

LONDON FESTIVAL OF ARCHITECTURE AT THE DESIGN MUSEUM JUNE 2015

The Design Museum is once again part of the London Festival of Architecture (LFA) - a celebration of architectural experimentation, thinking and practice, which takes place across the city throughout June 2015.

The LFA theme for 2015 is 'Work in Progress', and the festival has selected Ireland as its first Focus Country. As part of Irish Design 2015, a year-long international celebration of Irish Design, Ireland have created a programme for LFA that includes workshops and events across the city, including an instalment of 'New Horizon', a year-long initiative backed by the Irish government exploring, promoting and celebrating Irish design.

The Design Museum's programme for LFA explores both of these strands through installation and discussion:

NINE LIVES

MONDAY 1 – SUNDAY 28 JUNE

FREE DISPLAY

An installation of photography, drawings, interviews and objects in the Design Museum's Tank tells the stories of nine spaces created by emerging Irish architects. From a farmhouse in the Galway countryside to a Dublin artists' studio - Nine Lives presents the stages of each project's life, from concept to completion to occupation, in parallel. Curated by Emmett Scanlon the installation gives an insight into not only the buildings themselves but into the social lives of contemporary Ireland. Nine Lives features A2, AP+E, Clancy Moore, Emmett Scanlon, GKMP, Ryan Kennihan, Hall McKnight, Steve Larkin, TAKA and Urban Agency.

NINE LIVES TANK TALK

SUNDAY 7 JUNE + SUNDAY 14 JUNE, 2PM, FREE DROP-IN SESSION

Nine Lives tells the story of the design and occupation of nine workspaces each of which has been designed by an emerging Irish architect. These free drop-in talks and activities give insights into the installation and the social lives of contemporary Ireland, lives lived with, and among, architecture and design. These talks will be led by Nine Lives curator Emmett Scanlon (7 June) and photographer Noel Bowler (14 June).

TRAVELLING INTO THE FUTURE: WORK IN PROGRESS

TUESDAY 9 JUNE, 7PM

ADULTS £14 / STUDENTS £10.50 / MEMBERS £7.50

This panel discussion uses the theme of 'Work in Progress' to examine travel and London's transport systems, taking in cycle superhighways, Crossrail, telecommuting, speed and mobility amongst other aspects of urban travel. The evening brings together Tim Fendley, who has revolutionised the navigation of the city through Legible London, and Sam Pearce, who hopes to radically alter cycling through his Loopwheel design. They will be joined by Design Museum Director Deyan Sudjic, in a session chaired by Alastair Donald, a researcher on mobility and space and the British Council's Project Director for the British Pavilion at Venice Architecture Biennale. Tickets include entry to the Designs of the Year exhibition before the talk begins.

A NEXT GENERATION

WEDNESDAY 17 JUNE, 6.45PM

A New Now Next panel discussion curated by the Irish Architecture Foundation, sponsored by Arup and hosted at the Design Museum to coincide with Irish Design 2015's Nine Lives installation in the Tank. The discussion features leading Irish architects Clancy Moore, Hall McKnight, Steve Larkin and TAKA and is introduced by Oliver Wainwright, Architecture and Design critic for the Guardian.

KENSINGTON ARCHITECTURE: POWER AND WEALTH WALK

FRIDAY 19 JUNE. 10.30AM AND 2.30PM

£25, DETAILS AND TICKETS VIA KENSINGTON PALACE

From its beginnings as an Anglo-Saxon manor plot granted by William the Conqueror to one of his inner circle, to the creation of the new Design Museum in Holland Park, Kensington has long been associated with style, glamour and displays of wealth. To coincide with Life on Foot: Camper at the Design Museum, this walking tour will explore the design of Kensington Palace, the new Design Museum and neighbouring buildings. Duration two hours.

NINE LIVES SUNDAY SKETCH

SUNDAY 21 JUNE, FREE DROP-IN SESSION

An expert tutor leads a range of drawing activities focused around the Nine Lives Tank installation. All abilities welcome. The Sunday Sketch starts at 2pm. The sessions are free with a museum ticket and the group meets 10 minutes before the session is due to begin.

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Notes to editors:

The **Design Museum** is building the world's leading museum devoted to architecture and design, its work encompasses all elements of design, including fashion, product and graphic design. Since it opened its doors in 1989 the museum has displayed everything from an AK-47 to the Duchess of Cambridge's wedding dress. It has staged over 100 exhibitions, welcomed over five million visitors and showcased the work of some of the world's most celebrated designers including Paul Smith, Zaha Hadid, Jonathan Ive, Miuccia Prada, Frank Gehry, Eileen Gray and Dieter Rams.

The Design Museum is relocating from its current home at Shad Thames to the former Commonwealth Institute building in Kensington, west London. The project is expected to be completed by 2016. Leading designer John Pawson will convert the interior of the Commonwealth Institute building to create a new home for the Design Museum giving it three times more space in which to show a wider range of exhibitions and significantly extend its learning programme.

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The **London Festival of Architecture** (LFA) celebrates London as a global hub of architectural experimentation, practice and debate. Taking place throughout June, the annual festival provokes questions about the contemporary and future life of the city, and promotes positive change to its public realm. The city-wide programme is delivered with leading cultural and

academic institutions alongside associated projects by practices and individuals. www.londonfestivalofarchitecture.org; #LFA2015; @LFArchitecture; facebook.com/LondonFestivalofArchitecture

London Festival of Architecture runs from 1 – 30 June.

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