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Congress: Designing for the Future

21 - 23 June 2023
Cambridge, England

THE ACADEMY OF URBANISM

Event Programme

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Day One - Wednesday 21 June 2023

Exploring Cambridge

Venue: Cambridge Brew House / Various

The registration will take place at Cambridge Brew House, before a variety of walking tours depart. Note that there will not be luggage storage at the registration point so please drop your bags before registering. Tours will leave sharply at 16:00.

15:00 - 16:00

Registration

16:00 - 17:30

Familiarisation Tours of Cambridge

Groups will set off on foot from the registration point for relaxed orientation tours that will set the scene and acquaint (or reacquaint) delegates with the 2023 host city of Cambridge.

Choose from:

[Cambridge: The Other City, with Anna Brownsted](#)

[Cambridge from the River Cam punting tour](#)

[Cambridge University Tour](#)

[Cambridge: Who Wrote Here? Literary Tour](#)

[Mill Road & the David Parr House](#)

Venue: Museum of Zoology

The following event, the Opening Reception, will take place at Cambridge's Museum of Zoology

18:00 - 19:30

Opening Reception

This drinks reception is an informal welcome to Congress and an opportunity to chat with new and old friends, all while taking in the exhibits at the Museum of Zoology, housed in the redeveloped David Attenborough Building, and home to over 2 million objects.

With Speakers:

[Jas Atwal](#)

Chair, Academy of Urbanism

[Tim Hayward](#)

Food Journalist and Co-Owner, Fitzbillies

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Photo: David Attenborough Building / Museum of Zoology

Day Two - Thursday 22 June 2023

The Cambridge Story

Venue: The Cambridge Union

The following plenary sessions up to and including lunch will take place at the Cambridge Union, the city's historic home of debate and free speech, whose walls of framed photos boast contributors from Emma Thompson to Theodore Roosevelt

08:00 - 9:00

Registration

09:00 - 10:10

The Cambridge Story: Partnership and Innovation

What shapes the Cambridge we can see and experience today?

With Speakers:

Robert Pollock

CEO, Cambridge City Council

Professor Andy Neely, OBE

Senior Pro-Vice-Chancellor and Professor of Manufacturing at the University of Cambridge

Stephen Kelly

Joint Director of Planning & Economic Development, Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Service

Lynne Miles

Director of City Access, Greater Cambridge Partnership

10:10 - 10:40

Coffee Break

10:40 - 11:15

Partnership & Innovation in Practice

Sectoral reflections on how Partnership & Innovation are shaping Cambridge today

Speakers include:

Tom Holbrook

Founder, 5th Studio

Hilary Cox Condron

Community Artist and Creative Producer

Jane Hutchins

Director, Cambridge Science Park

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Day Two - Thursday 22 June 2023

The Cambridge Story

11:15 - 12:00

Panel Discussion: Cambridge Lessons

Vital Cambridge voices share their experiences and lessons on the role of design, engagement, and tourism

Panelists include:

Robin Nicholson

Chair, Cambridgeshire Design Review Panel & Fellow, Cullinan Studio

Idrees Rasouli

Deputy Head of Cambridge School of Art, Anglia Ruskin University

Helen Hames

Marketing & Commercial Manager, Cambridge BID

Olaide Oboh

Executive Director, Socius

12:00 - 12:45

Lunch

Venue: Various

Learning Tours will depart from the Cambridge Union at lunchtime

12:45 - 16:00

Learning Tours of Cambridge

Choose from:

Accordia and Great Kneighton

Encouraging design quality in new housing developments

Cambridge Biomedical Campus

Masterplanning and integrating a global campus in a local city

Cycle Infrastructure

Cambridge, the UK's Cycling Capital

Eddington (supported by Prior & Partners)

A new urban community

Entopia and The Guildhall

The challenges of adapting built heritage

Marmalade Lane, Modular Homes, and The Meadows

Innovation in housing models

North East Cambridge and Hartree Site (supported by Landsec U+I)

A New District of Walkable Neighbourhoods

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Photo: Bike Tours at Congress 2019 in Eindhoven

