerage system. It was officially opened by the Prince of Wales in April 1865. See one of the largest rotative beam engines in the world, built by James Watt & Co in 1865, operating in steam in its original setting with magnificent decorated Victorian cast ironwork. Please note: access to the Engine House is restricted to about 100 people because of the need to wear hard hats which are provided.

PLEASE NOTE: Admission £5.00 per person on the day (NB payment on day only, not in advance)

Rail: Abbey Wood (Complementary shuttle service from Abbey Wood every 30 mins)

No booking required – please just turn up and pay on the day

Open House Docklands Tour - cancelled

Dulwich Picture Gallery

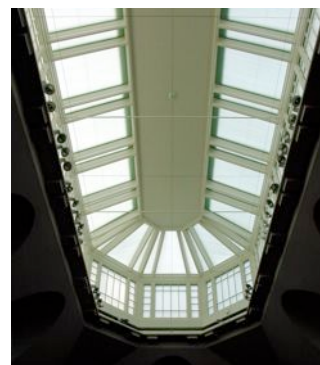
Dulwich Picture Gallery, Gallery Road SE21 7AD
Saturday 27 June, 3.00pm - 4.00pm/Sunday 28
June, 3.00pm - 4.00pm

Max 50 per tour D P R T

A talk and tour about the Gallery: learn about the history of England's oldest public art gallery, founded in 1811 and extended in 2000.

Rail: West Dulwich, North Dulwich; Bus: P4

Bookings now closed but places are available on the day on a first come basis.



Natural History Museum: the Darwin Centre

Natural History Museum, Cromwell Road SW7 5BD
Saturday 27 June, 4.00pm, Last entry 3.55pm d R T
Max 60 people

CF Moller Architects will give a presentation on the Natural History Museum's new state-of-the-art scientific research and collections facility, the Darwin Centre, due to open in autumn 2009. The Darwin Centre is the most significant expansion at the Museum since it moved to South Kensington in 1881 and will be an awe-inspiring new public space for visitors to explore the natural world in a thrilling and innovative way.

Tube: South Kensington; Rail: Victoria; Bus: 14, 49, 70, 74, 345

Bookings now closed but places are available on the day on a first come basis.

***Natural History Museum: the Waterhouse Building
Fully booked***

A New Heart for Bow

St Paul with St Mark Old Ford, St Stephen's Road E3 5JL

Saturday 27 June, 11.00am-4.00pm, Last entry 4.00pm

D R T

Your chance to find out more about the role of this extraordinary building within its east London community: once a Victorian church, it has been rehabilitated to include art gallery and gym in 'a building within a building' - a stunning ark or pod by Matthew Lloyd Architects. Activities on the day include talks and an exhibition of photos by local history group, a photo 'treasure hunt' for children aged 5+, tours of the building, and a film and display of the building works. NB: one space for disabled parking. Please email sol@openhouse.org.uk if required.

Tube: Bow Church, Bethnal Green; Bus: 8 to Roman Road Market

No booking required, please just turn up on the day

NEW: Rivington Place

Rivington Place EC2A 3BA

Sat 12.00noon-6.00pm. Tours at 2.00pm and 3.00pm. Each tour lasts 30 mins. D R T

A short tour of Rivington Place, designed by David Adjaye. It won an RIBA Award in 2008 and is the first public gallery to be built in London for 40 years. Last entry 5.30pm. Booking for the tours advisable at <http://www.londonopenhouse.org/public/london/find/>

Tube: Old Street, Liverpool Street 43, 48, 55, 149, 205, 242, 243

No booking required, please just turn up on the day

Exhibitions at Trinity Buoy Wharf/Container City

Trinity Buoy Wharf, 64 Orchard Place, Leamouth (from Leamouth Road roundabout take Lower Lea Crossing, immediately take slip road on left, turn right onto Orchard Place) E14 0JW

Saturday 27 June, 11.00am – 5.00pm/Sunday 28 June, 11.00am – 5.00pm

Trinity Buoy Wharf boasts fantastic views of the River Thames and Canary Wharf and is home to London's only lighthouse and three of the innovative Container City projects. Over the Lives of Buildings weekend there will be interactive exhibitions, an opportunity to visit the Longplayer Sound Installation and an exhibition of sculpture by Andrew Baldwin.

