

Design For Living: Open House London to reveal London's most inspiring homes and interiors once again

Open House has long held a tradition of satisfying the appetites of thousands who wish to see beautiful architect designed residences first hand.

This year we welcome stunning new additions from across the capital including stylish sustainable designs such as Nick Baker's eco-home - 25C Montpelier Road - built using timber framing and passive solar design techniques and Ott's Yard – a repurposed ramshackle group of sheds re-imagined with a healthy dose of creative greening by the award winning vPPR Architects.

Open House also welcomes imaginative conversions Dingle Price's stylish House for a Painter, a conversion of a 20th century workhouse laundry building into a studio and residence for an artist and his family. Finally, Daykin Marshall's modern two-story shopfront conversion on Gray's inn road handles the demands of a traditional sho facing façade with apartment living.

Open House will be a unique opportunity to see, explore and learn about amazing architecture and design in your area and across London over one weekend. More than 800 buildings of all kinds will open their doors across London, alongside a programme of neighbourhood walks, engineering and landscape tours, cycle rides and experts' talks – all for **free**.

For further details of the full programme in 2014, please contact Matthew Turtle or Meneesha Kellay on 0207 383 2131 or email press@open-city.org.uk

In addition to the many residences, highlights of the Open House programme include:

- **Revealing London's iconic skyline** and towers including The View from the Shard, 30 St Mary Axe (aka the Gherkin) and Citypoint
- London's infrastructure revealed with the **Institution of Civil Engineers** - including engineering walks and site visits to major construction and engineering sites
- Nearly 80 projects with Landscape at their heart with the **Landscape Institute**
- **Eco, zero carbon and retrofit buildings**, with the chance to talk to experts, see measures in action and discover how you can implement changes in your own home
- Speak with **planners, architects and engineers** on how they create successful buildings and cities
- For the second time in 2014, **Open Debate** will be presented for the and will be held at the Institute of Civil Engineers. The inaugural Green Debate will also be held at London's Saw Swee Hock Building
- **Maggie's and Open House London 'Culture Crawl'** on Friday 19th September – a moonlit walk through London with the opportunity to see Open House architecture and raise money for Maggie's Cancer Centres
- Activities for **kids and families**, from architectural model-making to quiz trails as part of **Open House Junior**
- **Explore the rich heritage of the river** at countless riverside sites in 2014 as we team up with Totally Thames
- **Archibus tour** with Arriva and the London Transport Museum – win a place on an architectural whirlwind tour celebrating the Year of the Bus

- **Photography competition** in partnership with Airbnb, Architects' and The Photographers' Gallery

Victoria Thornton, Founding Director of Open-City comments: "Open House is a unique and vibrant annual event, offering people across London the chance to explore and learn about the capital's architecture. In 2013 87% of participants said the Open House annual event was the best way see, explore and learn about the capital's architecture. This year we're putting together a great programme of open buildings, walks, tours and talks taking in everything from award-winning contemporary homes to major regeneration areas."

Full details of buildings and events have been published in the 2014 Guide (Available in mid August 2014), website listings and the Open House app.

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Open House is a concept that was created in London 22 years ago by Open-City, London's leading independent architecture education organisation. The Open House model invites everyone to experience, explore and understand the value of a well-designed built environment. This successful concept has been extended to events in other cities around the world including New York, Dublin & Galway, Tel Aviv & Jerusalem, Barcelona, Rome, Helsinki, Slovenia and Chicago.

Further information on the Open House Worldwide family events can be found at www.openhouseworldwide.org

This year's theme 'Revealing' sheds light on issues that are relevant to local communities unveils how the built environment is evolving – including the design of homes, the role of architects, engineers and contemporary design in revitalising places and above all showing how good design can make London a more liveable, vibrant and enjoyable city.

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