

Architectural Association
School of Architecture

Autumn Events List
Introduction Week
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INTRO WEEK

General Information

Welcome to the AA!

This is the Events List – the weekly printed calendar of events at the AA, also available on aaschool.ac.uk – the School's website. Please refer to the Student Handbook for further details about the AA.

The first thing you need to buy if you are new to London is the *A-Z Street Directory*, available from newsagents and bookshops. For a wide selection of events and entertainment, look out for *Time Out* (published Wednesdays, sold everywhere), which carries a range of articles covering everything from accommodation to restaurants. Among the many websites that give daily updates on interesting things to see and do in the city are londonerseye.com, urbanjunkies.com and thewhatwherewhen.org

For second-hand household items such as furniture, try gumtree.com, *Loot* (published Tuesday to Friday, and Sunday), which also has a property section and a website, loot.com or the weekly magazine *Exchange and Mart*. Try freecycle.org for free items. Students are advised to insure their computers and other equipment as the AA's insurance does not cover personal items in case of theft or an accident.

AA Membership/One Card

If you have no fees or essential documents outstanding, and have been successfully registered you will be able to collect your AA Membership Card at registration.

RIBA Student Membership

Students on the Part 1 and Part 2 courses (First to Fifth Year) are eligible for free RIBA student membership. For a full list of benefits and to register, go to architecture.com

International Student Identity Cards

The cost of this card is included in the AA Student Forum membership fee. Once we have a comprehensive list of all 2011/12 registered students we will place an order for the cards. They should be received by the end of October. A notice will appear in the Events List when the cards can be collected from the Admissions office.

AA Bookshop

Situated at 32 Bedford Square, the AA Bookshop stocks reading list titles, journalism magazines and actively sources a concise range of international books on architecture. Staff will endeavour to assist you with any related titles you may be looking for. The bookshop also has special offers for members each month and hosts public programme events. Open Monday to Friday 10.00–6.30, Saturday 11.00–5.00.

AA Publications

As a registered student of the AA you are entitled to receive complimentary copies of *AA Files* (published twice annually) and the *AA Book: Projects Review* (published each June to accompany the end of year exhibition).

AA Publications organises book sales (generally twice a year in November and May) of overstock and ex-display titles at greatly reduced prices. These will be announced in the weekly Events List.

AA Photo Library

Located in 37 Bedford Square on the ground floor and open from Monday to Friday 10.00–6.00 (closed for lunch from 1.00–2.00). Please drop in to see the collection of photographs and borrow lecture recordings and films free of charge. You will need your AA Membership/One Card to access the front door.

Pigeonholes (Student Mailboxes)

Each student has a pigeonhole where the School leaves information for you. Foundation, First, Second and Third Year pigeonholes are outside the Computer Room; Diploma pigeonholes in the Diploma corridor in no.36; and Graduate pigeonholes in the Graduate corridor. Pigeonholes will be allocated as soon as possible after the start of term.

Bank/Council Tax/Reference Letters

If you need a reference letter, please see the Admissions coordinator who has been dealing with your application. There will be a folder in the Admissions office where you can fill out your details.

Student Oyster Cards

You are entitled to a student Oyster card, cost £10, which gives you discount on travelcards. Please go to photocard.tfl.gov.uk to register for this.

Healthcare

If you are an international student on a course of study for six months or more, you will qualify for NHS treatment from the beginning of your stay on the same basis as anyone who is ordinarily resident in the UK. Please see nhs.uk for further details.

Loans

The following information applies to students on the five-year RIBA/ARB undergraduate course only, subject to current legislation.

New AA students from the UK and EU are eligible for a Tuition Fee Loan (non-income assessed). For up-to-date information, go to the student finance section of direct.gov.uk. Bear in mind that the AA is a private institution and that therefore not all the information on the site is relevant.

New students who are transferring from other British schools must inform their LEA/SLC of their changed circumstances. Student loans for living expenses are available to UK students, or those who have lived in the UK for three years prior to embarking on higher education.

