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31 January to 2 February 2018

Open House Worldwide 2018 International Conference
Shaping our Cities for the Future
London

The third Open House Worldwide conference from 31 January to 2 February 2018 will celebrate the 25th anniversary of the first Open House architectural festival in its birthplace, London, and the launch of a major new piece of research examining the remarkable global spread and impact of this concept.

By opening buildings and spaces in a city to everyone for one weekend every year, Open House aims to help change perceptions, break down barriers and inspire people to demand high-quality places and spaces.

Since 1992, more than 35 cities across five continents – from Lagos to Brisbane and Barcelona to Buenos Aires – have taken up the Open House concept, and today more than 750,000 people take part globally every year.

By providing an independent platform – but one with significant private- and public-sector support – it has become a powerful conduit to influence policy and decision-making about the built environment.

With leading and world-renowned speakers from the fields of policy, governance, design and technology, among others, the conference will bring together international member city representatives, cultural agencies, built environment professionals and researchers to explore the key issues facing cities today. The overall theme will be how to explore new ways to build better public participation in planning, design and regeneration – and the place of Open House as a unique means of giving people a voice to shape the future of their cities. Speakers to include: Maria Vassilakou Vice-Mayor Vienna, Malcolm Middleton, Chief Architect, Brisbane City, Dr Sarah Hall, LSE, Dan Hill, Arup and David Burney, Centre for Active Design.

The 2 day conference will take place in central London from lunchtime on Wednesday 31 January to Thursday 1st February. Friday 2 February is a closed training and knowledge-sharing session for Open House city representatives.

Further details and booking information will be announced shortly.

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