

20 London practices selected for Olympic Village

The list of 47 architects who will work on the 2012 Olympic Games' Athletes' Village has been revealed. It includes 20 London practices, several of whom made their initial approaches at RIBA London's Olympic speed dating event in February.

They are: Alison Brooks; Amin Taha; Caruso St John; Cottrell + Vermeulen; de Rijke Marsh Morgan; DSDHA; Eric Parry; Gianni Botsford Architects; Haworth Tompkins; Ian Ritchie; Lifschutz Davidson Sandilands; Munkenbeck & Marshall Urbanism; Niall McLaughlin; Panter Hudspith; Patel Taylor; Penoyre & Prasad; Peter Barber; Studio Egret West; Surface; Walter Menteth Architects.

A series of shortlists will now be prepared to choose architects to design each of the 'individual elements' of the site. The first commissions are set to be awarded in September 2007, and initial designs released in December 2007. It is expected that there will be 20-30 individual commissions.

In addition the ODA has announced the shortlisted consortia to design the 12,000

seat basketball and 8,000 seat fencing arenas for the London 2012 Olympics Games. The shortlist includes Wilkinson Eyre, Grimshaw and David Morley Architects

Ewan Willars, RIBA Head of Policy, writes: "The news is certainly not doom and gloom - there are some great opportunities for all sizes and types of practices still in the pipeline. Projects will continue to come to the market throughout 2007 and well into next year. Thanks to the behind the scenes work by the RIBA and London Region, we are hopeful that many more small, London based firms will be given the chance to design for the London Olympics - but it is up to you to grasp that opportunity!"

Jerome Frost, Head of Design at the ODA Design & Regeneration, added "The ODA is delighted to be working with the RIBA on London 2012, and is looking forward to continuing to build a close working relationship to ensure that Britain's best design talent will be involved in delivering the Games and beyond."

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ARRK's Rapid Architectural Modelling team is delighted to partner RIBA London during 2007/8. With RIBA London's support we intend to make more architects aware of the range of modelmaking solutions available to them through 3D CAD modelling packages.

Helen Fowler and Paul Knight, from ARRK's architectural team, believe that

ARRK's ability to provide clients with a model in a matter of days rather than weeks, using the in-house range of Rapid Prototyping technologies, really benefits them. The visual impact and impression created adds value and meaning to their proposal and helps to sell their vision. Even small practices are now using CAD Architectural packages and ARRK is equipped to work with the majority of these.

We hope to talk to as many architects as possible to explain the numerous benefits they could gain through ARRK's association with RIBA London, and at 100% Detail Exhibition at Earl's Court in September.

Young Vic on Stirling Prize shortlist

RIBA London's Building of the Year, the Young Vic Theatre by Haworth Tompkins is among the six buildings which have made it on to this year's shortlist for the RIBA Stirling Prize in association with The Architects' Journal. The £20,000 prize is awarded to the architects of the building that has made the greatest contribution to British architecture in the past year. The winner will be announced at the Roundhouse on 6 October.

More affordable? More sustainable? 240,000 new homes per year. How realistic?

An affordable housing seminar organised jointly by the London Branches of the CIH, RTPI, ROOMatRTPI, RIBA, RICAS and the CIOB will take place on 9 November at the CBI Conference Centre, Centre Point, New Oxford Street, WC1. This seminar will bring together people working in housing, planning, surveying, architecture and building in London. Iain Wright MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary in Communities and Local Government, will deliver the opening keynote speech with a lively panel debate and workshops around the overall theme. Fees: £95 + VAT (CIH/ RTPI/ ROOMatRTPI/ RIBA/ RICS/ CIOB member); £120 + VAT (non-member). For event information or to book a place, contact Janet Killilea, Event Organiser, t/f: 01606 79596, e: jkem@btinternet.com

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"The conference was great. Very good subjects and good speakers." 2006 delegate

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Speakers include: Simon Allford, AHMM; Amanda Baillieu, BD; Patrick Ballew, Atelier Ten; David Partridge, Argent; Sunand Prasad, RIBA President; Roger Zogolovitch, AZ Urban Studio and small green practitioners from across the UK.

