

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: Many events can be booked ahead of 26 June. Where this is indicated, you are strongly advised to book in ahead of the weekend to avoid disappointment on the day. Please note that at some events, booking is **essential**, as specified in the programme below. There is no admission charge for events unless otherwise stated. **Where bookings are taken by the event host or venue details are given in that entry.** To book a place where booking is indicated as essential or advisable event please use the automated system on the Open House website: <http://www.londonopenhouse.org/public/london/find/> and you will receive an email confirmation – it only takes a minute or two to complete! 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. Please check the website at openhouse.org.uk/livesofbuildings for updated programme listings until 26 June.

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KEY TO LISTINGS:

d = partial access for people with disabilities

D = full access for people with disabilities

P = parking

R = refreshments

T = toilets

Open House would like to thank all the venue hosts, organisers, walk leaders, volunteers, building representatives, local societies and volunteers who have contributed to making this programme possible. We would also like to thank in particular English Heritage and the Mayor of London's Story of London team for their support and partnership.

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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

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 – places are strictly limited!

TALKS, TOURS AND EXHIBITIONS

Architecture Talks at the Whitechapel Gallery *Saturday 27 June and Sunday 28 June*

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

12.00pm hüt architecture ltd

2.00pm Jamie Fobert Architects

4.00pm Ken Allinson

Sunday 28 June

11.00am Witherford Watson Mann

2.00pm Glowacka Rennie

4.00pm David Littlefield

Talks free but advance booking required via

<http://www.londonopenhouse.org/public/london/find/>

An architect-led tour of King's College London

Meet at reception, Strand Building, King's College, Strand Campus, Strand, WC2R 2LS

Friday 26 June, 2.00pm – 3.00pm, Last entry 1.55pm

Max 30 people DT

Tim Leach, BDP's Historic Building Director, will lead a tour around the Strand Campus to review the masterplan proposal for redeveloping the Strand

Campus and visit the recently completed, award winning refurbishment of the Grade I listed King's Building. Booking is **essential** via lydie.plancke@bdp.com by 22 June. Please do not contact King's College directly. (Please note there will be no admittance after 1.55pm. Admission to tour ONLY through booking in advance through BDP.)

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



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

Transformation of Brewhouse Yard – talk and discussion

BDP, 16 Brewhouse Yard, Clerkenwell EC1V 4LJ

Friday 26 June, 12.30pm, Last entry 12.25pm

Max 30 people D R T

Martin Cook, BDP London Studio and Interior Design Director, will talk about the challenges and the transformation of Brewhouse Yard into the studios of the architecture practice BDP Studios. Booking is **essential** via lydie.plancke@bdp.com by 22 June.

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

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

Behind the Scenes at the British Museum

British Museum, Great Russell Street WC1B 3DG

Saturday 27 June, 11.30am, 12.30pm, 2.30pm, 3.30pm

Max 18 per tour

An opportunity to see parts of the British Museum's architecture and spaces not usually open to the general visitor. You will see the Board Room, where the Trustees of the Museum hold their meetings, the Pamela Hartwell Room, the principal reception room of the Museum, and the Director's corridor. Meet at the Information Desk in the Great Court. The earliest spaces on the tour date back to the 1840s and the most recent, the Great Court by Foster and Partners that opened in 2000. Each tour lasts approximately 30 minutes.

THIS EVENT IS NOW 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)

NEW: Open House Docklands Tour

Meet at The Building Centre, Store Street WC1E 7BT

Sat 2.00pm-5.30pm. Meet at 2.00pm for a prompt 2.15pm departure.

The demise of the London Docks produced the biggest urban regeneration challenge in Europe. Led by Benedict O'Looney, this half-day tour starts at St Katherine's Docks, the fashionable residential quarter and Wapping Hydraulic Power Station, then moves on to the most successful projects of the business district of Canary Wharf. The tour takes place by coach, with some walking and lasts for approximately 3 hours. Generally exterior views. Book by 24 June via sol@openhouse.org.uk or 020 3006 7008.

SPECIAL OFFER: discounted price of £13.00 per person (usual price £18.50) available by quoting 'Lives of Buildings'.

