



Artist's impression of the UCL East campus

ON SITE AT STRATFORD WATERFRONT

WORK CONTINUES ON EAST LONDON'S NEW CULTURAL AND EDUCATION POWERHOUSE

Following the official ground-breaking ceremony in July, work on East Bank, the world-class cultural and education hub, is well and truly underway.

East Bank will bring together leading arts venues and universities – the BBC, Sadler's Wells, UAL's London College of Fashion, UCL and the V&A in partnership with the Smithsonian Institution – providing a £1.5 billion boost to the economy and delivering 2,500 jobs to the local area. The project is based across Stratford Waterfront, the UCL East sites and the V&A Collection and Research Centre at Here East.

Over on Stratford Waterfront, things are getting busy! You may have noticed piling rigs hard at work over the summer continuing substructure works. With piling coming to an end in autumn 2019, you'll notice the arrival of tower cranes towards the end of November. Carpenters Land Bridge, a new pedestrian footbridge linking IQL to Stratford Waterfront, is currently being built and is scheduled to be installed towards the end of the year.

UCL have now appointed both contractors

for the two UCL East buildings in the south of the Park: Mace for the Marshgate building and Vinci for the Pool Street West building.

On the Marshgate site, new hoardings have gone up, service diversions are underway and tower cranes will be erected from early October. All enabling works are due to be completed by the end of October. By December, work will start on the concrete structure itself.

Work will also shortly begin on the Pool Street West site, located near the London Aquatics Centre, which will house a mixture of student accommodation and faculty facilities once finished. You'll see new hoarding being erected over the next few months as enabling works begin, the site offices are established and the geotechnical and archaeological investigation works start. Major works will start in January, and you can get a good view of progress on site from the ArcelorMittal Orbit!

And the East Bank partners have been busy on the Park with more than just construction! Turn over to read about some of the fantastic opportunities they've been opening up to the local community.

Sustainability initiatives

Our impact on and off site is important to us, and we're always thinking of ways to create a more sustainable environment.

- On site, we have upcycled construction materials such as cable reels into tables, pallets into planters and built a bug hotel and space for bee hives to encourage environmental activity on and around our site!
- We are also working with start-ups such as After:Work, an award-winning social enterprise, on an ethical mission to reduce the amount of landfill by upcycling our used project PPE into wearable accessories.
- We use Day Old (a surplus food enterprise tackling both food waste and food poverty) to cater our team treats and team lunches. Our orders help to save food from landfill and provide school lunches for children in need.

Community outreach

We are committed to fostering long-term relationships with local schools and community groups in the Park's neighbouring boroughs. This includes hosting regular site open days for schools to introduce the next generation to construction, using local social enterprises to inform our project's health and wellbeing programme and offering voluntary construction services to community organisations in the area such as Hub67.

If you'd like to know more about how Mace could work with your community group, get in touch with PJ Choi using the details below.

SITE INFORMATION

STRATFORD WATERFRONT AND UCL EAST
Monday-Friday: 8am-6pm / Saturday: 8am-1pm

While these are the operational times, it's expected that individuals will be on site half an hour earlier and later for set up and wind down.

The LLDC helpline is **0800 0722 110**.

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OUR EAST BANK PARTNERS AND YOU

It's important that East Bank benefits east Londoners as well as east London, and our partners are committed to providing opportunities for the local community. From jobs and competitions to exciting events, here's the latest news and some of the upcoming ways you can get involved with our East Bank partners.

THE NEXT STEP IN CREATIVE CAREERS

STEP, the Shared Training and Employment Programme, is a collaboration between LLDC, Create Jobs, Foundation for FutureLondon and the Park's four neighbouring boroughs with Sadler's Wells, UAL's College of Fashion and Bow Arts as its founding partners. It aims to provide young east Londoners with the skills and experience required to build a career in the cultural sector – particularly in the institutions established in or coming to the area – with a vision of a creative world open to everyone.

