

engage/enquire International Conference
Toynbee Studios and venues across London

Future Perfect

Art, Gallery Education and Regeneration
4-6.11.09

Starts 4 November pm
Ends 6 November pm

Regeneration is a defining feature of the 21st century, and one in which the role of cultural organisations is becoming increasingly important. In urban and rural contexts worldwide, education and audience development can play a key part in this process.

This year's engage/enquire International Conference will address some of the issues that cultural organisations, artists and residents encounter when commercial and social partners and local communities work together to realise new futures:

- What role do galleries and visual arts organisations play in urban and rural regeneration schemes?
- How do artists, educators and the public contribute to placemaking? What is the role of the imagination?
- What does good regeneration look like? Are unrealistic utopian ideals affecting our ability to bring about meaningful regeneration in the here and now?

Future Perfect will take place in the ever-changing landscape of East London. Experts in architecture, future thinking and archaeology will join an international lineup of writers, artists and curators to explore the role of visual arts organisations and artists in observing and shaping the places where people live and work. The event will include keynote speakers, case studies, breakout sessions, practical workshops and plenty of opportunities for networking and discussion.

Contributors include:

Kerstin Bergendal
Artist, Art Plan Trekroneer

James Dixon
Archeologist, University of Bristol

Claire Doherty
Director, Situations

Paul Domela
Programme Director, Liverpool Biennial

Danielle Duggan
Design Matters

Karen Eslea and Sarah Martin
Audience Development Officer and Exhibitions Curator, Turner Contemporary

General Public Agency

David Gunn
Sound Artist, Echo Archive

Malcolm Miles
Professor of Cultural Theory, University of Plymouth and Author of *Cities and Cultures*

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Architects and Artists

Laura Oldfield Ford
Artist, and Author of 'zine *Savage Messiah*

Iain Sinclair
Author of Hackney, *That Rose-Red Empire*

Adam Sutherland
Director, Grizedale Arts

Charlie Tims
Demos Associate and Co-author of *The Dreaming City*

and more to be confirmed including discussions about Whitechapel's The Street and Serpentine Gallery's project on Edgware Road.

Evening drinks reception with keynote speakers on 4 November at V&A Museum of Childhood. Evening reception, gallery talk and engage AGM on 5 November at the newly refurbished Whitechapel Gallery.

Optional extra artist-led field trips with limited places on Wednesday afternoon to Edgware Road with Ultra red and Beckton Alp with muf (details and prices tbc).

Delegates will have the opportunity to explore 'first Thursdays' late openings at London galleries on 5 November, see www.firstthursdays.co.uk

Other host venues include:

- Acme Project Space
- Chisenhale Gallery
- Four Corners
- Iniva
- SPACE
- The Women's Library

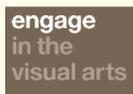
- Toynbee Hall
- Toynbee Studios
- Yinka Shonibare Space

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Conference partners:

Whitechapel Gallery



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Main conference fees

engage individual members	£110 (£94.50*)
engage organisational members	£210 (£185*)
Non-members of engage **	£315 (£280*)
engage bursary place***	£52.50

Fee includes two days' attendance with lunch and Wednesday evening reception at Whitechapel Gallery.

* Discounted rate for places booked by 4 September 2009

** engage membership starts from £28.50, visit www.engage.org/join for more information

***A limited number of bursary places will be available for students, artists and freelancers applying before 4 September 2009. Contact emma.prout@engage.org for application details

For up-to-date information about speakers, breakout sessions and accommodation, and to download the booking form visit www.engage.org. Please return your completed form to:

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