Tube nearest meeting point: Tottenham Court Road, Goudge Street

Dulwich Picture Gallery

Dulwich Picture Gallery, Gallery Road SE21 7AD

Saturday 27 June, 3.00pm - 4.00pm/Sunday 28

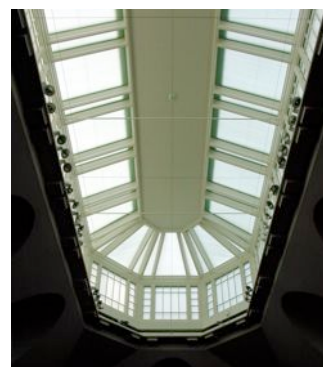
June, 3.00pm - 4.00pm

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. Booking advisable:

<http://www.londonopenhouse.org/public/london/find/>



Rail: West Dulwich, North Dulwich; Bus: P4

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. **Booking in advance**

essential: <http://www.londonopenhouse.org/public/london/find/>

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

Natural History Museum: the Waterhouse Building

Natural History Museum, Cromwell Road SW7 5BD

Saturday 27 June, Tours at 10.30am, 12noon, 1.30pm, Duration 1 hour, Last entry 5 mins before tour d R T

Max 10 per tour

A guided architectural tour of the Natural History Museum's world famous building, designed by Alfred Waterhouse.

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

THIS EVENT IS NOW 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

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

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

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.

Booking in advance strongly recommended via

<http://www.londonopenhouse.org/public/london/find/>

Tube: Canning Town, East India DLR



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. Booking in advance strongly recommended via <http://www.londonopenhouse.org/public/london/find/>

Tube: Canning Town, East India DLR

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Capture Camden

The Roundhouse, Chalk Farm Road, Camden Town NW1 8EH

Saturday 27 June, 11.15am – 6.30pm

Capture Camden is a unique architectural Shoot Storyboard event in partnership with Open House. The event will encourage participants to explore the links between historic and contemporary London and its continuous architectural renewal by exploring the transformation of their city at first hand. Capture Camden will bring together your own unique photographic interpretations of how London's outstanding architecture is being transformed for the future.



£7.50 per person, **prebooking essential via**
www.shootexperience.com or on 0844 482 8008. Tube: Chalk Farm

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

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

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

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

WALKS

Alleys and Lanes of Hampstead

Burgh House, New End Square, Hampstead NW3 1LT

Saturday 27 June, 2.30pm

Explore the architecture and history of this fascinating hill village concealed within its charming backstreets with guide Marilyn Greene. Meet at Burgh

House. **Tickets £8, reservations and tickets on 0207 431 0144 or**

info@burghhouse.org.uk

Tube: Hampstead; Rail: Hampstead Heath

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). Booking advisable via <http://www.londonopenhouse.org/public/london/find/>

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

Behind the Scenes at the Museums

Meet at Main Entrance, Victoria and Albert Museum, Cromwell Road SW7 2RL

Saturday 27 June 11.00am - 12.30pm. Max 20 people d T

An architectural walk, led by David McDonald, Conservation and Design Team Leader, RB Kensington and Chelsea, which will take in the wealth of historic buildings in the area. We will also look at how the museums and other institutions are adapting and extending by commissioning contemporary architecture. The walk starts at the V&A and finishes at the Albert Memorial.

Tube: South Kensington; Bus: C1, 14, 74, 414

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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. Booking advisable via <http://www.londonopenhouse.org/public/london/find/>

Tube: Leicester Square, Charing Cross; Rail: Charing Cross; Bus: 149, 24, 29, 38, 88

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!

Advance booking essential via:

<http://www.londonopenhouse.org/public/london/find/>

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



Modernist Hampstead: Guided Walk

Burgh House, New End Square, Hampstead NW3 1LT

Sunday 28 June, 2.30pm

Look at some of the stunning buildings from the Modernist movement of architecture in Hampstead, from Erno Goldfinger's house in Willow Road to the Isokon flats in Belsize Park. Meet at Burgh House. **Tickets £8,**

reservations and tickets on 0207 431 0144

info@burghouse.org.uk.

Tube: Hampstead, Rail: Hampstead Heath

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

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.

Booking in advance essential via

<http://www.londonopenhouse.org/public/london/find/>

Tube: Victoria; Rail: Victoria

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

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