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Welcome to the RIBA London October Bulletin. This issue contains news and information about how you can get involved with the LFA in 2010, project updates, new contacts, professional training through CPD and features a range of free events, talks and lectures in London over the next month, plus an opportunity to win new book titles from our colleagues in RIBA Publishing.

LFA 2010 – Open Studios

Following the official launch of the LFA on the 16th October, RIBA London is calling on all members to get involved and become part of the diverse and exciting programme planned for next year via Open Studios.

The LFA runs from the 19th of June until the 4th July with three areas- West End, Bankside and the Olympic Route to Stratford- intended as focal points across three weekends. RIBA London is co-ordinating the opening weekend, exploring the potential of an improved north-south route along Nash's historic axis of Regent Street, and the Open Studios programme- a wide reaching initiative aimed at opening up practices across the capital and engaging with the public for the festival period.

If you would like to throw open your doors, host a talk, a debate or run a tour during LFA, the team welcomes submissions of interest from across the region. It is a great opportunity to promote the richness of the profession in the capital and make an exciting contribution.

To get involved and register to be a part of LFA in 2010 visit [London Festival of Architecture](http://www.lfa2010.org).

To find out more about Open Studios contact rachel.borchard@inst.riba.org



LFA 2010

Back to school – Amenity Space Pod moves on

Following the success of the RIBA London and BBC 21CC Tides and Times installation, which inhabited riverside locations over the summer, the Amenity Space pod from Southwark Cathedral has found a new home at Weston Park Primary School. Nicky Kirk and Tony Broomhead of Amenity Space worked alongside contractor Tim Greany on the rebuild in the playground on 13 October much to the fascination and delight of pupils. The pod will be used as a play time structure and has already been heartily welcomed by the school.

Tony Broomhead from Amenity Space said, 'It was great at the end of the day when the pod was just about finished and all the parents turned up to pick up their children. They were just as excited as the kids. It was if it had just landed from outer space. The pod looks great in the playground and we hope it is something the school can use and enjoy for many years to come.'

London is looking to relocate the last remaining pod designed by Urban Salon for the Southbank Centre and welcomes expressions of interest and offers for a new home. For more information contact antonia.faust@inst.riba.org or on 0207 307 3624



Amenity Space Pod at Weston Park Primary School

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New faces at RIBA London

RIBA London is pleased to announce two new additions to the regional team at Portland Place. In October Mike Althorpe took over the role of Regional Services Manager- looking after communications and awards- and from the start of November Tamsie Thomson will formally take up the position of Regional Director.

On her appointment Ms Thomson said: 'I am delighted to be taking up the position and look forward to working with others to raise the profile of the region. We are extremely privileged in London to have an unrivalled diversity of members and we hope to produce a programme that responds and reflects this.'

If you have any queries or want to reach the team contact mike.althorpe@inst.riba.org



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CPD

Core curriculum CPD

Appointment agreements and negotiating fees/business benchmarking and RIBA benchmarking scheme

By Adrian Dobson, RIBA director of Practice and Caroline Cole, Director- Colander Monday 9 November 16.00- 19.00 The Building Centre, London WC1E 7BT

Subjects will include getting the right fee, demonstrating how your service adds value for your client, why you need a comprehensive appointment agreement and strategies for getting paid and maintaining cash flow. The event explores also how benchmarking can help to balance professional creativity with improving profitability and will look at the RIBA's new benchmarking initiative, which is free to all Chartered Practices.

RIBA London Core Curriculum CPD is supported by the [Rooflight Company- The Innovators in Rooflighting](#)



RIBA CPD

Touring CPD

How to attract new clients and win their business

Thursday 5 November, 14.00- 18.00 Queen Mary, University of London, London E1 1BB
Judith Gilmore will teach participants specific techniques and demonstrate how to create a networking strategy to get maximum value out of your personal investment. Following on from the skill of 'working the room' Judith's seminars include techniques for building relationships, client retention and finding new business. Followed by a tour of Richard Feilden House.

