Wales Festival of Architecture

Discovering the unexpected...

Programme March to June 2019

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The Wales Festival of Architecture is a joint initiative between Aberystwyth Arts Centre – Aberystwyth University – and the Royal Society of Architects in Wales Mid-Wales Branch. RSAW is the Royal Institute of British Architects in Wales, representing over 650 Chartered Architects in four Branch areas of Wales.
Discovering the unexpected...
March, April, May, June

2019 has been named Wales’s Year of Discovery, so the Wales Festival of Architecture returns this spring to celebrate all that is interesting and unexpected about buildings that could be right on your doorstep, wherever you are in Wales. Venturing beyond our hub at Aberystwyth Arts Centre, the 2019 Festival reaches out to a wider audience through 25 events in 15 venues of architectural interest across Wales. With films, talks and exhibitions, plus a return of the popular ‘Be an Architect for the Day’ Workshop, we hope there will be something for everyone to discover!

Attendance is free unless a price is shown; please register in advance if indicated in the text.

CELEBRATIONS

Festival and symposium launch reception
Friday 15 March, 6pm - 8pm
Oriel Myrddin Gallery Carmarthen

Symposium delegates and RSAW guests are invited to join Oriel Myrddin Gallery and Niall Maxwell from Rural Office for Architecture for drinks and canapés to celebrate the launch of the 2019 Wales Festival of Architecture, in advance of the Progressive Landscapes symposium at Newton House in the National Trust’s Dinefwr Park on Saturday 16 March. View The Building Project exhibition and meet designers Marcus Beck and Simon Macro (Freshwest) to hear about the themes and concepts behind the exhibition.

Registration required rsaw@riba.org 029 2022 8987

Mid-Festival celebration
Thursday 09 May, 6pm – 8pm
Aberystwyth Arts Centre, cinema and café foyer

To mark the launch of the exhibition Discovering the Architecture of Wales – Past, Present and Future and to celebrate the half-way point of our extended 7th Festival, Aberystwyth Arts Centre hosts a conversation about Welsh architecture past and present, starting on-stage at 6pm and continuing in the café-bar foyer with drinks and refreshments to 8pm.

Registration required rsaw@riba.org 029 2022 8987

Tŷ Pawb Garden Party
Friday 31 May, 4pm – 6pm
Tŷ Pawb, Wrexham

Conceived by artist Kevin Hunt as an offshoot of Tŷ Pawb’s annual Wal Pawb commission, Gardening Club has developed a section of multi-storey carpark into an environmentally conscious community garden. Come celebrate!

Join us on the day! For more information contact Heather.Wilson@wrexham.gov.uk

Welsh Architecture Awards 2019 presentation ceremony
Thursday 30 May, 6pm – 8.30pm
Cornerstone, Cardiff

Find out which buildings by RIBA Chartered Architects will receive Welsh Architecture Awards and special category prizes in 2019.

Tickets £25 + VAT
rsaw@riba.org 029 2022 8987
SYMPOSIUM
Progressive Landscapes: architecture/power/place

Saturday 16 March 9.30am – 4pm; plus optional workshop 5pm – 6pm
Newton House, National Trust Dinefwr Park, Carmarthenshire

As part of the National Trust’s 2019 public programme People’s Landscapes, this forum invites architects, artists, planners, writers and environmentalists to reflect on how our land, community and identity have been shaped by power and privilege, with a focus on making the heritage landscape more relevant and engaging for all. The day ends with a chance to join in one of Oriel Myrddin’s The Building Project workshops, making your own small plaster ‘house’ as part of the artwork by creative practice Freshwest.

Tickets: £55 Book at: goo.gl/yvh8vG

DESIGN WORKSHOPS

The Building Project Workshops
Saturday 16 March, 11am and 2pm
Newton House, NT Dinefwr, Carmarthenshire

Make your contribution to The Building Project’s miniaturised settlement by creating your own small plaster ‘house’ as part of the artwork by creative practice Freshwest.

