



Joint statement on the V&A + RIBA Architecture Partnership

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The V&A + RIBA Architecture Partnership was established in 1999 as a joint initiative to promote the understanding and enjoyment of architecture. In 2004 the V&A and the RIBA opened the UK's first permanent architecture gallery and new study rooms at the V&A in South Kensington. The Architecture Partnership staged temporary displays of architectural drawings and photographs, ran study days and conferences, and organised educational activities for school children and young people.

After over twenty years of fruitful collaboration, the strategic priorities of both institutions have shifted. The RIBA is focused on the creation of a cultural hub at 66 Portland Place in the form of the House of Architecture, while the V&A now has a department with a dedicated team of Architecture and Design curators who are working with architectural collections across the museum's sites at V&A South Kensington, V&A East Storehouse and V&A East Museum. The V&A and RIBA Trustees have therefore determined that the Architecture Partnership will run for a further five years before concluding in 2027.

The V&A will continue to share its passion for architecture through a revamped permanent Architecture Gallery in South Kensington and by providing access to the V&A's collection of architectural drawings and models via the V&A Study Rooms and V&A East Storehouse. The RIBA will focus on the House of Architecture and on developing new ways to bring together and present the Institute's own outstanding, but currently dispersed, collection to the public and to the architectural profession.

Both institutions look forward to continuing to collaborate on a variety of projects and to sharing their collections with the widest possible audience.

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