For those of you who follow our activities at RIBA North, you may have noticed a thread of commonality running through our activities. We are attempting, through our programme, to explore the ways in which architects and their design teams can work together to adapt to and mitigate against the impacts of a rapidly warming climate.

Thirty years after James Hansen, a space scientist at NASA’s Goddard Institute, told a U.S senate committee he was 99 percent certain that the year’s record temperatures were not the result of natural variation, we are finally seeing some kind of unified climate action and activism. Many businesses, like the RIBA, are declaring a climate and ecological emergency and putting plans in place to take demonstrable action in response to this declaration.

The impact of the built environment on our planet is vast and complex, it’s not something we could cover in a single project or exhibition at RIBA North. Throughout this year and last, we have concentrated on the relevance of sustainable materials and processes, from hyper-localised ceramic building materials to façade panels grown from mushrooms.

In our Winter season we continue our interest in materials with the exhibition ‘Forest of Fabrication’ which provides insight into dRMM’s innovative use of timber and their involvement in revolutionary uses of this material. An exciting and informative programme of events accompanies the exhibition from now until the end of February 2020, from a cross-laminated timber masterclass, to informal curators tours of the exhibition and dRMM’s Maggie’s Centre in Oldham.

All events are free to attend and everyone is welcome.

Sign up to our mailing list to stay updated on all events – architecture.com/ribanorth

We look forward to welcoming you to RIBA North.

Suzy Jones
Director RIBA North
Architecture Walking Tours

Liverpool is one of the UK’s greatest cities. From Georgian terraces and the world-famous docks to grandiose commercial and civic monuments, the city is alive with architecture and buildings that chart over 300 years of history and development.

The Liverpool Maritime Mercantile City is a UNESCO-designated World Heritage Site comprising of six locations including many of the city’s most famous landmarks. Our tours cover these locations. Whether you are a city resident, or just visiting Liverpool – on our tours you will discover the architecture and the history of Liverpool through its key buildings and public spaces. Join us to learn the story of Liverpool’s past, present and future.

To book a tour visit architecture.com/ribanorth

Group Tours
Tours can be especially tailored to suit your needs or one of our regular tours can be delivered at a time to suit you.

For more information email lct@riba.org or telephone +44(0)151 703 0107.

Forest of Fabrication Exhibition

27 SEPTEMBER 2019 TO 29 FEBRUARY 2020

RIBA North, the Building Centre and dRMM Architects present ‘Forest of Fabrication,’ an exhibition celebrating the possibilities and significance of modern timber architecture.

RIBA chartered architects dRMM, led by Professor Alex de Rijke, Philip Marsh, Professor Sadie Morgan and Jonas Lencer, are pioneers in the use and development of engineered timber. They carry out extensive research into new approaches to building design by considering experimental structure, composition and placemaking; addressing both social and environmental sustainability by understanding how people move through, use and experience spaces. dRMM believes outstanding architecture solves problems and transforms lives. A belief which is shared by many and which will be put to the test over the coming decade as our global community faces unprecedented challenges.

This exhibition features 24 concept models across 24 years from this RIBA Stirling Prize winning practice. Each project explores the challenges and opportunities of timber design and collectively they show the outcome of dRMM’s approach to continued renewal through knowledge, innovation and a compassion for our planet.
Forest of Fabrication events

Meet the Architect
Friday 11 October 2019
1pm – 2pm
A public exhibition tour looking at key themes and principles in dRMM projects.

Maggie’s Oldham in Context
Wednesday 23 October 2019
3pm – 5pm
A tour of dRMM’s award-winning building Maggie’s Oldham, highlighting architectural considerations and material innovations that place visitors’ needs at the forefront of design.

Meet the Architect
Friday 8 November 2019
1pm – 2pm
A public exhibition tour looking at key themes and principles in dRMM projects.

Pavilion in Timber: Potential of Density
Wednesday 13 November 2019
12pm – 6:30pm
A half-day symposium exploring sustainable use of land and materials, with contributions from architects, suppliers and academics.

Meet the Architect
Friday 17 January 2020
1pm – 2pm
A public exhibition tour looking at key themes and principles in dRMM projects.

Building a Sustainable Future – Timber as a Whole-Life Product
Thursday 30 January 2020
5.30pm – 7.30pm
A panel discussion exploring the opportunities and challenges of sourcing, using and reusing timber in the increasingly conscious construction industry.

Forest of Fabrication Closing Plenary
Wednesday 26 February 2020
5.30pm – 7.30pm
dRMM are joined by local and international speakers to discuss the future of timber buildings and the innovations driving the industry.

For more information and to book visit: architecture.com/riba-north

Thank you to our sponsors:

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RIBA North Shop

Here at RIBA North our shop features a range of exclusive RIBA merchandise alongside books, gifts and stationery for architecture and design enthusiasts. Throughout the year we play host to a changing variety of talented designers and brands; presenting architecturally inspired products by Areaware, Tom Pigeon and Cinqpoints. We also stock a range of publications including the The Modernist, C20 Magazine and Apartamento.

Jewellery by Loela

Cards by Tom Pigeon

City Gallery & Digital Model

At the heart of RIBA North is the City Gallery, a space to learn more about Liverpool’s past, present and future, as well as the processes involved in the evolution of the built environment.

RIBA North’s City Gallery includes an interactive 3D Digital City Model which tells a variety of stories about Liverpool and the surrounding area. This model is also an extraordinary professional tool, which can be used by developers, architects and planners to host public consultations, anticipate the impact of future development and encourage the best design approaches.

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Framework coffee

Get your caffeine and cake fix with Framework Coffee at RIBA North. Serving speciality coffee and delicious food, Framework Coffee is the perfect place to digest our exhibitions and stop by for a Waterfront lunch.

Monday 7:30 am – 4:00 pm
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Friday 7:30 am – 4:00 pm
Saturday 10:00 am – 5:00 pm
Sunday Closed
Venue Hire

At RIBA North, detail matters

From special occasions to bespoke events, RIBA North is an award-winning, landmark venue in the heart of Liverpool’s historic waterfront.

Parties | Private dining | Bespoke events | Business breakfast | Catering | Meetings | Product launches | Two to 350 guests | Dedicated event management | Flexible spaces over two floors | AV, lighting and styling options | Festive occasions

Catering is provided by our partners, Framework, and can be tailored to your needs. Our team is on hand to help you plan your next event here at RIBA North. RIBANorthVenues@riba.org: +44 (0)151 703 0107

Co-working Space

Co-working desk spaces at RIBA North are fully serviced with no hidden fees. For a flat rate, our desk spaces offer a unique working environment with access to superb facilities in a stunning location. This is a rare opportunity to relocate your office or studio into a high-level networking environment and we would be delighted to show you around.

Contact Ed.Cox@riba.org for more information.

OPEN
Tuesday to Saturday
10am to 5pm
Closed Sundays and Mondays
Closed from 22 Dec - re-opens 2 Jan 2020

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There is step-free access into RIBA North, and a lift to the first floor. Access dogs are welcome. Details about blue badge parking can be found on the Liverpool City Council website. Please call +44 (0)151 703 0107 to arrange your visit.

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Bus
The nearest bus stop is Liverpool ONE Bus Station about a 5-10 minute walk from RIBA North or the Pier Head. Some buses do drop off at the Pier Head. Please visit the Merseytravel website for full details about local Bus and Train services.

Ferry
Mersey Ferries run a regular service from the Wirral to the Pier Head Ferry Terminal which is two minutes from RIBA North.

Car
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