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Welcome to the September issue of the RIBA London Bulletin.

This edition features news, updates and event information from around the region, including a feature on our new chair, a freeze in RIBA Membership rates for 2010, the LFA 2010 and The Social, plus CPD and more opportunities for London members to get more involved and meet others.

New RIBA London Chair

RIBA London is pleased to announce the appointment of its new regional chair, Azar Djamali MBA, MA, RIBA, APM, FRSA. Azar is an architect and director of Azar Djamali Ltd, a global consultancy specializing in design and management solutions that works closely with the construction industry. Azar brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to the role at the RIBA, where she also sits on the RIBA Planning Committee. She formally led CLAWSA between 2005 -06 and 2007-09 and also teaches design at London South Bank University.

Her period as chair will see a reinvigorated commitment to promoting architecture and encouraging new membership in the region and supporting RIBA President Ruth Reed through knowledge communities, the branches and their relationship with council and its ongoing work. She will also seek to prepare the region for the 2012 Olympics and ensure programmes are in place so that RIBA London members can make a full contribution. On her recent appointment at the London Region Council meeting, Azar said:

"For 175 years male architects with the help of women have lead and managed our profession achieving outstanding worldwide recognition and identity. Now female architects have the chance to reciprocate. I would like to invite our male fellow architects to help and support us in delivering equally good job as our predecessors.

Ruth and I have stepped into big boots from Sunand Prasad and Andrew Hanson. I have no doubts that we will carry this intelligently, gracefully and elegantly. So, let's go forward together and do our profession justice it deserves."

Azar formally took up the post on the 1st of September and will be in the position for two years.

London Membership Support

The RIBA has announced that it will freeze all of its membership rates for 2010, as part of



Azar Djamali

the Institute's continuing drive to support its members through the current period of economic difficulty.

The rates will remain at the 2009 levels for all membership categories, (encompassing Associate Member, Affiliate, and Chartered Member both UK and International) including the concessionary rates, which are available to members experiencing financial hardship.

In addition to free membership of the RIBA, Student Members are eligible to apply for a wide range of education schemes and bursaries, as well registering for the very successful HostPractice scheme, and benefitting from advice and guidance from the RIBA Education department for students and graduates at every stage of their career.

RIBA President Ruth Reed said:

"..the RIBA is firmly committed to supporting the profession through this difficult time, and our work to assist members has been very well received. RIBA Chartered Membership is recognised worldwide as a symbol of professional excellence, and members have access to an important network of technical, contractual and professional support, which is an invaluable resource."

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London Festival of Architecture 2010

RIBA London will be one of three official delivery partners for the London Festival of Architecture in 2010. The event is a biennial citywide celebration of London's built environment, which is in its fourth edition. The event in 2010 will take place around the theme of The Welcoming City from 19 June to 4 July and is structured around three key areas- the West End, Bankside and the Olympic Route.

Working closely with the Crown Estate, the Royal Parks and Westminster City Council, RIBA London will be bringing together an exciting and diverse programme of events and installations for the opening weekend in the West End on 19-20 June that explores the potential of an improved north-south pedestrian route along Nash's historic axis of Regent Street. As well as this the team will also be co-ordinating the Open Studios initiative that will be running throughout the LFA 2010.

More information on this will be made available shortly.

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The Social

Over 20 socialites congregated at the Design Museum amongst the inspirational Javier Mariscal exhibition on Tuesday 22 September. Attendees sketched, modelled and collaged the human form with some fantastic results.

The Social's next life drawing session will take place at the Alsop painting studio, this session is now SOLD OUT, but there are several places remaining on the life drawing session on:
Thursday 8 October at the RIBA and Thursday 22 October at Doodle Bar, Battersea.

[Book now](#) to avoid disappointment



The Social- with London drawing

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CPD

Core Curriculum at the Building Centre

CDM Advanced

By Paul Bussey, Scott Brownrigg and Philip BakerBPS Solutions.

Monday 12 October 16.00- 19.00

The Building Centre, London WC1E 7BT

This seminar is aimed at those with knowledge of CDM regulations who wish to move their practice forward by exploring the requirements of the regulations in more depth giving them an advantage when it comes to dialogue with informed clients and CDM co-ordinators. Delegates will get more out of this seminar if they have attended one of RIBA London's previous 'Introduction to CDM' seminars.

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



Touring CPD

Manipulating Light

Monday 26 October, 14.00-18.00

Sir John Soane's Museum, WC2A 3BP

Florence Lam from Arup Lighting will talk about the importance of lighting and the techniques used in this process. Artist David Ward will discuss six of his works involving artificial light in relation to different architectures and the changing light of day and night. Followed by a tour of the museum by Richard MacCormac.

Please note THIS EVENT IS NOW FULL

How to Attract New Clients and Win Their Business

Thursday 5 November, 14.00- 18.00

Queen Mary, University of 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.

[Book places or find out more](#)

RIBA London CPD is supported by the [Ordnance Survey](#)

RIBA London November CPD Roadshow

Thursday 12 November 2009 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM

RIBA, 66 Portland Place, London, W1B 1AD

FREE EVENT

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.

A full list of the seminars, time table and booking form [now available](#).

Attendance is FREE so to ensure a place for the seminar's you wish to attend, simply complete and return the booking form at the soonest.

