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QUOTATION OF THE MONTH



“But mom, I am one of the greatest architects of all times, I'm the founder of modern architecture, I can't do a traditional house for y... Aouch! Okay, okay...”

[Le Corbusier](#)

Swiss-born architect, designer, urbanist, writer and painter, (1887–1965)

News

Europa Nostra Annual Congress 2008



Europa Nostra, Europe's most prestigious cultural heritage organisation, staged its annual congress in NewcastleGateshead recently.

The five-day event took place from 11-15 June and has been held in a European capital city for the past two decades. The appeal of the North East England location has led organisers to break with tradition and invite more than 300 delegates to enjoy the region's hospitality.

"I'm delighted that Europa Nostra chose NewcastleGateshead to host its 2008 Congress," said Andrew Dixon, chief executive of NewcastleGateshead Initiative (NGI). "The event attracted high numbers of influential delegates from across Europe and is estimated to have generated around £500,000 for to the local economy".

As well as the European Heritage Awards, this year's congress included a meeting focused on 'A Celebration of the Contribution of Heritage to Intercultural Dialogue', and the yearly Europa Nostra Forum, this year about 'Securing the Future of Europe's Engineering Heritage'.

Speakers attended the forum from countries across Europe, including Austria, Belgium, Germany and The Netherlands.

Pictured (l-r): Cyril Winkell, Andrew Dixon and Dolan Conway discuss the congress

Three RIBA members recognised in Queens Birthday Honours 2008

Three chartered members of the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) have received awards in the Queen's Birthday Honours list.

The RIBA warmly congratulates:

- Lord Rogers of Riverside was made a Member of the Order of the Companions of Honour for public service and for services to Architecture.
- Graham Cartledge received a CBE for services or services to Architecture and to Charity
- Anthony Paul Rossi received a CBE for services to Heritage and to Conservation.

RIBA Regional Award winners 2008

The winners of the 2008 RIBA Awards were announced last month. Congratulations to the three winners in our region!

Alnwick Garden Pavilion



Architect: Hopkins Architects

Client: Alnwick Gardens

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The basic planning moves are surefooted. The existing garden wall and the axis of the Cascade and Ornamental garden are the basic formal clues to which the Visitors Centre and Pavilion respond.

A path runs behind the garden wall to a small piazza which is formed by the wings of the Visitors Centre. The client has put great stress on sustainability and both the Visitors Centre and Pavilion perform well. The double roll of the ETFE and PTFE roofs also lie gracefully across the garden when viewed over the Cascade and against the garden wall and woodland beyond.

This is a complex scheme but it has a clear design vision and is innovative in its use of materials.

Bamburgh Clinic, St Nicholas Hospital



Architect: MAAP Architects

Client: Northumberland, Tyne & Wear NHS Trust

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It is part of the building's success that one's first encounter remains illusive and it is not until you pass through security that its true nature becomes apparent. This could be a sinister moment but it merely confirms the humaneness of the place; there are no security bars here.

The building is organised around a series of landscaped courts which relate to each of the three wards. A double height corridor runs around each court giving access to the patients' rooms which look outwards onto a private territory.

The communal areas lie between the courts and the entrance. These are very successful from an operational point of view but are tougher than the wards. This building has been executed with rigour in all aspects, briefing, budget and design.

Lifestyle Academy



Architect: RMJM Scotland

Client: Newcastle College

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The dark brooding presence of the building thrusts forward to grab your attention as you approach. The windows may appear to be randomly disposed but have been carefully arranged to give particular views from the spaces within. The building is not only for teaching but is in part a commercial venture which has to advertise its presence to encourage its clientele.

One of the main strategic moves was to place areas such as the gym, spa, beauty salons and cafeteria on the top floor, so as to be visible across the City and to enjoy the views over the Tyne.

The building has benefited from the robust working relationship that was established early on between the client and designers which thoroughly tested decisions made all through the project.

Tyne Future – High Speed Ferry and Hotel Ship

The Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) North East launched its *BridgeScape - Bridges for People* publication, at the European Heritage Awards in Newcastle. The *BridgeScape* publication is the latest contribution by North East architects, urban designers, planners, landscape architects, engineers and artists in setting out a vision for the Tyne for the coming years. Previous RIBA North East *'scape'* publications have addressed city centres and riversides.

BridgeScape sets out a bold vision for the future of the Tyne, examines the importance of bridges and suggests how the river could be utilised to improve the physical, commercial and civil connections between Newcastle and Gateshead. Report authors have suggested a number of visionary projects for the Tyne including a high speed ferry crossing, a hotel ship and conference centre and a new bridge to cross the river. The report also studies the history of the Tyne bridges and looks at them in the context of other bridges from around the world.