European Union Fee Contributions

EU students are eligible to receive an EU contribution towards fees for the five-year RIBA/ARB undergraduate architectural course, provided they have been resident in an EU country for at least three years prior to their course of study. EU students are not eligible for student loans, unless they have been resident in the UK for three years prior to embarking on higher education. For further information, please see the student finance section of direct.gov.uk

Assistantships

A small number of assistantships in the Maintenance, Digital Platforms and Exhibitions departments and in Reception and Computer Room are available to students who are experiencing financial hardship. If you are interested, please contact the relevant department.

Introduction Week Diary

Monday 19 September

Registration

9.00 Welcome to the AA!

Information packs will be available on arrival. Coffee and croissants will be served both in the Bar on the first floor and the Dining Room in the basement of 36 Bedford Square.

10.00 Lecture Hall

AA Student Forum, the YMCA, and a representative from a local doctor's office will hold stands with information for new students.

10.00–4.00 Student Registration Lecture Hall

To register you will need:

- Copy of your passport
- If you are from outside the EU, a copy of the visa allowing your stay in the UK for the duration of the academic year.
- Addresses and telephone numbers where you can be contacted during and after your course.
- If you have not already paid your fees, please bring your chequebook or confirmation of payment if transaction has been undertaken in the last few days.

10.00–1.00 Foundation, First Year, Sustainable Environmental Design, Emergent Technologies and Landscape Urbanism

1.00–4.00 Intermediate, Diploma, PhD, AAIS, History and Critical Thinking, Projective Cities, Design + Make and Housing & Urbanism

12.30–2.00 Lunch

Available in the Dining Room (in the basement of 36 Bedford Square)

3.00 Foundation Programme Introduction

With Saskia Lewis
Foundation Studio

4.15 Undergraduate trips sign-up

First Year Studio

Graduate trips sign-up Dining Room

Please be sure to sign up for trips/other events. Friday's Thames boat trip and picnic are open to all, and recommended for, all students. You may sign up for **two other trips per person**, or three should you decide not to sign-up for the Thames boat trip. Please ensure that you do not sign up for a trip which clashes with your Workshop, Library or Computer Room introductions. Note that places are limited on each trip – if there are still spaces available after all the students have chosen two trips you will have the opportunity to sign up for more trips from 11.45 on Tuesday 20 September.

Please note: You will meet a student helper outside the AA in order to travel to each of the trips. Meeting times will be specified on the sign-up sheets – these may be updated from those that appear here.

5.00 Welcome to the School

Brett Steele, AA Director
Keith Priest, president of the AA Council, will speak about the Association and AA Student Forum will introduce themselves.

6.00 Drinks for all new students Dining Room

7.00 Bowling Trip with Student Forum

Come on down to the lanes at Bloomsbury. Meet in front of the AA at 7.00 or meet at the venue.

**Bloomsbury Bowling Lanes,
basement of Tavistock Hotel,
Bedford Way WC1**

Tuesday 20 September

10.00 Programme Introductions

First Year with Valentin Bontjes van Beek
First Year Studio
Intermediate School with Christopher Pierce
Open Room 5
Diploma School with Carlos Villanueva
Brandt **Open Room 2**

Computer Room Introductions

11.00 ALL Undergraduate students
11.45 ALL Graduate School students
Lecture Hall

12.30 Introduction to Graduate School with Mike Weinstock Lecture Hall

12.30 Wilkinson Eyre Architects

Jim Eyre, past AA president, is a principal at this double Stirling Award-winning practice (Magna Centre, 2001 and Gateshead Millennium Bridge, 2002 (maximum 13)).

33 Bowling Green Lane, EC1R 0DA

1.00 Lunch at Icco

The Student Forum has arranged to meet for lunch at this local pizzeria. Meet at the entrance of the AA.

46 Goodge Street, W1

1.00 Eric Parry Architects

The practice has completed a very broad range of work from masterplanning to furniture design. Their office building at 30 Finsbury Square, in the City of London, was shortlisted for the Stirling Prize 2003. Eric Parry is a past president of the AA (maximum 14).

28-42 Banner Street, EC1

2.00 Introduction to Hooke Park

Presentation by Martin Self (programme Director, Design + Make) relating to the AA's 350-acre woodland site in southwest England.

Lecture Hall

2.30 Zaha Hadid Architects Studio

Zaha Hadid studied and taught at the AA. Her recent works include Guangzhou Opera House and the London Aquatics Centre for the 2012 Olympics (maximum 20).