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Branches

NETAS

Finding the Right Words To Attract New Clients

Thursday 8th October, 2009 12.45-14.30

11:04 Architects, 5 Turville Street Shoreditch London, E2 7HX

A master class concentrating on finding the words you need to promote your business most effectively and communicate with clients. Places are limited.

To book contact Chris Roche of 11:04 Architects at: info@1104architects.co.uk

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Events

Bricks and Water: the future of England's waterway past

Understanding historic character and promoting high quality development

Free Breakfast Debate

Tuesday 13 October 2009 8.45am to 10.30am (8.15 for coffee)

Huxley Theatre, London Zoo, Regent's Park Outer Circle, London.

British Waterways and English Heritage launch a joint publication with a high profile free breakfast debate discussing how to raise the standards of design and how developers, their consultants and local authorities can realise the full potential of historic waterside locations. Chaired by Paul Finch, programme director for the World Architecture Festival and featuring Rab Bennetts, director Bennetts Associates, Tristram Hunt, historian and broadcaster, and



Regents Canal- British Waterways

Simon Munro, co-founder of the Landscape Interface Studio, Kingston University.

To book contact Florence Salberter at debate@britishwaterways.co.uk or visit [British Waterways](#)

This House Believes Too Much Consultation Inhibits Great Design

Wednesday 14 October

Free Debate

BDP Hub, London EC1V 4LJ

All building schemes, masterplans and projects of scale are obliged to consult and notify the public of how it may affect them. It is part of a democratic process in the UK that also covers policy legislation and law making and is aimed at upholding transparency and fairness, but what has been its impact on the process of design?

RIBA Building Futures hosts a provocative evening discussing the merits of consultation. Have we overcomplicated the process? Have we applied a system of design that imbeds mistrust in the abilities of the professional to deliver? Have we reached consultation saturation?

Chaired by the new RIBA President Ruth Reed and featuring contributions from: Stephen Bayley, leading author and cultural commentator with Alex Lifschutz, Associate Director of Lifschutz Davidson Sandilands and John Twitchen, Managing Director of Sauce Consultancy and partner of The Consultation Institute and Anna Minton author of the recently released book 'Ground Control'.

Supported by BDP and Jascots Wine Merchants

To book tickets email buildingfutures@inst.riba.org or visit [Building Futures](#)

Architectural Drawings Study Day

Thursday 15 October or Thursday 22 October 2009 10:30am-4:30pm

Sir John Soane collected more architectural drawings than anything else. This study day, repeated a week later, will explore the history, methods and practice of architectural drawings. Jill Lever, former Curator of the Royal Institute of British Architects Drawings Collection, and author of the Museum's catalogue of drawings by George Dance is now cataloguing Soane's drawings. She will discuss both the history of architectural drawings as well as her current project. A practicing architect will talk about drawing now and the variety of types and purposes of architectural drawings. There will also be a chance to see, with Stephen Astley, Curator of Drawings, some of Soane's fabulous collection, including drawings by Christopher Wren, Robert Adam, William Chambers and of course Soane and his office.

£25 (£10 for students)

Price includes a sandwich lunch

To book contact Satinder Bhatti at sbhatti@soane.org.uk or on 020 7440 4263

A Brief History of Tomorrow

Thursday 22 October

Leading architect firms including Alison Brooks, dRMM, Make and Wilkinson Eyre host a

series of talks throughout autumn and winter to encourage networking amongst architects and to raise funds for the Architects Benevolent Society. The first event is on the 22nd of October.

To book or find out more email the ABS at josh@absnet.org.uk

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

17 - 18 November 2009 8:30 AM - 6:00 PM

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

Link:

<http://www.architecture.com/WhatsOn/Conferences/2009/SmallPracticeConf2009.aspx>

Of Dreams and Cities- Architecture and Film

A season of films celebrating the 175th Anniversary of the Royal Institute of British Architects

31 October – 29 November 2009

BFI Southbank

Explore how our lives are shaped by architects and the built environment through a season of films at BFI Southbank. As part of the RIBA's 175th Anniversary celebrations the programme includes documentaries, features, silent classics and European cinema gems that demonstrate how the cinema uses architects and the built environment to influence our emotional responses.

Booking opens 6 October. A series of events accompanies the film season, including a lecture on 3 November at the RIBA by the eminent Brazilian architect and planner Jaime Lerner as part of our International Dialogues Architecture and Climate Change series and a Film and Futures Debate on 17th November with Building Futures.

[Full details and booking information](#)

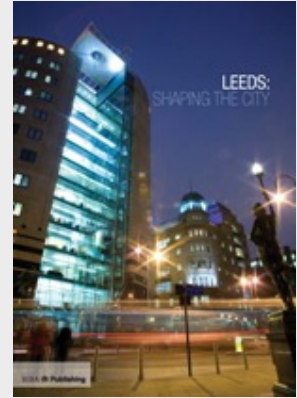
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Book of the Month

Leeds: Shaping the City with Martin Wainwright and Jerry Hardman-Jones

This is a great guide to the modern city of Leeds and offers an authoritative and objective assessment on the redevelopment of one of the north's premier cities.

You can win our book of the month by simply emailing mike.althorpe@inst.riba.org
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