



COMPETITION

Forgotten Spaces shortlist revealed

RIBA and Qatari Diar shortlist 20 inspired proposals to transform neglected land in London

RIBA London has unveiled a 20-strong shortlist for the Qatari Diar-backed Forgotten Spaces competition, which called on designers to find new uses for abandoned land in London.

Imaginative schemes on the list include: gardens along the length of the Circle Line by Chris Hildrey; Scott Brownrigg's public pool in a disused tramway entrance; and Dan Dodds' Nose to Tail restaurant, complete with abattoir, tannery, butchery and leather workshop.

The winners will be announced on 26 May at the launch of an exhibition of the shortlisted entries, which will run at the National Theatre, London SE1, until 4 July. The top prize will be £5,000. *Merlin Fulcher*

The Forgotten Spaces shortlist in full

No.	Architect	Project name	Borough	Brief description
1	Craft Pegg	Thames Archipelago	Tower Hamlets	Floating natural habitats at East India Docks
2	Scott Brownrigg	The Pool	Camden	Public pool filling disused tramway entrance
3	JAIA	Kingsway Hub	Camden	Pedestrian walkway and market
4	Boyarsky Murphy Architects	A New Productive Landscape	Camden	Micro allotment gardens next to railway line
5	Muf	Beckton Alp	Newham	Accessible wilderness
6	Benjamin Wilkes/Joanna Maguire	Cross Bones Memorial	Southwark	Memorial building and garden
7	J&L Gibbons	Friern Barnet Sewage Works	Haringey	Community allotment garden
8	Chris Hildrey	Hanging Gardens of Circle Line	Westminster	Gardens along length of Circle Line
9	Artillery	Plinth	Tower Hamlets	Raised sculpture park on railway viaduct
10	James Stopps	Between + Nowhere	Lambeth	Gardens under roof of old Eurostar terminal
11	Gorf Scott	Reservoir Roofs	Waltham Forest	Development of reservoirs in Lea Valley
12	Dan Dodds	Nose to Tail	City of London	Restaurant with abattoir, tannery, butchery etc
13	Honey Architecture	Walk the Line	Hounslow	Light installation on underside of M4
14	Cabinet of Curiosity	Visions of Utopia	Lambeth	Revival of old Orangery in Clapham
15	11.04 Architects	Millbrook Place	Camden	New gateway on Camden High Street
16	Kingston University	Performance of Forgotten Space	Croydon	Performance space connecting buildings
17	Martin Ebert, Studio Meda	Old Kent Paradise	Southwark	Public gardens improving busy roundabout site
18	Featherstone Young	Voicebox	Lambeth	Speakers' forum in Brixton
19	Form Associates	Millwall Dock Floating Gardens	Tower Hamlets	Natural ecosystem for Millwall Docks
20	DSDHA/Atelier Saunt at EPFL	Park Lane	Westminster	Activity centre on grass verge of Park Lane



Architect Simon Mellor and Ryan Butterfield
Project name Performance of Forgotten Space
Borough Croydon
Description Performance space connecting buildings

Croydon is often cited as an example of chaotic town planning, in which a series of 'masterplans' only complicates dysfunctional construction rather than resolving earlier shortcomings.

Simon Mellor and Ryan Butterfield aim to solve some of these problems by giving a human and artistic dimension to the town. The scheme uses left-over and backspace land for new public spaces that help reconnect disjointed parts of the town. It bridges the high street and the modern shopping centre and creates new public courtyards, cafés, and a 600-seat music auditorium.

A significant feature is the Public Square; a meeting point of many routes through the town. The design takes into account the square's working nature as well as its importance as a meeting point.

Materials are a mix of different types of existing brick, building on rather than yet again reinventing Croydon's patchwork past.



Above Mellor and Butterfield's scheme uses left-over and backspace land to create new public spaces in Croydon

Below Form Associates' interconnected floating habitats create a park on the water at Millwall Dock

Architect Form Associates
Project name Millwall Dock Floating Gardens
Borough Tower Hamlets
Description Natural ecosystem for Millwall Docks

Many of the waters of London's docklands remain silent and empty, often poorly integrated into the high-density urban architecture. One such space is Millwall Inner Dock, which struggles to respond to the water's edge despite its surrounding residential buildings lacking associative amenity spaces.

The Floating Gardens scheme by Form Associates involves a so-called 'migratory green urbanism'. This is the gradual introduction of interconnected floating habitats to create a park on the water from Millwall Inner Dock into West India Dock.

The principal components of the system are sustainable habitat zones in the form of floating islands; activity zones to support recreation; a necklace of floating beaches and bridging components; and energy zones with the means to generate wind and solar power. Form Associates' plan also accommodates existing water users, including boats and water sports.

Simon Mellor and Ryan Butterfield



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