In his foreword to the *BridgeScape* document Dolan Conway, Chair of RIBA North East says:

‘BridgeScape is now the latest in the continuum of ‘scape’ studies led by the RIBA in the North East. The publication celebrates our architectural bridging heritage and attempts to celebrate NewcastleGateshead by illustrating our great engineering past and looking forward to possibilities for the future.’

Andrew Dixon, Chief Executive of NewcastleGateshead Initiative, posed a challenge in his contribution, commenting that:

‘Given the strong vision and leadership that exists in NewcastleGateshead I have no doubt that we will see another bridge across the Tyne within the next decade. Perhaps we should create a challenge to local architects, developers and planners to work with business, communities and the media to start thinking about where the bridge might have the most impact.’

If you would like to receive a free copy of the RIBA North East’s Bridgescape publication please contact Zoe Townsend at the North East office on 0191 222 0186 or email zoe.townsend@inst.riba.org.

Small Businesses to get Free access to Public Sector Contracts

supply2.gov.uk
supplier route to government

A free trial has started to provide small and medium sized businesses with access to thousands of public sector contract opportunities.

From 1 May until 31 July 2008, the www.supply2.gov.uk website will allow new registrants to gain free access to public sector contracts valued under £100,000 for the UK and Northern Ireland.

The free trial is part of the Department for Business’ Enterprise Strategy which was released in March, which outlined new measures to increase the amount of government business that is won by small firms.

Business Minister Shriti Vadera said:

“Small and medium sized businesses need our support to expand. Many smaller businesses are more innovative, have lower costs and present better value for taxpayers than larger firms.

“Introducing Britain’s small firms to Government procurement contracts online will provide opportunities to grow that they would not have otherwise found.

“Encouraging more small businesses to register for opportunities will mean buyers benefit from increased competition and access to a wider range of suppliers.”

John Wright, Federation of Small Businesses National Chairman said:

“The announcement of a free trial for small businesses to get access to public sector contracts is very welcome news. We supported the Supply2 initiative from the outset and we hope that this free trial period will encourage more small businesses to try their hand at delivering goods and services to the public sector.

“But local authorities and government departments must play their part too by making sure that more small business opportunities are advertised on Supply2. Opening up public sector procurement to the UK’s 4.5 million small businesses can and should eradicate the false assumption that biggest is always best.”

More than 3,000 new contracts are available on www.supply2.gov.uk each month. The three month free trial, available to businesses registering for the first time, will provide access to contracts throughout the UK rather than in a nominated local area.

The Enterprise Strategy featured a range of measures to boost small firms competing for public procurement. An advisory committee, headed by Anne Glover, will look at ways to reduce barriers that small businesses face when competing for public sector contracts and the practicality of setting a goal for them to win 30 per cent of public sector business within five years.

The Strategy also included an announcement that the rules for government procurement will be changed to allow companies, particularly small firms, to use invoice financing to compete for public contracts.

The trial will run between May and July 2008. New registrants after this date will only benefit from the free local location.

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For more information about the Department for Business' Enterprise Strategy visit www.berr.gov.uk/bbf/enterprise-smes/enterprise-framework/index.html

Architecture Review 2008 now available

Copies of the 2008 Architecture Review are now available from the RIBA North East regional office for £30 + postage and packaging. If you would like a copy please contact Zoe Townsend at the regional office on 0191 222 0186 or email zoe.townsend@inst.riba.org

Job Vacancies on RIBA Jobs Website

RIBA members can now place job adverts on a dedicated regional page of www.ribajobs.com. RIBA Appointments offer a good value service for web advertisement and the site is linked to the regional web site.

RIBA Trust Exhibitions

Until 7th September 2008, V&A + RIBA Architecture Gallery, **Unseen Hands: 100 years of Structural Engineering.**

Until 20th July 2008, Six riverboat piers: Millbank, Embankment, Bankside, Tower, Canary Wharf and Greenwich QE2, **Dark Waters.**

Until 19th July 2008, Gallery 2, 66 Portland Place, **Evolving Norms of British Housing**

Until 19th July 2008, Florence Hall, 66 Portland Place, **MaXICO**

The RIBA exhibition spaces are open Monday to Friday 10am to 6pm and Saturdays 10am to 5pm. Entry to all exhibitions is free. Evening or weekend functions sometimes affect gallery opening times. If planning a visit on a Saturday or late weekday afternoon, it is advisable to call beforehand. Contact: Tel: 020 7942 2000 or visit www.vam.ac.uk

Coffee Break

This month's puzzle is **The Four Elopements by Sam Lloyd**

It is told that four men eloped with their sweethearts, but in carrying out their plan were compelled to cross a stream in a boat which would hold but two persons at a time. In the middle of the stream, as shown in the sketch, there is a small island. It appears that the young men were so extremely jealous that not one of them would permit his prospective bride to remain at any time in the company of any other man or men unless he was also present.