9 Bowling Green Lane, EC1

2.30 FAT Architects

FAT (Fashion Architecture Taste) is an award-winning architectural practice, which has been described as 'very controversial'. Their critically praised work includes Islington Square, a development of social housing in Manchester and the Blue House in east London (maximum 10).

Unit 2, 49–59 Old Street, EC1V 9HX

2.30 Tours of the AA Archives

Housed in a series of dedicated working, reading and storage spaces, the AA Archives consist of 500 cubic feet of documents and in excess of 2000 architectural drawings, paintings and works on paper. It documents the administrative and educational history of the AA and acts to preserve examples of the Association's material culture and graphic output. Booking not necessary.
32 Bedford Square, basement

Tours of the AA

Meet at entrance of 36 Bedford Square for a tour of the AA.

4.00 (maximum 20)

4.30 (maximum 20)

4.00 Pentagram

As a leading British multi-disciplinary design firm for more than 30 years, Pentagram specialises in graphic design, identity, architecture and interiors and is founded on the premise of interdisciplinary collaboration. Pentagram has worked with clients such as Alexander McQueen, *ID* magazine and MOMA (maximum 19).

11 Needham Road, W11 2RP

5.15 National Theatre Backstage Tour

The National Theatre is an architectural landmark on the river Thames, designed by Sir Denys Lasdun and Peter Softley. Its three stages opened in 1976/77 (maximum 15).

6.00 Antony Gormley Studio Tour

Antony Gormley OBE will lead this tour of his studio. He is one of the most influential English sculptors of our time, exploring the relation of the human body to space at large, and working mainly at a large-scale installation level. His career has spanned nearly 40 years (maximum 23).

15–23 Vale Royal, N7 9AP

6.00 AA Diploma Honours 2010/11 Presentation

Work by AA Diploma Honours students
Front Members' Room

Wednesday 21 September

9.30 All-day bus tour of significant housing and urban projects in London

Meet Hugo Hinsley in front of the AA at 9.15 for 9.30 departure. Reserved places for Housing & Urbanism students (maximum 52).

10.00–12.00 Workshop Introduction for New Fourth Year students

Students must attend in order to be able to use the workshop.

Tours of the AA

Meet at entrance of 36 Bedford Square for a tour of the AA.

11.00 (maximum 20)

12.00 (maximum 20)

Library Introductions

11.00 Second and Third Year students

12.00 Foundation and Fourth Year students

1.00 First Year students

2.00 Serpentine Pavilion and V&A

This year's Serpentine Gallery Pavilion is designed by world-renowned Swiss architect Peter Zumthor. This is the architect's first completed building in the UK and includes a specially created garden by Dutch designer Piet Oudolf.

The V&A is the world's greatest museum of art and design, with collections unrivalled in their scope and diversity. Discover 3000 years' worth of artefacts from the world's richest cultures including ceramics, furniture, fashion, glass, jewellery, metalwork, photographs, sculpture, textiles and paintings. Also see at the V&A: Amanda Levet Architects' Timber Wave, a temporary large-scale installation which transforms the entrance to the museum – see Thursday (maximum 20).

Kensington Gardens, W2 3XA / Cromwell Road, SW7 2RL

3.00 NLA, The Building Centre

This tour with Chairman of New London Architecture Peter Murray will feature the Pipers Central London model, which examines development in the city (maximum 20).

26 Store Street, WC1

3.00 Workshop Introduction for Foundation and First Year students, First Session

All new First Year students (except those who completed AA Foundation) with surnames starting with A–K inclusive and all Foundation students must attend in order to be able to use the Workshop

4.00 Tour of the AA

Meet at entrance of 36 Bedford Square for a tour of the AA (maximum 20).

4.00 Kohn Pederson Fox Architects

KPF is an international practice with studios in New York, London and Shanghai. AA graduate Kevin Flanagan will give a presentation on projects such as Heron Towers, Abu Dhabi International Airport and Bishopsgate Tower (also known as the Pinnacle) which, when completed, will be the tallest building in the UK (maximum 13).

4.00 Explore Barbican Architecture Tour

The Barbican Centre is the largest multi-arts centre in Europe, and a unique architectural endeavour. The idea of the centre developed in the 1960s, which is reflected in its brutalist style (maximum 12).

