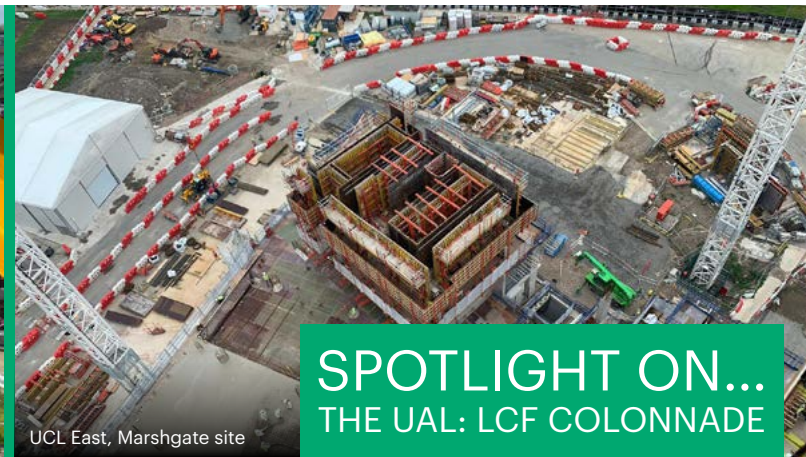


# EASTBANK



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## EAST BANK SITES REALLY TAKING SHAPE

**Our last East Bank construction update was published in October 2019, just four months after the project's official ground-breaking ceremony. Since then, despite the challenges of working throughout a pandemic – a great deal of exciting progress has been made across all the East Bank sites.**

Those who have been on the Park this year might've also spotted the official East Bank branding across hoardings! The branding drew inspiration from the area, and the East Bank logo itself echoes destination blinds used on trains and buses – reflecting Stratford's history as a transport hub.

Some of the most striking additions on Stratford Waterfront, East Bank's largest site, since October 2019 include: the installation of Carpenters Land Bridge; the new site entrance opposite the London Aquatics Centre linking into the new welfare accommodation blocks; the impressive colonnade structures that will form the University of the Arts London College of Fashion building. Further work is underway over at Here East in the north of the Park, which is where the Victoria & Albert Museum will hold their research and collection centre.

This year, we have seen works temporarily cease and start up again and the pandemic has brought changes to our projects and

the way in which we operate. To ensure the health, safety and wellbeing of our colleagues and neighbouring community, you may have noticed some temporary features around the Stratford Waterfront site such as: the large marquee so that personnel can maintain social distancing and continue to be inducted onto the project; one way systems; and walkways that we have put in place to allow construction to continue safely. We're proud that these new procedures, along with many other factors such as sustainability, safety, appearance and community engagement continuing as usual, have gained recognition with full marks in our latest Considerate Constructors Scheme audit.

To the south of the London Aquatics Centre stand the two UCL East sites. These have also come on considerably, with concrete frames steadily rising and beginning to give a sense of the scale of the buildings to come! On the Marshgate site, fit out works have begun in the basement area and this will be followed by mechanical and electrical installation. Quite a change from the flat ground-breaking site that welcomed the Mayor of London last year!

Find out more about East Bank, London's new powerhouse of culture, education, innovation and growth, at [QueenElizabethOlympicPark.co.uk/EastBank](https://www.queenelizabetholympicpark.co.uk/EastBank)

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**One of the most striking structures you can see on the Stratford Waterfront site is the colonnade that forms part of the UAL London College of Fashion building. Learn a little more about it below.**

- The colonnade contains five tapered beams, 12 metres long and weighing 39 tonnes each!
- The steel for the colonnade was manufactured in Germany and brought down to Stratford via East Yorkshire, where the beams were fabricated.
- It took two weeks to lift the five beams into place with a 500-tonne crane.
- The building itself is currently at approximately a quarter of its height at the moment. It will top out at 87 metres from ground level.
- The large hole that is currently visible inside the building is one of the 'Elliptical Voids' and will form part of the building's atrium.
- With sustainability as a priority, it is one of the first projects in the UK to use an electric concrete pump powered by renewable energy!
- Even the concrete is 40% recycled waste products from coal fired power stations!

## SITE INFORMATION

STRATFORD WATERFRONT AND UCL EAST  
**Monday–Friday: 7am–10pm / Saturday: 7am–5.30pm**

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**.

Mace is the Principal Contractor for Stratford Waterfront and UCL East Marshgate. Vinci is the Principal Contractor UCL East Pool Street West.

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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.



## HELPING WOMEN BUILD CAREERS IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY

At the start of the summer, the Vinci team at UCL East, Pool Street West, welcomed Renata to the site as part of the Women into Construction programme. It aims to help encourage more women to build careers in construction – traditionally a very male-dominated industry – by offering mentoring, training and placements across a variety of disciplines.

Originally from the Czech Republic, Renata studied for a Masters degree in Ceramics and Refractory Materials before swapping lab research for live construction sites when she moved to the UK and undertook an HNC in Construction and Civil Engineering. "Thanks to the guidance of the Women into Construction organisation, I got my CSCS card to be able to start in the industry," she said. "I'm particularly interested in the new technologies used in construction and it's amazing to work on such a remarkable site in the middle of Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park near so many exciting venues!". As she continues to grow her career, we asked Renata her advice for any other women thinking of exploring the construction industry: "You really shouldn't be afraid to join this industry, although you do need to be strong and willing to learn. It's a constant learning curve so be ready for a rollercoaster as every day is different – and I wouldn't change it!". Visit [Women-into-Construction.org](http://Women-into-Construction.org) to find out more about the organisation.

**LCF Fashion Design and Development student Ashwini Despande**, creator of the sustainability project Art-Z, has won one of the Mayor of London's prestigious Entrepreneur Programme awards! Ashwini had previously also been recognised by Here East as one of their East London Innovators for the Art-Z project, which aims to reduce fabric wastage in the fashion industry using innovative computer software.

**Foundation for Future London has opened the Creative Futures Fund** to support projects and programmes in the local area. There's the Medium Grant Scheme (£5,000-£15,000) for local young people or community projects and the Large Grant Scheme (£15,000-£50,000) for jobs and training partnership projects. Applications close at 12 noon on 30 November, visit [Future.london](http://Future.london) to find out more.



## EAST BANK PARTNERS INSPIRE CREATIVITY AT THIS YEAR'S EAST SUMMER SCHOOL

Before the first East Bank buildings have even opened, our cultural and education partners are forming firm links with east London, including inspiring the next generation of creatives, makers, engineers, artists and thinkers. We've been proud to include unique courses from the world-leading East Bank institutions on our East Summer School programme over the past few years, and this year was no different – despite the programme's shift to an online format.

BBC Music hosted Living Room Sessions, interactive webinars with speakers sharing tips on breaking into the industry. This included two well-known east Londoners, Grammy-nominated singer-songwriter Nao and KISS presenter Swarzy Macaly!

UCL led a number of courses geared around creativity, innovation and technology, exploring trends and solving future-forward problems. London College of Fashion also looked to the future with their courses, exploring textile design, the environmental impact of the fashion industry and creating the New Now for fashion. You can read more about East Summer School in the main edition of Park News.

Earlier this year, UCL East academics launched the **Windrush Cricket Project**. This new community engagement project is exploring the role of cricket with communities of Caribbean origin in Hackney. If you are interested in contributing to this project or would simply like to know more, please email [michael.collins@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:michael.collins@ucl.ac.uk)

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