Designing for materials resource efficiency

Thursday 3 December, 9.30- 13.30 The Olympic Park, London E15
An interactive workshop by WRAP will cover key principles of design that help identify and implement waste reduction options at the design stages of construction projects. Includes a tour of the Olympic Park.

[Book places or find out more](#) RIBA London CPD is supported by [Ordnance Survey](#)

RIBA London November CPD roadshow- FREE EVENT

Thursday 12 November 2009 9:30 - 16:00 RIBA, 66 Portland Place, London W1B 1AD
RIBA CPD Providers Network and RIBA London invite you to a full day of CPD training. All sessions are accredited under the RIBA Core Curriculum in Construction Skills, Practice Management, Professional Context, Managing Projects and Health and Safety. Each session is one hour, and you can book as many as five sessions throughout the day.

[Full list of Roadshow seminars and booking form](#)

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Branches

CAF (Camden Architects Forum):

New CAF Chair

On 6th October 2009 Amos Sivan Bires stepped down as Chair of Camden Architects Forum having held this position for the last six years. Mojgan Jahanshahi-Green of MJ3Architects takes up the position as the new chair. Amos and other members are happy to support her in taking CAF forward for the benefit of the Camden architectural community.

For more information contact: Mojgan Jahanshahi-Green at mojgan.green@mistral.co.uk

NWLSA (North West London Society of Architects):

A talk by Nick Eldridge of Eldridge Smerin- multiple award winner architects

Wednesday 11th November 2009- House in Highgate Cemetery, London
General philosophy of [Eldridge Smerin Architects](#) and specific presentation about the award winning Houses in Highgate and Highgate Cemetery.

NWLSA AGM will follow the talk. This talk is now fully booked.

For NWLSA future announcements contact NWLSA@aplusd.co.uk

NETAS (North East Thames Architects Society):

Lecture by James Robson of Hazle Mc Cormack Young Architects: Architecture as a response to Maslow's hierarchy of needs.

Thursday 12th November 19.00 The Irish Club, 2-4 Tudor Street, London
Abraham Maslow first introduced his concept of a hierarchy of needs in his 1943 paper 'A Theory of Human Motivation' James will look at how his own practice has attempted to



Image Courtesy of Eldridge Smerin Architects

address the Hierarchy of Needs both in his own buildings and other leading examples of the type. Tickets are priced at £10, to include refreshments.

Contact damian@connolly-architects.co.uk

Richmond, Kingston and Merton District Branch: Monthly branch members meeting

Tuesday 3rd November 19.00 Cricketers Pub, on Richmond Green, Richmond.

THE NEW LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK (LDF) for the LONDON BOROUGH of RICHMOND and Borough's view of PERMITTED DEVELOPMENT. The presentation is by JOHN FREER, Senior Planning Officer of Richmond on new FRAME WORK in 2010- 2011. The meeting is a MUST for anybody dealing with Planning issues .

For more information contact tzena.james@virgin.net

SLSA (South London Society of Architects): What is happening in London?

Tuesday 10 November 2009

Ian Whitby of Foster and Partners talks about their latest projects with a special focus on London. Ian is a partner in Group 1 of Foster and Partners. This group has been responsible for London landmarks such as 30 St Mary's Axe and the Town Hall.

For more information contact slsatalks@aol.com or follow http://twitter.com/_architects

WLAS (West London Architectural Society): AGM

Wednesday 25th November 2009 19.00-21.30 Maggie's Centre, London W6

This is a unique chance for members of the West London Architectural Society to attend our AGM and spend an evening at the Stirling Prize winning building designed by Rogers Stirk Harbour + Partners.