Tube: Canning Town, East India DLR

No booking required, please just turn up on the day

Creative Regeneration of a Historic Wharf in East London: Talk at Trinity Buoy Wharf/Container City

Trinity Buoy Wharf, 64 Orchard Place, Leamouth (from Leamouth Road roundabout take Lower Lea Crossing, immediately take slip road on left, turn right onto Orchard Place) E14 0JW

Sunday 28 June, 2.00pm - 3.00pm d R T

This talk by John Burton, Senior Project Manager of Urban Space Management Ltd, explains the low cost but highly effective approach that turned a former buoy manufacturing site into a thriving centre for the arts and creative industries that included



London's only lighthouse, a range of historic buildings and the innovative Container City.

Tube: Canning Town, East India DLR

Bookings now closed but places are available on the day on a first come basis.

Creative Regeneration in East London: Tour of Trinity Buoy Wharf/Container City

Trinity Buoy Wharf, 64 Orchard Place, Leamouth (from Leamouth Road roundabout take Lower Lea Crossing, immediately take slip road on left, turn right onto Orchard Place) E14 0JW

Saturday 27 June, 12.00pm – 1.00pm/Sunday 28 June 12.00pm – 1.00pm

D R T

Home to London's only lighthouse, Container City, a range of historic buildings and some fascinating sculpture and art – now is your chance to soak up the amazing views whilst hearing how the site was transformed into a creative hub by a regeneration expert.

Tube: Canning Town, East India DLR

Bookings now closed but places are available on the day on a first come basis.

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Capture Camden

Fully booked

The Life of the Lido

The Lido, Brockwell Park, Dulwich Road SE24 0PA

Sunday 28 June, 11.30am - 3.30pm D R T

Explore and map the way Brockwell Lido has changed over the years with the help of lido users. Fun family activities free to anyone who has paid to enter the lido. Please note: although activities end at 3.30pm the Lido remains

open until 6.00pm. Limited parking available.

Tube/Rail: Brixton; Rail: Herne Hill; Bus: 3, 37, 68, 196, 468

No booking required, please just turn up on the day

Radical Nature for Families

Meet at Gallery Front Desk, Level 3, Barbican Centre, Silk Street, London EC2Y 8DS

Saturday 27 June 2.00pm - 3.00pm D T

Join artists to discover your natural creativity in the exhibition 'Radical Nature: Art and Architecture for a Changing Planet 1969 - 2009' and



beyond! Be inspired and make your own natural wonders. £3 per person, **please book via www.barbican.org.uk**. Tickets essential.

Tube: Moorgate, Barbican; Tube/Rail: Liverpool Street, Bus: 153, 8, 11, 23, 26

Secret Barbican, Secret Nature

Meet at Gallery Front Desk, Level 3, Barbican Centre, Silk Street EC2Y 8DS

Saturday 27 June, 2.30pm - 4.00pm D T

Explore the fascinating hidden green spaces within and around the Barbican Centre, and their relationship to its extraordinary architecture. Free to same day gallery ticket holders (£8/£6 (conc)). **Please book tickets for the exhibition via www.barbican.org.uk**.

Tube: Moorgate, Barbican; Tube/Rail: Liverpool Street; Bus: 153, 8, 11, 23, 26

Measure Up! at the Whitechapel Gallery: Drop-In Family Workshop

77-82 Whitechapel High Street E1 7QX

Saturday 27 June, 11.00am - 4.00pm D T

Discover the newly expanded Whitechapel Gallery and become an architect for the day with artist Emma Smith and historian Marion Try. For children aged 4-12 years and their families.

Tube: Aldgate East; Bus: 135, 25, 205, 115

No booking required, please just turn up on the day

Parkour at Trinity Buoy Wharf

Trinity Buoy Wharf, 64 Orchard Place, Leamouth (from Leamouth Road roundabout take Lower Lea Crossing, immediately take slip road on left, turn right onto Orchard Place) E14 0JW

Saturday 27 June 2.00pm – 5.00pm

Parkour demonstrations and free workshops by expert practitioners from Parkour Generations, teaching the art of movement and its relationship to architecture, for ages 5 – 90. Please note participation is strictly at your own risk and you will be asked to sign a disclaimer before starting the workshop.

