



urbandesignlondon
2013/14
programme



URBAN DESIGN LONDON TRAINING PROGRAMME

UDL are pleased to present our programme for April 2013 to March 2014.

To help us decide what to focus on we asked our members which subjects they most wanted help with. What they told us helped shape the programme in this brochure, and we believe it represents an up-to-date and relevant range of courses. We hope you like it and find lots of events you would like to come to.

The programme continues some of our old favourites alongside seven new mini series:

Network Meetings to provide topical and timely briefings and discussions

Tricky Issue Debates to delve into specific design issues

Leaders Briefings specifically for councillors and senior officers

Guided Site Visits to see the best being built

Design Reviews and Surgeries to offer advice on individual projects

Mini Series on Historic Conservation, Development Economics, Delivering Good Housing, Urban Design in London, Hard Working Streets, Street Essentials, and Planning Essentials

We have refreshed our foundation courses, workshops and masterclasses to create seven new mini series, each with individual sessions which build upon each other to provide you with the opportunity to really get to grips with the subject. We will secure the best and most relevant trainers for these sessions and hope they will be useful, relevant and enjoyable.

You are welcome to come along to all or just one or two of the sessions in any series.

There is a date for each event in this brochure, but we will offer repeat sessions if there is demand.

ABOUT US

We are a not for profit support organisation and we use subscriptions to fund our programme. Local authorities can join for £4,000 plus VAT. Housing Associations can subscribe for up to £1,000 depending on their size. We are happy to discuss membership with other organisations.

People from member organisations can book places at the 80 events planned without further cost. There is no maximum number of places that can be booked, but we may have to restrict places to one or two per organisation if events are very popular.

Almost all places at our events go to our members. But when there is space others can book for £175 plus VAT per person.

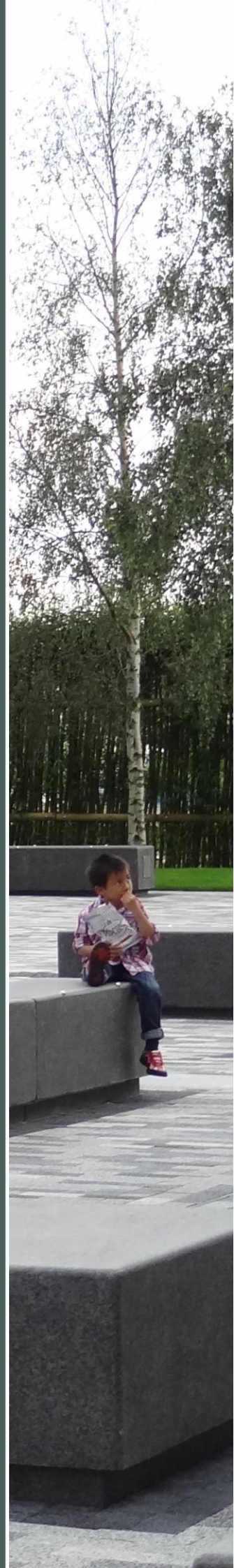
Members can also book slots to bring schemes to Design Reviews and Surgeries for free. This can be a real bonus, meaning local authorities do not need to set up their own panel if they do not want to. If written summaries of the advice given are required there may be a small additional fee.

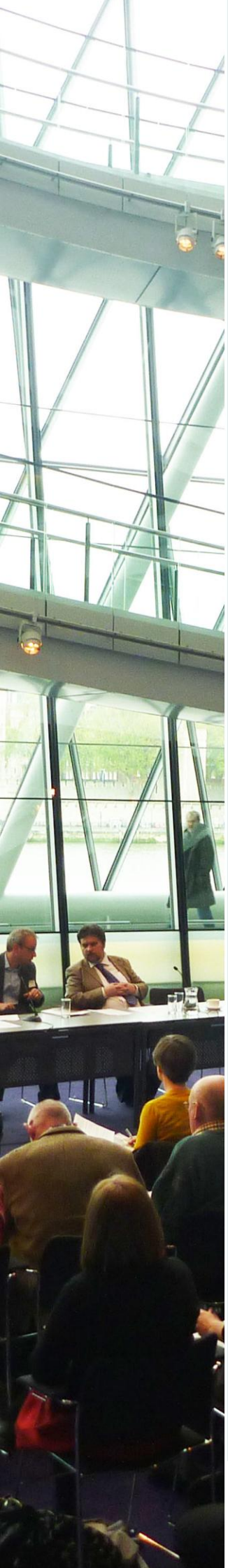
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For the most up-to-date information on our events, please:

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MEETINGS, BRIEFINGS, VISITS, TRICKY ISSUES...

These events are highly topical so we cannot say what will be covered in each within this brochure. But the agendas and locations will be as timely and relevant to our members' work as we can make them. More information will be available nearer the time, but you might like to pop them in your diary now.

Network Meetings and Tricky Issue Debates *for member organisations*

2013: 24 April, 26 June, 16 October, 19 November

2014: 22 January, 19 March

Good for meeting peers and hearing about new ideas, research, policies and case studies.

