

Diary note: Open House London 21 & 22 September 2019

Open House London, the world's largest architectural showcase will take place 21 & 22 September. And for the third year in a row, every London borough is participating.

Over 800 buildings will open their doors to the public across the two-day festival, alongside a programme of neighbourhood walks and architect-led tours – with everything free to attend. And with this year's festival theme of 'social' Open House is exploring what it means to live together in cities today.

Highlights include:

- Major new buildings including *Millennium Mills* in Royal Docks
- *The New Museum of London* in the derelict General Market
- New social housing by Hackney Council - *Kings Crescent Estate* by Karakusevic Carson Architects, Muf Art and Architecture, Henley Halebrown
- *Tokyo Bike cycle tour* exploring London's urbanism
- *By Beck Road 19: A Bethnal Green terrace* serving as an open-door art gallery throughout the weekend
- *Social Communities*: the return of a programme events for OPDC exploring Old Oak and Park Royal, successful Crowdfund London projects and the infamous Savile Row.
- *Social Housing*: discussing the future of London's residential townscape with Clarion Housing Group, Wembley Park and leading social housing architects Pollard Thomas Edwards Architects.
- *Social City*: uncover London with Londonewcastle, Art Fund, AirBnB and Foster + Partners who is opening 6 of their projects this year.
- The Open House 'Elements' photography competition returns following on from the success of 2018 to see visitors explore London further during their Open House weekend through Instagram. This year's prizes are sponsored by Curiosity – A-Z book on every dimension of London life.
- Must see inspiring homes – Gin Distillery by Open Practice Architecture, Nimtim Architect's Block House, Ash House by R2 Studio Architects, Archer + Braun's Béton Brit.
- Families activities will be available throughout the capital - Open House Families will return for activities for 0-13yrs exclusively at Regent's Place
- Award-winning buildings participating include Coal Drops Yard, 2018 Stirling Prize winner Bloomberg European Headquarters and RIBA London Award winners Camden Mews (aka Max Fordham House) and South London Gallery.
- The Open House London App is available to download for both Android and iOS phones and tablets. The app is a great way to discover buildings open for the weekend nearby you with its live map function.

- Ballot for 10 Downing Street, BT Tower, View from the Shard, Bloomberg European Headquarters, New Scotland Yard and US Embassy goes live 20 August.

“Alongside 10 Downing Street and the US Embassy and other London favourites, we’re opening up some of the best new social housing in the UK this year – to celebrate 100 years since the Addison Act made ‘housing for everyone’ a national responsibility, an ambition Open House is proud to support.” - Rory Olcayto, director, Open House

Editors Notes

- Open House London weekend 2019 takes place on 21 – 22 September
- Full listings will go live on the Open House website on 20 August
- The first Open House London weekend took place in 1992 with just four boroughs taking part
- This is only the third time every London borough has participated (full participation achieved in 2017, 2018, 2019)
- Over 250,000 people attend Open House each year
- In 2019 there are over 800 buildings, tours, walks and places open free to the public over the weekend across all London boroughs
- Open House was founded by Victoria Thornton OBE HonFRIBA
- The Open House Guide has a 100,000 print run

Website: www.openhouselondon.org.uk

Instagram & Twitter handle: @openhouselondon

Facebook Page: [facebook.com/openhouselondon2019](https://www.facebook.com/openhouselondon2019)

Press Images are available to download here: <https://openhouselondon.org.uk/press/>

2019 Partners:

AirBnB, Art Fund, BBC Radio London, Foster + Partners, Londonewcastle, Margaret Howell, Mayor of London, OPDC, Pollard Thomas Edwards Architects, Savile Row, Wembley Park

Open City Supporters:

Clarion Housing Group, Derwent London, Quintain, Jackson Coles, Rocket Properties