Tube: Canning Town, East India DLR

No booking required, please just turn up on the day

The Lives of Hackney's Buildings

Hackney Archives, 43 De Beauvoir Road, London N1 5SQ

Friday 26 June 2.00pm - 4.00pm

Ever wondered who designed your house, when it was built, or who may have lived there? This workshop (for adults) will help you to uncover the history of buildings in the borough, using the resources at Hackney Archives. Free, but please call 020 7241 2886 to book a place.

Rail: Dalston Kingsland; Bus: 38, 56, 67, 149, 242, 243

Bookings now closed but places are available on the day on a first come basis.

The Story of Three Mills Island with British Waterways

Three Mills Island, Bromley-by-Bow E3 3DU

Sun 11am-4pm. First come basis, no booking required. C

Explore Three Mills Island with a day of delights around the House Mill. Guided tours of the magnificent 400-year-old mill, insight into local environmental projects and children's activities from Thames 21 as well as tours of British Waterways' incredible 350 tonne lock at the gateway to the Olympic Park. Stalls will offer fine fare. BBQ in the garden weather permitting.

No booking required, please just turn up on the day

WALKS

Alleys and Lanes of Hampstead
Fully booked

A Walk through Balham Town Centre

Meet at Balham Station, Balham High Road SW12 9SG

Saturday 27 June, 2.30pm - 4.30pm

A guided walk by the Balham Society around Balham town centre including the major buildings and showing the area's evolution from country hamlet to London suburb. Suitable for all ages. Free parking for up to 2 hours at car park in Balham Station Road (charge for above 2 hours).

Tube: Balham; Rail: Balham, Bus: 155, 249, 315, 355

Bookings now closed but places are available on the day on a first come basis.

Behind the Scenes at the Museums
Fully booked

Frank Matcham's Theatre Architecture

Meet opposite Duke of York's Theatre on St Martins Lane, London, WC2N 4ES

Sunday 28 June, 2.00pm

This event led by the Frank Matcham Society will be looking at the architecture of three Frank Matcham theatre buildings and comparing them to

other theatres in the West End. Please note: exterior views only. Tube: Leicester Square, Charing Cross; Rail: Charing Cross; Bus: 149, 24, 29, 38, 88
Bookings now closed but places are available on the day on a first come basis.

The Lives of Croydon

Meet at East Croydon Station, George Street, Croydon
CR0 1LF

Sunday 28 June, 12.00pm

Summer seat of archbishops, medieval market, sixties boom town, Mini Manhattan: 'The Lives of Croydon' walk will reveal the different faces of this super suburb. Bring refreshments and be prepared to climb stairs!

Rail: East Croydon; Bus: 50, 109, 154, 194, 197

Fully booked



Modernist Hampstead: Guided Walk

Fully booked

Peckham Society Walk

Meet at 133 Rye Lane, opposite Blenheim Grove, near Peckham Rye station
SE15 4ST

Sunday 28 June 2.00pm – 4.00pm d R T

Central Peckham walk includes the 'Bussey Building', a view over Peckham from the roof, and the Grade II listed Peckham Rye station, with its spectacular waiting room designed by Charles Henry Driver. (NB: Pay parking near Choumert Grove and Cerise Road.)

Rail: Peckham Rye

Bookings now closed but places are available on the day on a first come basis.

Victoria Partnership Walking Tour

Cardinal Place, 100 Victoria Street, Westminster SW1E 5JL

Saturday 27 June, 10.30am - 11.30am, 1.30pm - 2.30pm/

Sunday 28 June, 10.30am - 11.30am, 1.30pm - 2.30pm. Max 20 per tour

An exploration of the history and development of this fascinating area from swampy fields to 21C regeneration. Including delightful squares, a prison site, canal, brewery, the Victoria stations and a variety of architectural styles.

Tube: Victoria; Rail: Victoria

Bookings now closed but places are available on the day on a first come basis.

West End Cinemas and Theatre Walk led by the Cinema Theatre Association

Meet at Shakespeare Statue, Leicester Square, Westminster, London WC2H

Saturday 27 June, 3.00pm - 5.30pm Max 30 people

Tour of the extensions of West End cinemas and theatres starting from the Shakespeare statue in Leicester Square. Please note: access to interiors where possible.

Tube: Leicester Square, Charing Cross; Rail: Charing Cross

Fully booked

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