Barbican Centre, Silk Street, EC2Y 8DS

6.00 Bold Tendencies Sculpture Exhibition

Frank's Café and Campari Bar was designed by Practice Architecture's Lettice Drake and Paloma Gormley and built over three weeks with a team of volunteers. The rooftop bar has spectacular views over London.

10th floor, Peckham Multi-Storey Car park, 95a Rye Lane, SE15 4ST

6.30–8.00 Concrete Elegance: Museums and Galleries Talk

The talk will focus on two New educational buildings in London; City of Westminster College and St Joseph's Primary School (maximum 20).

Building Centre, 26 Store Street, WC1

Thursday 22 September

Library Introductions

10.00 Sustainable Environmental Design and PhD students

11.00 EmTech, and Design + Make students

12.00 Housing & Urbanism, Landscape Urbanism, History & Critical Thinking and AAIS students

1.00 DRL students

10.00–12.00 Workshop Introduction for Foundation and First Year students, Second session

All new First Year students (except those who completed AA Foundation) with surnames starting with L–Z inclusive and all Foundation students must attend in order to be able to use the Workshop.

11.30 Tate Modern

Tate Modern is one of the UK's top three tourist attractions and the most visited museum of modern art in the country. Herzog & de Meuron's award-winning conversion of Bankside power station is a key London landmark.

Bankside, SE1

12.30 Tour of the AA

Meet Sabrina Blakstad at entrance of 36 Bedford Square (maximum 20).

Library Introductions

12.00 Housing & Urbanism, Landscape Urbanism, History & Critical Thinking and AAIS students

1.00 DRL and Projective Cities students

2.00–4.00 Workshop Introduction for New Second and Third Year students

Students must attend in order to be able to use the Workshop.

2.00 Sir John Soane's Museum

Sir John Soane's former residence is dedicated to his architectural ideas and contains his enormous collection of paintings and mementos. The current special exhibition is titled 'Inspired by the Soane' and includes work by Damien Hirst, Daniel Libeskind, Manolo Blahnik and Vivienne Westwood (maximum 15).

13 Lincoln's Inn Fields, WC2

2.00 ARUP

Arup is the creative force behind many of the world's most innovative buildings and structures. Founded in 1926 by Ove Arup, projects include the Sydney Opera House and the Channel Tunnel. Visit their Acoustic Lab and Digital Architecture exhibition (maximum 15).

8 Fitzroy Street, W1

3.00 Amanda Levet Architects

AL_A was formed in 2009 following the end of Levet's partnership with the late Jan Kaplicky at the award-winning Future Systems. Recent projects at AL_A include the new gallery, courtyard and entrance for the V&A Museum; a cultural centre in Lisbon commissioned by EDP, and a new subway station in Naples in collaboration with artist Anish Kapoor (maximum 14).

The Warehouse, 20 Victoria Gardens, W11 3PE

3.00 TENT London

Tent London is a ground breaking show for forward thinking design across all disciplines, delivering the very best contemporary and vintage design, architecture and interiors and the world of digital. Tent London is an annual event which takes place in Old Truman Brewery, a former industrial site, as part of the London Design Festival. (maximum 15)

Truman Brewery, 91 Brick Lane, E1 6QL

4.00 Allford Hall Monaghan Morris

AHMM's projects encompass arts, education, health, transport and leisure. They were voted Architectural Practice of the Year 2009 and Architect of the Year in 2008 by *Building Design* magazine (maximum 19).

2nd Floor, Block B, Morelands, 5–23 Old Street, EC1

2.00 Workshop Introduction Second and Third Years

Students must attend in order to be able to use the Workshop.

4.00–8.00 Evening City of London Walk

This evening walk, led by architect and lecturer Benny O'Looney, examines the best new projects in the City of London, following a craftily planned route that also explains some of London's ancient wonders and why Bedford Square is exactly where it is! Meet outside the AA (maximum 25).

5.15 Student Forum Barbican Cinema Trip

Screening of *Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy* – adaptation of the Cold War thriller by John Le Carré.

Meet at AA Entrance Hall (maximum 15).