Conference live pitch competition: the Green Dragons' Den

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Interior view of Colourscape Clapham Common 15th anniversary year (2004) Photo courtesy of Colourscape

Arts Space Competition

Photo Morley von Sternberg

Arts Space of the Future: ideas competition for members

RIBA London has launched a competition with Arts Council England to invite the capital's architects to respond to the challenge of creating our arts spaces of the future; spaces which reflect changing lifestyles, expectations and forms of participation, new and developing arts practice, the need to address climate change and issues of sustainability and the move towards more flexible, publicly-engaged buildings.

The competition aims to generate discussion and debate about the possibilities for the future of arts space design. The competition invites only conceptual schemes. Free from the constraints of construction details, the architects are encouraged to be as creative and inventive as possible. Entrants should consider the possibilities of new technologies, flexibility for other uses, and question the current typology.

The competition is open to RIBA London student, graduate and chartered architect members and there will be cash prizes of £5,000 (1st), £2,500 (2nd) and £1,000 (3rd). The closing date for entries is 22 November 2007, with judging taking place in December and the winner announced in January 2008, alongside a public exhibition hosted by the National Theatre. While the competition is open only to entries from RIBA members in

London, there will be an opportunity for the wider architecture and arts sectors to discuss the issues raised by the competition at an associated seminar in late January. More information about this and the Arts Space of the Future competition is available from our website www.architecture.com/ribalondon and from the Arts Council England website www.artscouncil.org.uk

The judges for the Art Spaces for the Future Exhibition will be chaired by Charlie Leadbeater, leading authority on innovation and creativity, and will include: Sarah Weir, Executive Director, Arts Council England, London; Kwame Kwei Armah, actor and playwright; Tricia Austin, Central St Martins; Sarah Featherstone, Featherstone Associates; Dr Ben Todd, Engineer and Executive Director of Arcola Theatre; and Steve Tompkins, Haworth Tompkins Architects.



Sunand Prasad urges London's architects to support Climate Change campaign



Cartoon by gus

Sunand Prasad has now succeeded Jack Pringle as RIBA President and has said that climate change will be a key focus of his presidency. As a London-based architect living in Hackney with a practice in Islington, he believes that RIBA London and London's architects have a major responsibility to focus on the challenges of climate change.

"The first thing London's architects need to do is to support or constructively criticise the RIBA's four-part Climate Change policy. Contraction and Convergence is a practical and equitable way of achieving the CO₂ emission reductions globally. Increasingly it is local authorities that are showing themselves to be more progressive than national Governments. London has been leading the way by example.

"RIBA London's work with the GLA to address local issues is tremendously valuable. At the same time all of us as individual members must play our part by becoming carbon literate and carbon numerate. We should be as familiar with carbon emission figures as we are with house prices. There is a huge role for RIBA

London's innovative CPD programme in enabling us to skill up to get closer to zero carbon.

"The RIBA needs to tackle CO₂ reduction in its own activities; so should practices e.g by looking at fuel and light bills, making more use of video conferencing and carbon neutral travel. For London, adaptation to the consequences of climate change and how we change behaviour creates big issues. RIBA London is already campaigning vigorously - more please!

"There are plenty of other challenges, such as planning and housing, with the Thames Gateway at the top of the agenda. The Olympic Games are crucially important and there are now grounds for optimism for London's architects. We have a good panel for the Olympic Village with practices of different sizes included. RIBA London's Olympic Dinner followed by Olympic Speed Dating was a fantastic coup."

Sunand is very excited about the Presidency. "I am very lucky that there is now much greater continuity between one President and the next. It has been an enormous advantage to work with Jack on policy and strategy over the last two years and see initiatives in which we have been instrumental in getting underway. Jack and I have worked together very closely. While, inevitably each brings his own character to the Presidency, we do both share idealistic impatience."

While the role of President will engage Sunand three days a week, and he will make a point of visiting as many branches and regions as he can, he is keen to continue to play an active part in RIBA London's initiatives.

RIBA London Chairman's Dinner and Conference 2007

In response to the work of Building Futures and their report 'Living with Water - visions of a flooded future' RIBA London is focusing the 2007 Chairman's dinner and conference on the future of the Thames.

