

London Festival of Architecture 2023 Inclusive and accessible event highlights



LFA's programme includes events designed for anyone interested in the future of the built environment. Image from LFA 2022, courtesy of Atomik Architecture.

Bringing more than 400 events to the city for the entire month of June, the London Festival of Architecture has been a calendar highlight for anyone interested in the built environment and the future of urban place-making since its inception in 2004. Rather than being a niche, industry-focused affair, the programme has always strived to bring together professionals and the public through its varied roster of talks, workshops, walking tours and more.

Beginning on 1 June, #LFA2023 programming is built around the theme 'In Common' – reflecting on ideas of shared space, ownership, community, and connection. With the importance of inclusive design and accessibility in architecture being increasingly acknowledged and acted on, the 2023 line-up includes a number of events across London that focus on shaping the built environment such that it is truly open to everyone.



London Festival of Architecture's programming encompasses talks, workshops, presentations and tours all over the city. Image from LFA 2022, courtesy of Jabir Mohamed.

LFA events exploring accessibility

6 June

Deaf Architecture Front launches at RIBA

Architectural designer and activist Chris Laing officially launches DAF – a campaigning platform and collective established to bridge the gulf between the Deaf community and the built-environment industry, in which Deaf people are currently massively underrepresented. The launch event features a panel discussion featuring Zetteler founder Sabine.

RIBA, W1B 1AD

13 June

'Cities for everyone: reimagining accessible design' in King's Cross

At developer Argent's Granary Square office, Mcmullan Studio leads a discussion on how we can create more inclusive and sustainable places fit for the future.

Argent Office and King's Cross Marketing Suite, N1C 4AB

14 June

'Inclusive design and sustainable public spaces' in Farringdon

City Architecture Forum hosts a conversation exploring the need for public spaces that enable equitable support for both neuro- and bio-diversity.

The Gallery at Alan Baxter, EC1M 6EL

15 June

'Creating an equal, diverse and inclusive future' in Southwark

Fuse Architects embarks on an evening of discussions exploring how the built environment can better meet our common needs while acknowledging and allowing for difference, followed by live music from local band the Grove.

The Leather Market, SE1 3ER

24 June

'Manifestos: Architecture for a New Generation 2023' in Kensington

Design Museum showcases a series of manifestos for a more inclusive London, featuring contributions from Poppy Levison, Dis/, Hamza Shaikh, EDIT Collective and other emerging progressive voices in architecture.

Design Museum, W8 6AG

24 June

Theatre performance from Chickenshed in Camden

Architects Allford Hall Monaghan Morris present a performance from pioneering inclusive young people's theatre group Chickenshed. Drawing on lived experience, the group uses movement, music and dance to explore newly created public space at AHMM's Camden Market Hawley Wharf.

Camden Market Hawley Wharf, NW1 8AA

2–30 June

Seats at the Table in Smithfield

Working with disabled and non-disabled artists and architects, and young people from SEN and mainstream schools, Re-Fabricate and the DisOrdinary Architecture Project present a series of temporary accessible installations that challenge the conventions of public-realm design. On 11 June, the organisers are hosting a day of workshops, talks and games exploring the meeting point of architecture, accessibility and the circular economy.

Postman's Park, EC1A 7BT

The above is a selection of events with a specific focus on inclusive and accessible architecture and public space. The LFA programme also includes a wealth of programming with accessibility measures in place, including wheelchair access, BSL-interpreters, assistive listening systems, accessible and gender-neutral toilet facilities, baby-changing, and quiet spaces. Full accessibility information is provided for every event in the LFA's online festival programme at londonfestivalofarchitecture.org.

Please note: we are not the official press partner for the LFA, but we respect the efforts the festival's tiny team have put in to evolve their programming and access, so we're working together to support them this year. Our teams at Zetteler and Design Can believe the 2023 line-up has taken a major leap forward.

For more information about inclusive events at the London Festival of Architecture, contact sabine@zetteler.co.uk.