

U3A SOUTH WEST LONDON NETWORK

STUDY DAY: The Challenges of Architecture Today



Richard Mayo Centre, Kingston, Tuesday 24th May 2022

Background

U3A SW London Network of Hammersmith & Fulham, Kingston, Merton, Richmond and Wandsworth U3As invite you to a study day of talks on the competing challenges for architecture between modern day technological and commercial demands and the desire to ensure a sympathetic compatibility with the past.

Timetable

- 10.00 Registration and Refreshments
- 10.30 Welcome and housekeeping
- 10.40 **Session 1:** Sean Woulfe Director of Estates and Sustainability at Kingston University.
Session 2: Ian McInnes , retired architect, Chair of the Twentieth Century Society
- 12.30 **Lunch:** not provided
- 13.45 **Session 3:** Simon Tupper , Director, IID Architects
- 14.30 **Tea and cake**
- 15.00 **Walks** guided by either John King or Julian McArthy - architecture, heritage and development in Kingston. Places will be allocated strictly on receipt of the application form

Venue: Richard Mayo Centre, Eden St, Kingston upon Thames KT1 1HZ Kingston. Adjacent to the Kingston United Reformed Church. 5-10 minute walk from Kingston railway station.

Price: £15.00 per person to include tea/coffee and biscuits on arrival and tea/coffee and cake at the end of the 3rd session in the afternoon and before the Walk

Booking: Complete the form below and send to Rosemary Mattock, Merton U3A 7 Belvedere Square, Wimbledon, SW195DJ with a cheque made out to Richmond U3A. Please include either your email address or a stamped, self addressed envelope for notification of successful application.

Contact: Rosemary Mattock, Merton U3A, Tel: 02089469632 email: U3A.rose@gmail.com

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I wish to go on one of the guided tours Yes / No

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Speakers

Session 1

Sean Woulfe Director of Estates and Sustainability at Kingston University.

The talk will give an insight into the commissioning of the Town House. A prestigious educational building that won the RIBA Stirling Prize in 2021. The building is now one of the five finalists in the European Union Mies Van Der Rohe award for contemporary architecture. This is the biggest architectural prize in Europe and is presented every 2 years.

Session 2

Ian McInnes. Climate action and architecture.

How will a drive towards 'net zero' emissions by 2030 or 2050 impact on our built environment and the future of architecture? The construction sector is both a major producer and consumer of energy and radical transformation in the way buildings are designed, built, occupied and deconstructed will be essential if environmental targets are to be met. While the inherent sustainability of re-using existing buildings is becoming more generally acknowledged, how practical is it and what compromises might have to be made? Ian McInnes is a retired architect and Chair of the Twentieth Century Society, an amenity society which campaigns to promote and protect the buildings and design that characterise C20 Britain; helping as many people as possible to appreciate the contribution they make to the quality of our built environment.

Session 3 Simon Tupper: Director: IID Architects

The talk will review the architecture of Kingston looking at what has been held in some esteem over the last decade by bodies such as RIBA and The Kingston Society. Some of the projects where IID Architects have contributed to the townscape and a personal reflection on what works well and not quite so well