Workshops at 11am and 2pm; reservations essential.
www.orielmyrddingallery.co.uk/
Tel 01267 222 775
www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/oriel-myrddin-gallery-17838782453

Active Buildings Workshop
Wednesday 27 March, Cardiff
Wednesday 03 April, Swansea

Aimed at architects and technicians, delegates at this workshop will help shape a new Code of Practice for designing ‘Active Buildings’ which is being developed and validated as part of a professional doctorate in the sustainable built environment at the SPECIFIC Innovation and Knowledge Centre, Swansea University. Contribute your knowledge and evaluate the evolving Code of Practice through a design exercise and feedback discussions.

Free to RSAW-RIBA members; £25 others; registration: rsaw@riba.org 0292 022 8987

Architecture and Construction Open Studio
Tuesday 02 April 10am – 4pm
Swansea School of Architecture/CWIC, UWTSD, Innovation Quarter, Swansea SA1 8EW

Get hands-on experience of the technical and design facilities of an architecture teaching studio and an innovative construction skills unit with this behind-the-scenes tour of the new Swansea School of Architecture and the Construction Wales Innovation Centre, which share a purpose-built home in Swansea’s latest waterside development.

Registration required:
ian.standen@uwtsd.ac.uk

ARCHITECTURE AND CONSTRUCTION OPEN STUDIO
Be an Architect for the Day Workshop  
Saturday 06 April 10am – 4.30pm  
Swansea School of Architecture, UWTSD, Innovation Quarter, Swansea SA1 8EW  
Saturday 01 June 10am – 4.30pm  
Aberystwyth Arts Centre SY23 3DE

A taster session with a mix of fun building challenges and briefings on architectural design and drawing techniques; try your hand at producing architectural drawings and designing a project in one day! For all ages from 12+.  
Registration required. For Swansea, contact Ryan Stuckey r.stuckey@uwtsd.ac.uk  
For Aberystwyth, book through Box Office 01970 62 32 32  
www.aberystwythartscentre.co.uk

DESIGN COMPETITION  
LIVE JUDGING
The Future Town of Tredegar  
Thursday 04 April 09.30am – 4pm  
Join the three firms of architects shortlisted for the RIBA Journal ‘Future Town Centres’ competition, as they present their design ideas to the panel of judges in the live final in Tredegar town centre.  
Registration required; rsaw@riba.org 029 2022 8987; details of the venue will be sent on registration.

EXHIBITIONS
The Building Project  
To Saturday 23 March  
Oriel Myrddin Gallery, Carmarthen  
The Building Project exhibition, by creative practice Freshwest is a collaboration with Oriel Myrddin Gallery in which a miniaturised settlement has evolved through practical workshops where visitors made their own small plaster ‘house’ to contribute to the installation. Artists and creatives from diverse disciplines have also been invited to respond to and re-interpret the emerging townscape, asking: what makes a house? what makes a home? how do we make a community? See the results at Oriel Myrddin Gallery until 23 March or reserve a place at the last ‘hands-on’ workshop on Saturday 16 March at Newton House, National Trust Dinefwr.  
https://orielmyrddingallery.co.uk/  
Tel 01267 222775  
Open Mon to Sat 10am – 5pm  
Strata: Phillip Huckin  
To Saturday 6 April  
Pulpit room, MOMA Machynlleth SY20 8AJ  
The exhibition shows work completed for the book ‘Ysbyd Ystrad Fflur’, a collaboration with the Welsh poet Cyril Jones, the archaeologist Professor David Austin and the Welsh cultural historian Rhiannon Jones, together with work drawn from the Ceredigion landscape.  
moma.machynlleth.org.uk  
Tel 01654 703355
The Lost Whaling Stations of the Sub-Antarctic
Paintings by Theo Crutchley-Mack
Saturday 13 April to Saturday 22 June
MOMA Machynlleth SY20 8AJ

South Georgia is a Sub-Antarctic island that was home to the whaling industries of the 20th Century. Now abandoned, the industrial stations lie in ruin, off limits to anyone without a regulated permit from the Government. The exhibition is the result of Theo Crutchley-Mack's two-month residency with the South Georgia Heritage Trust, capturing this unique industrial landscape in 25 drawings and paintings.

moma.machynlleth.org.uk
Tel 01654 703355

Discovering the Architecture of Wales – Past, Present and Future
Monday 06 May to Friday 28 June
Foyer café, Aberystwyth Arts Centre
SY23 3DE