Leaders Briefings

for councillors and senior officers

2013: 22 May, 18 September

2014: 12 February

Focused and succinct sessions for councillors and other built environment 'leaders'.

Guided Site Visits

for all - wear comfy shoes!

2013: 26 April, 24 May, 19 July, 4 October, 13 December

2014: 28 March

Opportunities to see and learn about interesting schemes.

Network Meetings, Leaders Briefings & Housing Site Visits sponsored by

DESIGN REVIEWS AND SURGERIES

for our members only

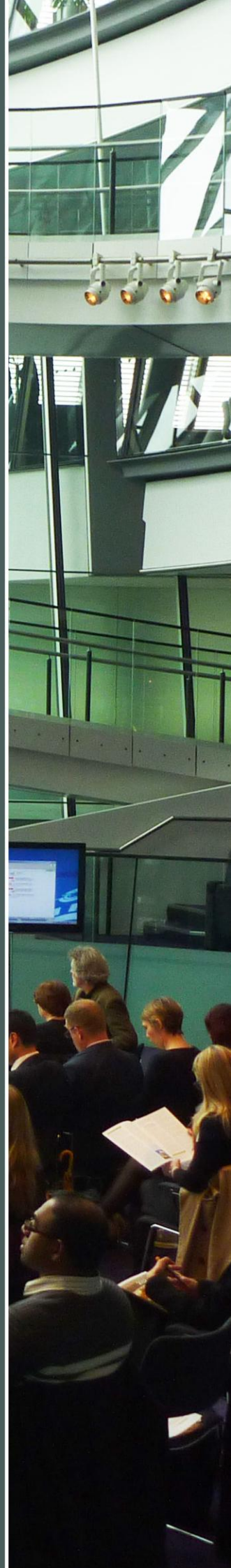
2013:	11 & 25 April	9 & 23 May	6 & 19 June
	4 & 18 July	5 & 19 September	3 & 17 October
	7 & 26 November	5 December	
2014:	16 & 29 January	6 February	6 & 20 March

However skilled and experienced a design or planning team are, it can sometimes be useful to get advice from others, and discuss design options and practicalities with experts not already involved in a scheme. This is where our reviews and surgeries can help.

We have a wonderful panel of experts from across the worlds of architecture, highway design, landscape architecture, urban design and planning. We provided advice on over 50 schemes last year and members say they find these sessions extremely helpful.

It might sound a bit confusing that we have both reviews and surgeries – they are very similar, but basically the reviews are more formal and the surgeries more informal. We prefer the surgeries, particularly early on in the design process, as we find the informality leads to better discussion and more improvement to schemes, but will provide more formal reviews if requested. We can discuss your individual needs when you book a slot.

“ *The advice really helped us to focus our core objectives and will shape how we go forward with the design development.* ”





HISTORIC CONSERVATION SERIES

A chance for those dealing with conservation area, listed building or heritage at risk issues to discuss latest policy and legislative changes and ideas.

The History of London's Architecture

16 April

How London has been built, focusing on key architects, their designs and their impact over the centuries.

Practical Ideas for Heritage at Risk & Funding Options

7 May

A look at successful case studies of London's Heritage at Risk, including presentations on finding out what funding is available, how to get it and how to manage it.

Historic Conservation in London Discussed

25 June

A session to help you understand current key heritage issues, such as significance, setting and how impact is assessed; we will also take a look at how the new guidance regime works.

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“ *The sessions are informative, varied and thought-provoking.* ”

“ *All was very interesting, particularly the emphasis on planning, consultation and how to be pro-active when initiating projects. Much to take back to the office.* ”

HARD WORKING STREETS SERIES

Supporting TfL's Roads Task Force work and helping delegates consider the function and purpose of different streets and how they can be designed and managed.

Understanding the Role of the Street

18 April

This session will help us understand the link/place theories and how to assess existing performance and potential optimal functions of a street. We will consider community and commuter requirements, agreeing priorities for the successful completion of a project. In the afternoon we will have a practical look at common problems and best practice design solutions. We will investigate widely-used design features, such as pavement build-outs, pavement pad parking, raised tables, relaxed junctions, shared spaces and diagonal crossings, and the types of places to use them.

Designing for all Modes

16 May

This session will discuss different types of traffic and journeys, and the importance of local and distant accessibility. We will cover specifics such as freight, taxis, buses, signalling, speed management, parking and traffic modelling and predictions, considering the physical requirements of different modes and how they overlap.

Understanding Pedestrians

13 June

This session will look at the importance of walking for London and discuss current trends and statistics. We will investigate Legible London, tactile paving and inclusive design. There will be a discussion on de-cluttering and furniture zones, as well as providing information on pedestrian comfort guidance and the Pedestrian Environment Review System (PERS). We will also critique a local pedestrian improvement scheme.

Designing Interchanges

2 July

Busy interchanges need careful planning; this session looks at important issues to consider around station and bus interchanges. We will investigate examples from the UK and abroad, discuss lessons learned and identify if these could be suitable for application in a London context.



DEVELOPMENT ECONOMICS SERIES

A helpful course for those struggling to understand and assess scheme viability and funding issues and how they relate to development delivery.