Alongside 12-month paid work placements in the local area, the programme launched STEP Into The Smithsonian, a unique international internship giving four young east London creatives a three-week immersive experience working with the world's largest museum. The trainees visited a number of the Smithsonian's museums and research centres in and around Washington and New York, exploring a diversity of topics including: photography and print, graphic design, African American history; popular culture, natural history, global art forms and much more. "This experience has helped me to believe that museum spaces are somewhere I could belong," one participant, Chess, said. "It's an industry that is changing."

Essays, photos, poetry and illustrations created by the four participants, inspired by their experience have been turned into a zine. Find the zine, along with more information, at step-interns.com

A SOUND EXPERIENCE

For many, the BBC Proms is the sound of summer. For some local students, it's the sound of summer on the Park! As part of the EAST Summer School, a group of 30 young people had the opportunity to work with



Chris Watson, one of the world's leading recorders of wildlife and natural soundscapes, to learn about field sound recording. The group explored the Park capturing some amazing wildlife sounds, and the recordings were incorporated into soundscapes played at the BBC's The Lost Words Prom on 25 August.

The course was just one of many amazing experiences available to local young people through the EAST Summer School, where East Bank partners and other cultural and education institutions provided 13-16 year olds the opportunity to participate in free hands-on courses over the summer holidays. Read more about it on page 4 of Park News!

VISIT A FREE EXHIBITION ON THE PARK, CONNECTING ART AND ACADEMIA

In December 2018, UCL researchers were introduced to local artists to collaborate as part of the ongoing Trellis Public Art project, run by UCL. The project aims to forge links both between the university and the local area, and between art and academic research.

See the outcomes of these collaborations for yourself at a free exhibition on the Park, running **19-27 October** around The Last Drop Café (near the ArcelorMittal Orbit), from 9am-5pm daily. The exhibition is also fully accessible, with one piece – by artist David Rickard and Tony Kenyon, UCL's Professor of Nanoelectronic & Nanophotonic Materials – created in collaboration with London Vision East and designed to be experienced primarily through touch.

WIN £50K TO DEVELOP AN INNOVATIVE SOLUTION TO HELP YOUNG LONDONERS

Do you work with young people? Is there an idea for a programme or product you'd like to develop? Foundation for FutureLondon and Culture Mile with the support of the City of London Corporation have partnered to launch the FUSION PRIZE, a new competition – with a £50,000 prize fund – to find innovative ideas to upskill future generations, empowering them to meet the demands of today's employers and boost social mobility.

The prize is open to anyone with an original and creative concept – be it an idea for an app, workshop or new piece of technology – and invites passionate individuals and teams to work together to design and pitch ideas to develop the creative, communication, organisational and thinking skills of London's children or young people through cultural experiences.

Ahead of the application deadline in January 2020, there will be opportunities to meet with some of the most exciting practitioners working in the innovation, creative, and educative sectors. These events aim to provide inspiration and support anyone thinking of applying, helping you explore your ideas with experts from across East Bank, Culture Mile and other creative partners. The next Fusion Prize Symposium will be held at Plexal, Here East on 18 October and is open to everyone. Visit FutureLondonFoundation.org/fusion-prize

FASHION STUDENTS WOW IN DEGREE SHOW HELD AT HERE EAST

Ahead of their move to East Bank in 2022, UAL's London College of Fashion held its degree show for the School of Design and Technology at Here East in July. This included an exhibition of fashion textiles, footwear, jewellery and accessories, alongside seven catwalk shows over two days. There were more than 2,000 guests across the degree show, with nearly 400 students showing pieces!

The show also incorporated a programme of local school visits and the culmination of the Schools Innovation Challenge, an initiative organised by London College of Fashion x Fashion District and sponsored by Unibail-Rodamco-Westfield. Students were asked to come up with their vision of 'the store of the future', looking at how new technologies might influence the way people shop. The winning school was Buxton Primary in Leytonstone.