Places are limited, contact Liz Barroll at elizabeth@barrollwebber.co.uk

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Events

This house believes we have lost sight of the future

Tuesday 17th November 18:30 – 20:30 BFI, Southbank London

Architects once aligned themselves with the future, fusing their visions to political ideals and ambitions for a bolder tomorrow, but where is our contemporary vision coming from? Building Futures with WIRED magazine host a multi-disciplinary evening fusing film, architecture and debate to reveal our ambitions for tomorrow. With contributions from Ben Hammersley, *François Penz*, University of Cambridge, *Eric Parry*, founder and Co-Director of Eric Parry Architects, *Sean Griffiths* FAT architects and *Emily Campbell* of the RSA. Part of the RIBA's 175 Anniversary 'Of Dreams and Cities' architecture in film season. Tickets available now from the [BFI Website](#)

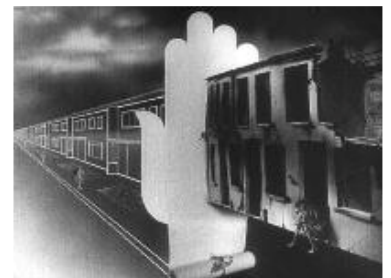


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The architectural diagram lectures- FREE EVENT

Wednesday 18 November 2009 18.00 arrival for a 18.30- 19.30

The Darwin Lecture Theatre, UCL London WC1E 6BT

Mark Garcia explores the significance of diagramming to problem solving. The diagram in architecture and related spatial design disciplines continues to evolve as new design, sensing, manufacturing and visualisation technologies develop.

For more information email: seminars@concretecentre.com

This house believes architectural education is failing to produce 21st

century professionals- FREE EVENT

Thursday 26th November 19.00 – 20:30 16 Brewhouse Yard, London, EC1V 4LJ

Faced with the dual challenge of economic and environmental crisis is our system of education equipping graduates with the right skills to take on 21st Century realities? Can we afford to luxuriate in the art of architecture or do we need a robust period of innovation and review? Building Futures with the [UCL's Urban Lab](#) hosts an evening scrutinising architectural education and its purpose. Chaired by *Dickon Robinson* with contributions from *Adrian Forty*, The Bartlett, with *Paul Monaghan* Partner at Allford Hall Monaghan Morris, *Jeremy Till*- University of Westminster with Senior Lecturer at Oxford Brookes University *Harriet Harris*.

To book email emma.emerson@inst.riba.org

Guerrilla Tactics Small Practice Conference 2009: Shaping Tomorrow's Practice

17-18 November 2009 8:30-18:00 RIBA, London

Guerrilla Tactics is the annual RIBA small practice event held over two days at the RIBA's London headquarters. Now in its sixth year, Guerrilla Tactics provides architects with a lively programme of CPD seminars, presentations and panel discussions with leading names from the architectural and commercial world.

To book or find out more email: guerrilla.tactics@inst.riba.org or visit architecture.com

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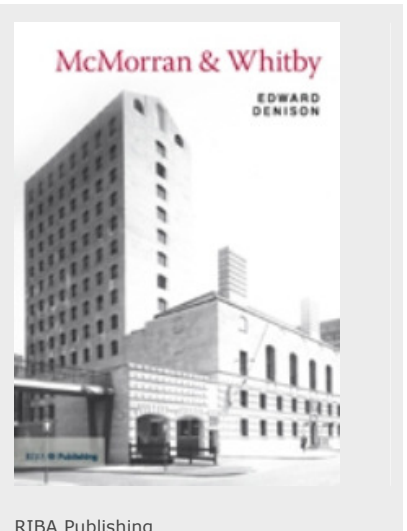
Book of the month

[McMorran & Whitby by RIBA Publishing](#)

The first major publication on the work of one of Britain's most intriguing post-war architecture practices, McMorran & Whitby. The practice represented an unbroken development from the monumental inter-war classicism represented by figures such as Charles Holden and Sir Edwin Lutyens. An essential read for architects, modernist enthusiasts, architectural historians and students.

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