



Update – Spring 2008

Open House London Weekend 2008

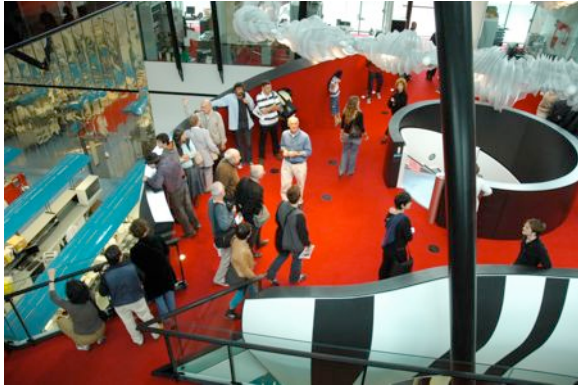
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↑ Open House London Weekend

Open House London, the Capital's largest architectural showcase, will take place on 20-21 September. This year's event will once again reveal the fabric of London in all its diversity: opening eyes and minds to the architectural gems, contemporary design and areas of urban change that define the city today.

In celebration of design excellence, over 600 architectural activities are planned, giving Londoners the opportunity to experience architecture in the flesh and be part of a Capital-wide initiative for one weekend in the year. The creative teams that design, construct, conserve and regenerate the capital will also be on hand to share their expertise, insight and ideas, and explore the biggest issues facing the modern city.

Architecture programmes will be available in August at a cost of £4.50. Order online at www.openhouse.org.uk or call 020 7383 2131.

Call for volunteers

Interested in becoming a volunteer to help facilitate the Open House London Annual Event? There are hundreds of volunteers who assist during the event by offering a half day to act as guides or stewards. In return volunteers receive a priority entry badge which allows them to jump to the front of the queues to gain entry to some of the other buildings over the weekend. Visit <http://volunteers.openhouse.org.uk> to register or email Hiromi at hsasaki@openhouse.org.uk.

Maggie's and Open House London Night Hike

Friday 19 September 2008, 9pm – 9am

For the fourth year, Maggie's and Open House have joined forces to organise a night-time hike with a difference. This event gives everyone the opportunity to appreciate the architecture of our capital city and acknowledge the importance of the environment on our wellbeing.

The funds raised on the night by all the participants taking part will help Maggie's to grow the network of Centres across the UK. Maggie's Cancer Caring Centres offer support to all those affected by cancer, including those with a diagnosis, their friends and family. As well as this 10% of funds raised will support Open House and their projects for inner city young people.

In 2007, over 1000 sponsored hikers walked the route, covering a distance of approximately 25kms. The walk takes in some of London's most spectacular sights and through the relationship with Open House allows hikers exclusive access to a number of buildings through the night.

Confirmed buildings for this year include City Hall/Potters Field, Tower Bridge, Somerset House, Royal Geographical Society, Horse Guards, and the new Hammersmith Maggie's Centre.

For further information on the Night Hike contact Hiromi at hsasaki@openhouse.org.uk.



↑ Open House Architecture Tours

Can't wait till September 2008 to experience London's architecture? Check out Open House's year-round Architecture Tours.

The architectural tours take place every Saturday morning and offer an opportunity to experience London's built environment. Each tour is led by an architect or architectural historian and takes in a key area of London, such as Docklands, the Square Mile, Bankside or Westminster. For dates, tour themes and booking details see:

<http://www.openhouse.org.uk/public/talkstours/architecturetours.html>



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↑ My City Too Exhibition

To coincide with the mayoral election in London, young Londoners have been showcasing their ideas on creating better places and spaces in the capital through the My City Too! outdoor exhibition at various high-profile sites around London.

The exhibition forms part of a wave of awareness-raising for the My City Too! campaign, which aims to put young people's aspirations for the built environment in London at the heart of mayoral and local planning agendas.

The My City Too exhibition highlights action points in the Young Londoners' Manifesto for Better Spaces in London and the young ambassadors hope that Londoners will be inspired to pledge their support. To view the exhibition, which has been sponsored by CABE, the Arts Council, as well as developers More London Estates, Development Securities and First Base, visit any of the following sites, which have been generously donated by developers:

- Development Securities plc: at 10 St. Bride Street EC4
- First Base: at former Greenwich District Hospital, Woolwich Road, Greenwich SE10
- More London Estate: off Tooley Street, SE1

For more information on the exhibition or the My City Too campaign contact Elise at eleclerc@openhouse.org.uk.



↑ Junior Open House

Junior Open House is a comprehensive and packed programme for primary school students in year 5 and 6. The programme brings students into contact with key works of exemplary London architecture. Building explorations encourage young people to become 'architectives', to look for clues, learn design skills and

understand how people use space. This direct experience leads on to creative workshops in the classroom.

This year's programme will run from May-July 2008 and the pupils' project brief will be to design a sustainable building for an Olympic sport. The programme will culminate in an awards ceremony for students, their teachers and the architects involved.

For more information on the programme, please email Jenny at jwedgbury@openhouse.org.uk.

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Office volunteers

Interested in helping us regularly during office hours to provide general administrative and office assistance? Around 20 volunteers work in the office assisting a small team of staff with all areas of our work – from general administrative and office assistance, research into various aspects of architecture, database through to marketing, press work, image bank and envelope stuffing! Some office experience and computer skills are essential. Email hsasaki@openhouse.org.uk to register your interest.

For further information, visit our volunteers opportunities page at <http://www.openhouse.org.uk/getinvolved/volunteering.html>

About Open House

Open House is an architecture education organisation whose aim is to open eyes, minds and doors to design excellence in London.

Open House is focused on encouraging Londoners to explore and re-examine their city, to debate how architecture affects their daily lives, and to discover and appreciate how they can really influence change in the built environment. Its activities and projects are pioneering, thought-provoking and highly regarded, ranging from seminars, workshops and building visits to creative programmes inside and outside the classroom.

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