As well as a chance to see the RSAW and National Eisteddfod award-winning buildings of 2018, this exhibition highlights the architectural evolution of Aberystwyth Arts Centre, set alongside a glimpse of the artefacts held in various archives and collections of Welsh Architecture.

www.aberystwythartscentre.co.uk
Tel 01970 623232

From the archives - treasures from the architectural drawings collection at the National Library of Wales
Monday 01 April to Friday 12 April
Summers Room, National Library of Wales, Aberystwyth SY23 3BU

A chance to view items from the architectural drawings collection at the National Library of Wales, not usually on public display.

www.library.Wales Tel 01970 632 800

FILM

A season of architecture films at the Manorhaus, Ruthin, Denbighshire

Saturday 30 March
Metropolis Fritz Lang’s 1927 classic sci-fi exploration of a utopian/dystopian highly stylised futuristic city.

Saturday 27 April
Dark City This neo-noir science fiction film directed by Alex Proyas follows an amnesiac man on the run in a dark and dysfunctional city.

Saturday 25 May
Urbanized A documentary film by Gary Hustwit discussing the design of cities and the issues and strategies behind urban design

Saturday 29 June
1984 There's no escaping Big Brother in the film adaptation of George Orwell’s 1984.

Films start 6.45pm.
Tickets £22.50 includes film screening, 2-course dinner themed to each film, interval ice-cream.
www.picturehausfilmclub.com
- site password ‘casablanca’.
TALKS

The Judge’s Tale – experiences from the RIBA House of the Year jury
Tuesday 26 March, 6pm to 7.30pm
Swansea School of Architecture, UWTSD, IQ Building, Heol Ynys, Kings Road, Swansea SA1 8EW

Hosted by RSAW West Wales Branch at the new School of Architecture in Swansea, Niall Maxwell, founder of Rural Office for Architecture and winner of the 2017 RIBA House of the Year award for Caring Wood in Kent takes us behind the cameras to talk about the production of the 2018 Channel 4 Grand Designs House of the Year TV programmes and his role as a member of the judging panel.

Registration required r.stuckey@uwtsd.ac.uk

Lecture by Hall + Bednarczyk Architects plus discussion
Tuesday 09 April, 7pm
Centre for Alternative Technology, Machynlleth

Architects Kelly Bednarczyk and Martin Hall present a talk about their award-winning projects, followed by a panel discussion on ‘Regionalism in Architecture’, with fellow architect Mary Arnold-Forster, in CAT’s rammed earth lecture theatre, itself an award-winning building by David Lea and Pat Borer.

Further details john.carter@cat.org.uk
www.cat.org.uk

Frank Lloyd Wright
Saturday 13 April 10.30am
Small chemistry lecture theatre, Main Building, Cardiff University, Park Place, Cardiff

Learn about the West Wales roots and influences behind the visionary work of Frank Lloyd Wright, the “greatest American architect of all time” in this talk by architect and broadcaster Jonathan Adams. Ticket includes post-lecture coffee and biscuits with the Friends of the National Museum of Wales, the event hosts.

Tickets £10 on the door including refreshments.

A history of architecture in 20 Welsh buildings
Wednesday 08 May
MOMA Machynlleth - Midday Market Day talk series

This talk by Richard Parnaby challenges the notion that there is limited architectural culture in Wales through a selection of unexpected or relatively little known buildings. Join us for a round-Wales journey from prehistoric Pembrokeshire via Newport and Llandudno to buildings under construction in Cardiff.

Come along on the day!
moma.machynlleth.org.uk
Tel 01654 703355

William Burges – Gothic Revival Genius
Saturday 08 June 10.30am
Reardon Smith lecture theatre, Park Place, Cardiff

The curator of Cardiff Castle Matthew Williams is a recognised expert on Victorian design and the work of the Gothic revival architect William Burges. Post-lecture coffee and biscuits included.

Tickets £10 on the door including refreshments.
The Wales Festival of Architecture is supported by Cefnogir Gŵyl Bensaernïaeth Cymru gan:

Contact RSAW for information on all events / Cysylltwch ag RSAW i gael gwybodaeth am bob digwyddiad:

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