Day Two - Thursday 22 June 2023

The Cambridge Story

Venue: Various

The afternoon plenary sessions and following drinks reception will be held at the Guildhall, a key civic building that sits on Cambridge's Market Square

16:00 - 16:30

Coffee Break

16:30 - 17:15

Cambridge Learning Tours: Collecting the Lessons

Reporting of critical learning and a compilation of ideas from the afternoon's Learning Tours

17:15 - 18:00

Thursday Keynote: Designing for the Future Today

Setting the scene for Designing for the Future

Itai Palti

Director, Hume, and Founder, The Centre for Conscious Design

18:00 - 19:30

Civic Reception

An opportunity to network with colleagues from Cambridge and beyond in the civic surroundings of the Guildhall

With speakers:

Cllr Jenny Gawthrope Wood

Mayor of Cambridge

Jas Atwal

Chair, Academy of Urbanism

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Photo: The Guildhall

Day Three - Friday 23 June 2023

International Practice

Venue: The Corn Exchange

Friday's plenary and workshop sessions will take place in the Corn Exchange, Cambridge's leading live entertainment venue.

08:00 - 9:00

Registration

09:00 - 10:45

International Practice: Inclusion & Connection and Climate & Adaptation

International good practice and scene-setting from places that are practicing designing for the future.

Speakers include:

Professor Flora Samuel

Incoming Head at the Department of Architecture, University of Cambridge

Daniel Knowles

Author, Carmageddon: How Cars Make Life Worse and What to Do about It

Maria Vassilakou

Former Vice Mayor of Vienna, and Founder, Vienna Solutions

Liljana Jankovič Grobelšek

Head of Planning Office, City of Ljubljana

Erlijn Mulder

Strategic Advisor, City of Utrecht

10:45 - 11:15

Coffee Break

11:15 - 12:00

Intergenerational Neighbourhoods, presented by the Young Urbanists

A Young Urbanist-curated perspective on Designing for the Future, focused on Intergenerational Neighbourhoods

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Photo: Parker's Piece, Cambridge

Day Three - Friday 23 June 2023

International Practice

12:00 - 12:45

With Speakers:

A University City: Anchor institutions as placemakers

Graham Matthews

Director of Estates, University of Cambridge

John Dix

Bursar, Darwin College, and Chair, Bursars' Sustainability Strategy Sub-Committee

And panelists:

Professor Flora Samuel

Incoming Head at the Department of Architecture, University of Cambridge

Tim Hayward

Food Journalist, and Co-owner, Fitzbillies

12:45 - 13:45

Lunch

13:45 - 15:15

Workshops - International Practice: Where is Designing for the Future?

Choose from:

Adapting our Urban Places for 21 Century Realities

Constructing Buildings for Climate Change

Delivering 21 Century Mobility in Historic Places

Delivering a Green & Blue City

How Do We Deliver an Equitable and Healthy City?

What's Needed to Shape a Sustainable City Region?

15:15 - 15:45

Coffee Break

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Photo: Cambridge Market Square

Day Three - Friday 23 June 2023

International Practice

15:45 - 16:45

BDP & the AoU Presents: What is the future of our places?

A conversation led challenge to and reflection from Congress delegates, led by BDP, to launch 'City Observatory', a partnership between BDP and the AoU about the future of our places

Chaired by:

David Rudlin

Director, BDP

With speakers:

Manisha Bhartia

BDP, Delhi

Harim Labuschagne

BDP, Toronto

Bjorn Bleumink

BDP, Rotterdam

16:45 - 17:30

Closing Keynote: Designing for the Future

Reflecting on Designing for the Future

Marion Waller

Director, Pavillon de l'Arsenal, and former Advisor to the Mayor of Paris

17:30 - 19:30

Free Time

Venue: Murray Edwards College

Congress will close with our final night Congress Dinner held in the iconic brutalist Dome at Murray Edwards.

19:30 - 22:30

Congress Dinner

This is an opportunity to eat, drink, be merry, and celebrate the past few days. Please check your Eventbrite booking to make sure your ticket includes Congress Dinner.

22:30

Congress end



Photo: Murray Edwards College

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