

Architecture for Everyone

Nationwide search for aspiring architects comes to Bristol

Architecture for Everyone, an initiative created in memory of murdered teenager Stephen Lawrence, will be heading to Bristol as part of its nationwide search for Britain's architects of the future.

The 'Architecture for Everyone' campaign is a creative collaboration between the **Stephen Lawrence Charitable Trust** and **UK-based architects RMJM** aiming to encourage greater diversity in the architectural profession and was launched in 2008. It has delivered design led workshops and events in cities across the UK including, Nottingham, Liverpool, London, Glasgow, Manchester, Birmingham, Newcastle and Sheffield.

The campaign is being led in Bristol by **The Architecture Centre** and has received financial support from **Bristol's Legacy Commission**. It is recruiting aspiring architects and built environment professionals to take part in a one-day careers advice day in Bristol on **Wednesday 30 March** at the **University of the West of England (UWE) School of the Built and Natural Environment**. Aimed at 14-19 year olds, particularly those from Black and minority ethnic backgrounds, workshops and advice sessions will be led by lecturers from UWE and other design professionals.

In addition to the careers event, students of the City Academy, Bristol will be taking part in a three day architecture and design workshop in early March and both events will be documented to form an exhibition at the Architecture Centre in June/July.

RMJM's Chief Executive Peter Morrison has been publicly outspoken in claiming that the architectural profession is similar to an "old boy's club", since it is dominated by white middle class men. The campaign was inspired by the memory of Stephen Lawrence, murdered in 1993 who wanted to become an architect.

Doreen Lawrence, mother of Stephen Lawrence said, "I truly welcome the collaboration with RMJM and the Stephen Lawrence Charitable Trust on 'Architecture for Everyone'. I take pleasure that Stephen's name is able to help inspire young people to fulfil their dreams."

Amy Harrison, the Architecture Centre's Education Manager said

'The Architecture Centre is committed to inspiring all young people about their built environment and is delighted to be working with the Stephen Lawrence Trust to encourage young people from diverse backgrounds to explore careers in the built environment sector'.

Young people aged 14-19 who would like to take part in the careers day should contact Amy Harrison, Education Manager at The Architecture Centre on: amy.harrison@architecturecentre.co.uk or 0117 9221540 to book a place.

Note to editors:

About 'Architecture for Everyone':

'Architecture for Everyone' was launched in 2008 in collaboration between UK-based international architecture practice RMJM and the Stephen Lawrence Charitable Trust. The 'Architecture for Everyone' campaign is set up in honour of black British teenager, Stephen Lawrence, who was stabbed in a racial attack in 1993. Stephen Lawrence was an aspiring architect and Architecture for Everyone aims to offer young people the opportunity to succeed within architecture, encouraging more ethnic diversity in the built environment industry.

www.architectureforevevone.org.uk

About The Stephen Lawrence Charitable Trust:



The Stephen Lawrence Charitable Trust is a national education charity committed to providing opportunity and access to disadvantaged young people; fostering positive community relationships, and enabling people to realize their potential. Through creative methods the Trust addresses the causes of urban decay, youth disaffection and educational underachievement and supports young people by developing pathways into aspirational and sustainable employment. www.stephenlawrence.org.uk

About The Architecture Centre:



The Architecture Centre is a leading expert on engaging the public with the architecture and the built environment - championing the creation of better quality neighbourhoods, buildings and public spaces. The Architecture Centre aims to increase awareness and enjoyment of architecture, and to demonstrate the cultural, social and economic benefits of good design through its exhibitions, events, education and outreach programmes.

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