

## ***Save the date: Open House London 21 & 22 September 2019***

Open House London, the world's largest architectural showcase will take place across the capital on 21 & 22 September.

Over 800 buildings across London will open their doors to the public across the two-day festival, alongside a programme of neighbourhood walks and architect-led tours – all for free.

The event gives the public a unique opportunity to explore and learn about how the city is developing, and discover how great design – in architecture, urban design, planning and infrastructure – can transform the lives of everyday people for the better.

**This year, through a theme of *Social***, Open House explores what it means to live in cities today. From the way social media is creating 'Instagrammable' cities, to the ongoing debate on social housing and how much of this crucial resource London needs to build, to the 'social infrastructure' of everyday things that makes a city tick – the parks, play areas, sports, faith and recreation facilities woven into our neighbourhoods – 'social' spells out the urban condition.

### **Highlights include:**

- Major participants include Millennium Mills; the multi award-winning office by Morris and Company at R7 King's Cross; a bike tour with Tokyo Bike exploring social housing; The Old Bailey.
- Social housing projects across the city, exploring new contemporary homes and iconic sites such as Barbican and Golden Lane Estate
- Old Oak and Park Royal, one of the country's most significant industrial areas, together with a bespoke mapguide to the area
- London's iconic skyline and towers revealed
- Photography competition *Elements*, an exploration of architectural details through Instagram, returning for a second year. Sponsored by Pathe and Curiosity.
- Must-see private homes including award winning Gin Distillery, Whitechapel by Open Practice Architecture as well as Step House by Bureau de Change architects and Roslyn Road by Magri Williams architects.
- Open House Families architectural activities across the capital for children aged 0-13 yrs
- London's social infrastructure with pumping stations, waste management centres and tube tours

### **Editors Notes**

- Open House London weekend 2019 takes place on **21 – 22 September**
- Full details of buildings and events will be published in the **2019 Guide** (available from 20 August) and can be **ordered online** at [opencityshop.myshopify.com](http://opencityshop.myshopify.com). Open House Friends receive the Guide in advance and for free

- Full listings will go live on the Open House website [openhouselondon.org.uk](http://openhouselondon.org.uk) and the app for iPhone and Android on **20 August**
- Open House London is an initiative by the charity Open City, whose mission is to make cities better for everyone through experiencing and learning from great buildings and places
- The first Open House London weekend took place in 1992 with just four boroughs taking part
- In 2019 there are over 800 buildings, tours, walks and places open free to the public over the weekend across all 33 London boroughs
- Over 300,000 visits are made to buildings and events during Open House
- Open House Families festival for children and their families takes place 22-23 June 2019

Website: [www.openhouselondon.org.uk](http://www.openhouselondon.org.uk)

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