



” Working with Open House on these initiatives has been a real privilege – as rewarding and inspiring for us as it is for the young people who get involved in these events.”

Ken Shuttleworth, Make Architects

ABOUT OPEN HOUSE

Open House is an architecture education organisation committed to raising the standard of our built environment. To do this we develop innovative learning programmes for 3 strands of audience: the public, young people, and decision- makers, encouraging them to connect and engage with their local surroundings.

We are a unique independent platform providing a vital opportunity for everyone to step back and examine what makes a good place in which to live, work and play. With a basis of expertise and research built up over a decade and a half, we have established sustained campaigns and programmes in which thousands of young people, decision-makers, designers and those in the wider community actively participate.

OPEN HOUSE EDUCATION

Over the past three years along Open House programmes have involved 15,000 students, 130 schools, 400 teachers and 500 architects. Open House Learning has helped many understand and celebrate the ways in which London’s architecture can amaze us and enrich our lives.

HOW VOLUNTEERING CAN BENEFIT YOU & YOUR PRACTICE

Supporting the organisation and its work provides many benefits to architects and practices including:

- Opportunities to develop a greater understanding of how young people learn and the educational environments which best inspire learning

- Opportunities to work with and learn from young people to inspire new ways of thinking about your own designs
- Networking opportunities with educational partners and across the built environment sector
- Acknowledgement of your practice's support through Learning publications and events
- Association with the most successful annual architectural 'event' in the UK as well as other high profile initiatives

GETTING INVOLVED: PROGRAMMES & OPPORTUNITIES

SCHOOLS PROGRAMMES

Primary School Programme: Junior Open House

What? Junior Open House has been running for 6 years, during the programme each architect works in collaboration with a partner class and education volunteer, supported by Open House Educators, to help pupils investigate exemplary London architecture and work to a design brief.

When? Summer 2010:

Who? Architects to partner with schools & architectural students to support partner architects & teachers (signing up as Education Volunteers)

Commitment for architects:

- Attend an evening pre-programme training session: 30 March, 31 March or 1 April 2010
- Facilitate a half-day building exploration during the week of 17-21 May 2010
- Option to attend an evening model-making workshop: 25 May 2010
- Facilitate a practical workshop at the school during 24-28 May or 7-11 June 2010

Commitment for students:

- Attend an evening training session to learn techniques of engaging young people: 16 March 2010
- Introduce the brief to your partner class in school during the week of 19-23 April 2010
- Attend an evening pre-programme training session: 30 March, 31 March or 1 April 2010
- Support a half-day building exploration during the week of 17-21 May 2010
- Option to attend an evening model-making workshop: 25 May 2010
- Support a practical workshop at the school during 24-28 May or 7-11 June 2010

Sign up deadline: 5 March 2010

Secondary School Programme

What? An annual programme for secondary schools which aims to engage students with exemplary London architecture and offers an opportunity for architects to use their specialist knowledge, skills and experience to help students understand how buildings work, the design process and the role of architects.

When? Autumn 2010:

Who? Architects to partner with schools & architectural students to support partner architects & teachers (signing up as Education Volunteers)

Commitment for architects (all dates TBC):

- Attend an evening pre-programme training session
- Facilitate a half-day building exploration during
- Option to attend an evening model-making workshop
- Facilitate a practical workshop at the school during

Commitment for students (all dates TBC):

- Attend an evening training session to learn techniques of engaging young people
- Introduce the brief to your partner class in school
- Attend an evening pre-programme training session to meet your programme partners
- Support a half-day building exploration
- Option to attend an evening model-making workshop
- Support a practical workshop at the school

Sign up deadline: 14 June 2010

OUT OF SCHOOL PROGRAMMES

My Green School Easter Holiday Workshop

What? An exciting workshop during the Easter holidays for young Londoners 11-16 years old to take part in activities exploring **climate change** and **sustainable design**

When? 7-9 April

Who? A small selection of qualified architects in practice

Commitment for all participants:

- Lead or support activities investigating sustainable design

Sign up deadline: 25 March 2010

Archikids Easter Holiday Workshop

What? The Archikids Club (www.archikids.org.uk) is a virtual club for 7-12 year olds to encourage them to explore architecture in a fun and relevant way. This Easter we're running a workshop for young Londoners ages 7-11 to explore architecture and raise awareness of the Open House Archi-kids website. The workshop will be focused on eco-design and will help participants begin to understand how to investigate a building's sustainability and different green design features.

When? Week of 12-16 April 2010 (exact dates TBC)

Who? Architects in practice, architecture students, recent architecture graduates

Commitment for all volunteers:

- Attend an evening briefing session
- Lead or support activities investigating sustainable design

Sign up deadline: 25 March 2010

Summer Architecture Academy

What? A Summer Architecture Academy for 12-19 year olds to investigate different elements of built environment design and professions, taking units led and supported by architects, engineers, students and model-makers.

When? Early August 2010 (dates TBC)

Who? Architects in practice, engineers, sustainability specialists, landscape architects, model-makers, construction professionals, film-makers, architecture students, recent architecture graduates

Commitment for all participants:

- Attend an evening briefing session
- Lead or support a minimum of one unit (1-2 hour session) during the Summer Architecture Academy
- Option to attend the celebration reception on the last day

Sign up deadline: 9 July 2010

If you are interested in getting involved any of these programmes or would like further information, please contact Ros Croker at rcroker@openhouse.org.uk or Tel. 020 7383 5722.

My City Too!

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What? My City Too is a groundbreaking campaign for London, which provides a high-profile platform for young people, aged 12-19, to express their aspirations for the future of London's built environment. Through My City Too young people have been exploring spaces and places across the city and have examined the effectiveness of these spaces for their peer group and other members of the community.

When? Ongoing/ flexible

Who?

Commitment:

- By helping facilitate a discussion/debate during a forum
- Facilitate a practical workshop that develops skills in design communication
- Lead an exploration of an exemplary public space during a forum

Sign up deadline: none, ongoing

If you are interested in getting involved in My City Too please contact Magda Novoa at mnovoa@openhouse.org.uk or Tel. 020 7383 5722.



ARCHITECTURE EDUCATION NETWORK (AEN)

The Architecture Education Network (AEN), brings together teachers and architects informally to unlock the potential of architecture as an educational experience. Popular evening seminars provide teachers and architects with opportunities to explore how architecture can be incorporated into a variety of learning contexts. Open House encourages specialists to share their expertise, communicate their ideas, and generate fresh and innovative approaches to advance architecture education.

One year's membership of the AEN is £35. An institutional membership for 4 people is £100. If you are interested joining the Architecture Network or would like information on future AEN events, please email [Suzie Zuber](mailto:szuber@openhouse.org.uk) szuber@openhouse.org.uk, or phone 020 7383 5722