6.00 ICA Gallery

Artist Pablo Bronstein has made major architectural interventions into the ICA building and choreographed ballet and performances in its spaces. Sam Jacob (Principal of FAT and AA tutor) will lead a tour through the building (maximum 12).

The Mall, SW1

Friday 23 September

Thames Boat Trip and Bedford Square Picnic

8.30 Thames Boat Trip

A journey from Westminster Pier to the Millennium Dome at Greenwich, followed by a picnic in Bedford Square (open to all students). Benny O'Looney and Hugo Hinsley provide commentary. The boat will leave at 9.00 sharp, returning for 12.00. Nearest underground station Westminster. Please be on time – the boat will not wait for you!

Westminster Pier

2.00–5.00 Picnic

All welcome

Bedford Square

1.00 Director's Introduction

Brett Steele will introduce the AA School to all new students.

Lecture Hall

6.00 Student Forum Event

Live music and drinks at the AA Bar

7.00 AAIS Exquisite Corpse

AA Interprofessional Studio stages the opening performance of Exquisite Corpse across the roof-top terraces of the AA. This performative installation results from an interdisciplinary dialogue between architecture, dance, music, design, film, photography, fashion and art and will be realised in collaboration with dance professionals New Movement Collective and music producers The Boiler House Boys and Hochschule für Musik Cologne.

Rear Second Floor Presentation Space

Saturday 24 September

6.00 and 8.00 AAIS Exquisite Corpse

See Friday

Rear Second Floor Presentation Space

Suggested Events

As it is not possible to sign up for all of the organised events on the list, here are a few more suggestions for this week.

AA Members' Trip to Copenhagen

The first members' trip of the academic year from Friday 30 September to Sunday 2 October includes architectural tour of the city, a curatorial tour of LIVING Frontiers of Architecture III-IV Louisiana Museum of Modern Art.

For more details and booking, please call 0207 887 4034, email events@aschool.ac.uk or visit the AA Membership site at aschool.ac.uk/membership/benefits/events.php.

Exhibitions and Events

London Design Festival

londondesignfestival.com

London Architecture Diary

Architecture events across London.

londonarchitecturediary.com

Deptford X Arts Festival

deptfordx.webeden.co.uk

Events taking place around Southeast London (see website for details).

OMA/Progress, Barbican

Silk Street, EC2Y 8DS

Postmodernism: Style & Subversion 1970–1990, V&A

(opens 24 September)

Cromwell Road, SW7 2RL

Various Exhibitions at the RIBA

Also an opportunity to visit the unrivalled collections at the RIBA library (old student photo ID required).

66 Portland Place, W1

Projects of Interest

Wilkinson Gallery

Architect: Bobby Desai

Vyner Street, Hackney, E2 9DA

Nearest station: Cambridge Heath Rail or Bethnal Green tube

Blue House (private residence, outside access only)

Architect: FAT

Garner Street, Hackney, E2 9AQ

Nearest station: Cambridge Heath Rail or Bethnal Green tube

Young Vic Theatre

Architect: Haworth Tompkins

66 The Cut, Waterloo, SE1 8LZ

Nearest station: Waterloo tube

Trellick Tower

Architect: Ernö Goldfinger

North Kensington, W10 5PL

Nearest station: Westbourne Park tube

South London Gallery

(in particular the new extension)

Architect: 6a Architects

66 Peckham Road, SE5 8UH

Nearest station: Peckham Rye rail

Peckham Library

Architect: Will Alsop

122 Peckham Hill Street, SE15 5JR

Nearest station: Peckham Rye rail

Royal Festival Hall and the Southbank

Architect: Holland, Hannen & Cubitts for London County Council

Nearest station: Waterloo

Lloyd's Building

Architect: Richard Rogers

1 Lime Street, London EC3M 7HA

Nearest station: Monument

Guides to London Projects

Allinson, K (2006) *London's Contemporary Architecture: An Explorer's Guide*, Architectural Press, London.

Hardingham, S (1995) *London – A Guide to recent Architecture*. Ellipsis, London

Jones, E & Woodward, C (2009) *A Guide to the Architecture of London*, Weidenfeld & Nicholson, London

Hebbert, M (1998) *London – more by fortune than design*, Wiley, London

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