

Futuropolis: Exploring the Built Environment

Saturday 12 August, 11.00–17.00

For ages 14–24

Welcome to Futuropolis: Exploring the Built Environment. This festival has been devised by young people, for young people interested in finding out more about sustainable and innovative building, housing and public spaces. It is part of the celebrations for the opening of the V&A Exhibition Road Quarter.

All events are free and drop-in, and available on a first come, first served basis.

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PERFORMANCES:

Future Views

25 minute performances at 12.00, 14.00, 15.30

The Sackler Courtyard, if wet in the Lydia and Manfred Gorvy Lecture Theatre

Get an insight into the views, hopes and concerns of young Londoners on housing and the built environment, expressed through spoken word and theatre. Enjoy poetry inspired by London's changing landscape and experience theatre that peeks behind the doors of a shape-shifting city. Featuring Caleb Femi, Poet Laureate for London (supported by Spread the Word) with Legacy Youth Voice, and Emergency Exit Arts and the Street Theatre Squad.

DISPLAYS:

11.00–17.00

Foyer, Sackler Centre for arts education

Thoughts, Issues and Solutions

See models created by students from the City of London Architecture summer course showing innovative and sustainable designs for a new cultural space. Get information on issues that affect you, add your comments and read other young people's responses.

Building Inspiration

See work created by members of the National Art and Design Saturday Club, who used the V&A buildings as inspiration.

The Ephemeral City

Meet students from the Bartlett School of Architecture. See their work examining the relationship between human activity and the city.

Global Perspectives

Find out what young people from London, Dundee and Shekou, China, think about housing, sustainability and innovative building.

TOURS:

Building Innovation

40 minute tours at 14.00 & 15.30
Meeting Point, Grand Entrance, Level 1

Find out about some of the innovative design ideas, past and present, incorporated into the V&A building, led by Senior Archivist Christopher Marsden.

WORKSHOPS:

Digital Architectural Drawing

1 hour sessions at 11.00, 12.30, 14.00, 15.30

Digital Studio, Sackler Centre for arts education

Using SketchUp, learn some of the basic computer-aided design techniques with Chee-Kit Lai Director of Mobile Studio Architects.

Futurescape

45 minute sessions at 11.00, 12.30, 14.30, 15.30
Design Studio, Sackler Centre for arts education

The future contains your window of opportunity. Using the window as your frame, create potential interior and exterior environments of the future through collage and drawing. With designers from award-winning architecture and interior design practice Jestico + Whiles.

Architectural Drawing

45 minute sessions at 12.30, 14.00, 15.00, 16.00
The John Madejski Garden, if wet Medieval & Renaissance, Room 64b, The Simon Sainsbury Gallery

Explore the architectural features of the V&A's original entrance and surrounding façades, with Wilson Yau, artist and teacher.

Build, Explore, Repeat

Art Studio, Sackler Centre for arts education
11.00–17.00

Join members of the V&A youth collective CreateVoice and take part in this playful drop-in making activity celebrating the opening of Exhibition Road and its surrounding architecture. Designed in conjunction with Kennedy Woods Architecture.

Growing Structures

11.00–17.00
The John Madejski Garden, if wet Room 220, Sackler Centre for the arts education
Designed by Arup engineers, use pre-cut pieces to collaborate and construct an evolving lightweight structure formed from several

repeated positive shapes and negative spaces. Flat 2D shapes can be slotted together to form 3D structures.

TALKS AND DEBATES:

Hochhauser Auditorium, Sackler Centre for arts education

New Cultural Spaces

11.30–12.00
Young people from New London Architecture's Placemaking Planning and Design Summer Academy discuss their ideas, work process and designs for a new cultural space in East London.

Innovative Architecture and Engineering

12.30–13.00
Find out how science, engineering and architecture can work together. Design-engineer, biotechnologist and entrepreneur, Julian Melchiorri, talks about his work developing living buildings that can produce oxygen, and his work on KUMO: affordable and collaborative homes.

Getting into Architecture

13.30–14.00
Joseph Zeal-Henry, Architectural Designer from Jestico + Whiles, gives an overview on the various routes into architecture and the construction industry.

Future Ways of Living

14.30–15.00
Sustainable and innovative ways of building will be key to how we will live in the future. Architects Pieren d'Avoine and Pierre d'Avoine talk about the award winning Slim House, a low cost, environmentally sustainable design of housing, plus other projects.

Debate: Housing for Now and the Future

15.30–16.00
Join members of CreateVoice, the V&A's youth collective, for a debate about housing issues that affect young people and what the possible solutions could be.

VISIT:

Architecture, Room 128

Designing the V&A

Architecture, Room 128a
Until 7 January 2018

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