

LONDON FESTIVAL OF ARCHITECTURE

June 2015

THEME : WORK IN PROGRESS

West London's contribution to the London Festival of Architecture continues to grow out of our project to help transform Hammersmith, currently bisected by the A4 corridor, by reconnecting the town to its riverside.

So far the project has been successful both locally and London wide.

Local success in stimulating a continuing debate about how to replace the ageing Hammersmith flyover, and, as a consequence, about civilising the traffic infested town centre.

London wide success as seen in the GLA's enthusiasm, and the Mayor's recent trumpeting from Boston of tunnel projects all over London and particularly Hammersmith.

NEXT STEPS - CONNEXIONS

We want to return the focus of our contribution to this project from solutions, primarily and heroically, in the form of civil engineering, to the vision.

The vision was, and is, Hammersmith, as a place to live reconnected to the Thames.

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We want to take a number of strands and weave them together in June in events which will educate and involve local people, particularly the young, in steering the future of their world.

The events will be centred on the newly opened Lyric Theatre and which will include a talk and tour by the architect for the theatre project. The other main events will include :

Exhibition on the Flyunder

A static exhibition showing our main contribution to date, and our thoughts for the future, including our views on the Borough's Feasibility Studies. We will be exhibiting images that show Hammersmith, Past – Present and Future and perhaps raising some provocative questions about the best way forward.

Debate – Question Time

We are hoping to hold a Question Time discussion format, chaired by a high profile local professional broadcaster with a panel made up of experts on the project and others who might question the detail.

Schools

We aim to work with local schools and children to create projects looking at a reconnected Hammersmith, developing the children's ideas of how their world could be, and how they could participate in transforming it. We are proposing to engage Design Education CIC to organize half term design camps and then workshops for children during the Festival which will lead into an exhibition in conjunction with a debate for the children about redesigning Hammersmith : A short video will be made to show the children at work.

We propose to co-ordinate our events with this year's 'HF - Artsfest' which is taking place 8 – 14 June .

We are looking to involve as many people as we can in creating events that are not just about Architecture.

