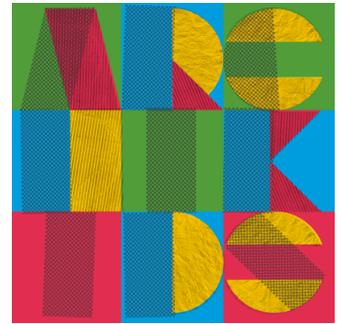


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Archikids Festival 2017

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The doors are open for Archikids Festival 2017!

Archikids Festival 2017 returns for its fifth year and it's going to be better than ever! This week Open City announces the new 'Festival Hubs' of Archikids 2017 – revealing the doors set to open on the **22 & 23 July 2017** for a fun-filled programme of activities. The Gherkin is joined by the iconic gardens of St Paul's Cathedral, Broadgate and the galleries of the Museum of London. It's going to be a fantastic weekend of explorations!

Archikids is a weekend festival of free activities for kids and their families to explore the city. It's a chance to explore London's iconic buildings while constructing an architectural piece of headwear, building lego landscapes and designing your own skyscrapers!

What's On:

30+ exciting activities set to inspire kids about their city and how they can make a difference to it! Highlights will be:

- Get ready to build the tallest Lego tower for **On your marks, get set, LEGO** at the Gherkin
- Becoming an **Eco Explorer** in the gardens of St Paul's Cathedral, supported by the City of London Corporation
- Strut your stuff for **Hatwalk Catwalk** at Broadgate
- **Design a New Museum** in the Museum of London galleries

Festival Details:

When: Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd July 2017, 10am-5pm

Where: Activities are centered around four 'Festival Hubs' across the City of London including – The Gherkin, Broadgate, St Paul's Cathedral, and Museum of London.

For who: Children aged 5-11 and their families

How much: This festival is free to attend!

For further details and the full programme visit: www.archikids.org.uk/festival

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Over 7,000 families joined us in 2016, this year the festival aims to expand and inspire even more young Londoners to join in exploring the exciting and evolving architecture across the City of London's Square Mile, through creative and exhilarating activities, stimulating workshops and intriguing tours of the architecture that is often overlooked by fast-paced city life!

Leading local designers will help our budding designers too! Teams from PRP, AKT II, Endpoint, Studio Sanshea, Waterman Structures, Lipton Plant and many more firms have signed up to the festival's Activate Challenge, which is testing their own creative juices in devising an activity for the weekend. Watch this space and see what they brainstorm up!

Notes to Editor

For Images - <http://www.archikids.org.uk/contact/press.html>

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The festival is supported by City of London, 30 St Mary Axe, Broadgate, British Land, Museum of London, St Paul's Cathedral, The City Bridge Trust.

"Archikids activities take place in the streets, markets and plazas of the City of London, affording children the opportunity to work in front of some of the most inspiring architectural landmarks in the UK. The usual working-week buzz of the financial district is replaced with a new kind of energy during the Archikids festival weekend. For two days it feels like children and their families hold the keys to the City of London and creativity is the only currency that talks."

Ben Long, Artist and festival participant

Open City: Archikids is Open City's flagship family festival. Open City is London's leading architecture education charity, that aims to give the opportunity for everyone to enjoy and celebrate the buildings and places where we live, work and play.

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