Three keynote speakers will each give a short 10-15 minute presentation discussing the different ways of dealing with changing water levels and allowing for the bigger changes that are anticipated as a result of climate change. Kim Wilkie, author of the Thames Landscape Strategy, will give context to the discussion by linking the importance of protecting natural water flows to avoid damage created by flooding with the roles of planners and architects to take these issues on board. Rachel Hill, Technical Strategy Manager, Environment Agency, will speak about water management and her work with Thames Estuary 2100. Tom Le Quesne, Freshwater Policy Officer, WWF-UK, will introduce the 'Blueprint for Water' and its implications for the built environment. After each presentation, the chair David Lunts, Executive Director of Policy and Partnerships GLA, will then question each speaker on their area of expertise. A panel of specialists will join the discussion for an open debate with all attendees.

The event will take place on 21 November 2007 aboard the Silver Sturgeon, moored at the Savoy Pier, Embankment between 4.30 and 7pm, and a tour of the river will occur during dinner returning to the pier at 9pm. Tickets cost £110 + VAT and are available from riba.london@inst.riba.org

As the event includes a two hour seminar on relevant architectural and environmental issues, **this event will count as two hours of CPD core curriculum** on sustainable architecture in a professional context. This makes it especially good value to members. For more information see www.architecture.com/ribalondon



The Silver Sturgeon
Silver Fleet

Annual General Meeting

RIBA London is holding its Annual General Meeting at Material Lab in Great Titchfield Street at 6.30pm on 29 October. Will Alsop, recently appointed Patron for RIBA London will give a talk on his vision for RIBA London. Nominations for the Council are invited. Chairman Andrew Hanson is seeking re-election for a further year and RIBA London is looking for nominations for a chair-elect.

RIBA International Conference

The RIBA is holding its International Conference in Paris on 26-27 October. It takes place in Stanley Kubrick-like interior of Oscar Niemeyer's French Communist Party Headquarters and the grand old man of architecture (the world's oldest practising architect, 100 in December) will be there - at least on video - to welcome delegates to his favourite European project.

Also in the programme are Jean Nouvel, in conversation with Spencer de Grey; and Roisin Heneghan, architect of the Grand Museum of Egypt in conversation with Buro Happold engineer Tony McLaughlin. There will also be the usual mix of receptions and architectural tours.

The registration cost is £399. For more information go to www.architecture.com To book, please email ribaconference@createvents.co.uk

CPD autumn programme

Launching the autumn Continuing Professional Development (CPD) programme, RIBA London has placed special emphasis on the needs of small practices. On Wednesday 3 October, RIBA London will be holding an all day event on 'Running your own practice' with six seminars covering different aspects of Practice Management, essential to growing practices and to architects looking to start out on their own. This seminar will be six hours of CPD, priced at three hours.

Club Membership is changing too, with smaller practices (employing less than six professional staff) being able to purchase Club Membership at the usual price, but with this Club Membership being transferable between other similar sized practices. This makes CPD more affordable and provides a means of opening up communication between small practices.

Club Membership was originally allocated on an individual basis at a cost of £270 plus VAT, entitling members to book, in advance, 12 hours of CPD during the season. Additional hours can be bought at £22.50 per hour plus VAT. From October larger practices will be able to purchase Club Membership and send any staff member to London CPD events at the discounted rate.

The autumn season will provide 38 seminars covering 31 subjects and will take place at 11 different venues. In addition to the core curriculum subjects - Professional Context, Practice Management, Managing Projects, Construction Skills, Personal Skills Development and Health and Safety, courses will include workshops for architects on planning statements and the RIBA CPD

Providers Network Roadshow.

RIBA London will for the first time be working with the London Communications Agency, who will be holding a CPD session looking at how the governing of London, through the Mayor, the GLA, local and national government, affects architects, planners, designers and other building industry professionals. Later in the season there will be a seminar on 'Understanding the media'.

The spring 07 season proved particularly popular with participants. Luke Tozer, Co-Chair, London Urbanism and Planning Group writes: "The 'Project management and architecture' session gave useful advice in a clear and structured way which could be immediately put into practice in the office. The speaker was engaging and entertaining to the extent I didn't check my watch or email all afternoon."



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