Nor was any man to get into a boat alone when there happened to be a girl alone, on the island or shore, other than the one to whom he was engaged. This leads one to suspect that the girls were also jealous and feared that their fellows would run off with the wrong girl if they got a chance. Well, be that as it may, the problem is to guess the quickest way to get the whole party across the river.

Let us suppose the river to be two hundred yards wide, with an island in the middle on which any number can stand. How many trips would the boat make to get the four couples safely across in accordance with the imposed conditions?

Answers will be given in next month's e bulletin.

LAST MONTHS SUDOKU SOLUTION

7	5	8	1	9	6	3	4	2
2	1	3	7	4	8	9	6	5
6	9	4	3	2	5	8	7	1
3	4	5	6	8	2	7	1	9
8	2	1	5	7	9	6	3	4
9	7	6	4	3	1	5	2	8
4	6	9	2	5	3	1	8	7
5	3	7	8	1	4	2	9	6
1	8	2	9	6	7	4	5	3

EVENTS

To find further information on these or other events organised and sponsored by the RIBA North East please visit our website www.architecture.com and follow the links to **What's on?** Or alternatively follow the link below to go to the RIBA North East webpage and view our CPD Programme, here you can also download booking forms,

<http://www.architecture.com/RegionsAndInternational/UKNationsAndRegions/England/RIBANorthEast/RIBANorthEast.aspx>

Non-Core Event – Presenting for Impact

Thursday 10 July – Nixon Hall, Northumbria University

This 3 hour session will introduce you to many powerful and practical tips, helping you to present to a range of audiences with real impact.

For further details please see separate attachment or contact the Regional Office.

Core Event 7 – Code for Sustainable Homes

Thursday 17 July 2008 – Nixon Hall, Northumbria University

An invaluable course giving a concise overview of the requirements governing the Code for Sustainable Homes

For further details please see separate attachment or contact the Regional Office.

Core Event 8 – Building Cost Management

Thursday 21 August 2008 - **Nixon Hall TBC**

Taking the risk out of Cost Management, Value Engineering, Lean Construction and Supply Chain Management

This seminar will address the following aspects of building cost management, a crucial element of 'Managing Projects' in the RIBA Core Curriculum for CPD.

For further details please follow the link to the RIBA North East regional website.

Non-Core Event – RIBA Appointments and Contracts Update

Thursday 2 September 2008 – Watson Burton, Newcastle

For further details please follow the link to the RIBA North East regional website.

Core Event 9 – Design Skills

Thursday 18 September 2008

Light as an Architectural Tool: The Building Blocks of Light

For further details please follow the link to the RIBA North East regional website.

Non-Core Event – Natural Ventilation

Thursday 2 October 2008 – TBC

For further details please follow the link to the RIBA North East regional website.

Core Event 10 – Practice Management

Thursday 16 October 2008

Enhancing Practice Management through increased Personal Effectiveness

This workshop covers the fundamentals of personal effectiveness and how to enhance practice management by consistently getting the best from people and adding the greatest value to your firm.

For further details please follow the link to the RIBA North East regional website.

Core Event 11 – CDM 2007 – 18 Months on

Thursday 20 November 2008 – TBC

The Revised Construction (Design and Management) Regulations (CDM) 2007 came into force on the 6th April 2007. The regulations now incorporate the provision of both CDM and the Construction (Health, Safety and Welfare) Regulations 1996 in one set of regulations, with the purpose of:-

making health and safety considerations integral to the management and delivery of construction projects' ensuring they are safe to build, use, maintain and eventually demolish.

The seminar will review the changes to CDM legislation and the Code of Practice, consider the duties of designers and review specific case studies from which experience of interpretation and application can be gained.

For further details please follow the link to the RIBA North East regional website.

July's Event Diary

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
30 June	1 July	2	3	4 Sandcastle Challenge SandHaven, South Shields £	5 6
7	8	9	10 Presenting for Impact Nixon Hall, Northumbria University 2 – 5 pm £	11 – World Population Day Sandcastle Ball Gosforth Marriott Hotel £	12 13
14 – My Birthday!!	15 - St. Swithun's Day The British weather lore proverb says that if it rains on today, it will rain for 40 days and 40 nights.	16	17 Core Event 7 – Code for sustainable homes Nixon Hall, Northumbria University 2-5pm ♣	18	19 20 – Neil Armstrong became the first man to land on the moon
21	22	23	24	25	26 27
28	29	30	31	1 August – Lammas Day	2 3

♣ This event is included in CPD Club membership

£ There is any additional charge for this event

○ This event is free