



Save the Date Open House Families: 22-23 June 2019

Open House Families returns for the second year running this June as London's FREE festival of architecture exclusively for children and their families.

After a successful festival launch in 2018, the charity behind Open House London is excited to bring back their fun-filled weekend of architecture to inspire and excite the next generation of city-shapers, with new additions to the activity line-up making the festival even more inclusive for everyone.

What's On?

40+ hands-on creative activities and experiments designed and led by some of London's most influential architecture practices, storytelling and messy play sessions for under-fives, city trails and art workshops hosted in iconic cultural venues across London including St Paul's Cathedral, The National Gallery and the Royal Academy.

Highlights include:

→ **Architecture Parade, 30 St Mary Axe (the Gherkin)**

Design your own London Skyline and turn it into a paper crown to wear and take home with architects Jestico + Whiles.

→ **Don't bin it, build it! Canary Wharf**

Turn off the waste tap and give rubbish a second life! Join structural engineers Elliott Wood and turn plastic waste into building blocks to create your own recycled structure.

→ **Light and colour play, Here East**

Love colour? Transform Here East with architects Hawkins\Brown by creating patterns and skylines on the ground floor glazing of the building to project colourful sunlight and shadows into the space!

→ **Mini Golf "PAR-TEE", Gasholder Park**

Orms bring London town to the world of mini crazy golf, where children and adults alike can enjoy putting around town with obstacles such as Big Ben, the London Eye, the Gherkin and Tower Bridge. Children will also be tasked with making their own obstacles to add to the course. Happy golfing!

→ **Build a birdbox! Canary Wharf**

Collage and cut, decorate and fold your very own bird house complete with a teeny tiny paper canary!

The festival programme will go live on our website in March.

Website: www.open-city.org.uk

Instagram: @openhousefamilies

Facebook: @OHFamilies

Twitter: @OHFamilies



Notes to Editor

Festival Details

When: Saturday 22 and Sunday 23 June 2018 from 11am–4pm
Where: Activities will take place across many city-wide locations with festival hubs at:
30 St Mary Axe (the Gherkin)
Gasholder Park
Here East
Canary Wharf
For who: Children aged 0-13 and their families
How much: The festival is FREE to attend!

Press images are available to be downloaded from our website:
<https://open-city.org.uk/press-and-media/>

For more information contact:
Ailsa Cullens
Learning Coordinator
acullens@open-city.org.uk

The festival is supported by Canary Wharf Group, 30 St Mary Axe, Here East, King's Cross and Elliott Wood Partnership.

Open City is London's leading architecture education charity and aims to give the opportunity for everyone to enjoy and celebrate the buildings and places where we live, work and play.

The festival is aimed at exciting and inspiring the next generation of Londoners about the great buildings and places in their city. The festival also helps to extend families' horizons beyond their own neighbourhoods and allows access to parts of their city which many believe are not open to them.