An Introduction to Urban and Development Economics

23 April

This introductory session will cover the basic theories, concepts and jargon where the development world meets the economic challenges. It will introduce Locational Economics: the link between urban design and development economics, as well as costs and the 'Rules of Thumb' explained.

Understanding Viability and Project Appraisal Toolkit

10 May

This event will introduce different approaches to development appraisals, be they housing association, developer or local authority. It will explain viability as viewed from different perspectives and how that can impact on design. We will look at project appraisal skills required to understand Net Present Values, Internal Rates of Return and Required Returns, and how to do a development appraisal.

Funding Models and Market and Developer Contributions

5 June

At this event we will look in depth and gain an understanding of current funding models including borrowing, debt and equity, as well as contributions made on CIL, Sec 106, overage and clawback issues. Following an update on the commercial and residential markets and information on various Government / GLA funding instruments, we will discuss housing funding and its relationship to contributions and local authority funding post HRA reform.

Economic Assessment of Planning Policies

20 June

The event will take us through the steps to consider the impact of our planning policies. We will discuss the expectations from central government on assessing the cost of new planning policies and how to manage and present them.

Estate Renewal

3 July

This event looks at how to approach Estate renewal: the good, and the not so good practice, and the impact of the masterplan. Focussing on partnership working, funding and rent models the session will look at best practice examples, covering public space and land uses, as well as transport and tenure design and management.

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DELIVERING GOOD HOUSING SERIES

An up-to-date look at best practice, trends and methods of delivery using site visits and scheme reviews to help explain why some schemes are more successful than others.

What Makes for a Good Home and Neighbourhood?

12 September

This event will explain the principles behind good housing design and we will consider how design impacts on residents and the neighbourhood. We will have a site visit to a local scheme and discuss its merits, and assess what makes a place good to live in.

London's Housing Design Policies

26 September

We will be introduced to the GLA requirements on housing standards and observe examples of schemes that meet (and do not meet) the Mayor's SPG. We will hear from architects on their experiences designing with the new standards, and work together to assess compliance of a London scheme.

Typologies and Trends and the London Vernacular

10 October

This event will look at emerging housing typologies, the current trends and their success. We will discuss the importance of detailing, with information on key materials and how they can be best used including brick, render and wood cladding. This will include an overview of the design and planning processes, and why many decisions on details happen after planning permission is granted.

Good Housing Site Visit

6 November

Visiting the Best; a tour of 2012 and 2013 award-winning schemes.

Design for Maintenance, Management and Energy Efficiency

21 November

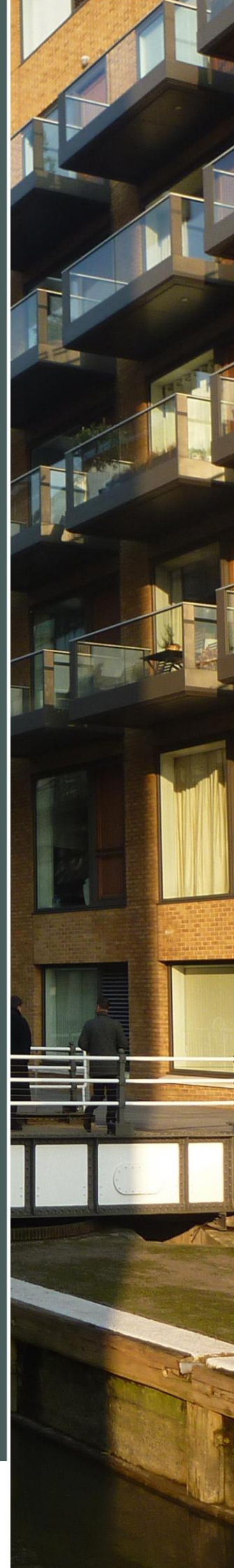
This event will look at housing design details and how these can influence management of servicing, reduce communal circulation space, and impact on noise, thermal and heating ratings. We will investigate up-to-date energy issues such as local and shared options and their pros & cons.

Evaluating Schemes

5 December

In this session we will discuss what to look out for in assessing a scheme and why, and will introduce the Building for Life 12 tool and its use in evaluating a range of housing developments. We will watch a specimen scheme review take place and hold group surgeries with help and discussion from experts in the field; a full hands-on day.

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STREET ESSENTIALS SERIES

A pragmatic look at street management and design tools, such as traffic modelling, signal phasing and surface materials and how they affect performance.

Cycling: The Design Principles

18 June & 12 November

This popular event looks at how we design the spaces people cycle through. After an introduction on design principles, we will discuss options for links, routes, lanes and conflict areas such as junctions, looking at crossing designs and practical options for safe cycling.

Managing Streets for Cyclists

27 June & 19 November

Following on from the introductory design principles, this session considers the use of signals, signs and markings, as well as construction and surface issues and their maintenance. This practical session will look at the provision of cycle parking, hire stations and wayfinding models, considering design options for different areas.

Traffic Modelling

11 September

This technical session will help us to understand commonly used traffic modelling types, and discuss their pros & cons, data requirements and how best to use the results. It will also explain how to model the impact of signal designs and phasing.

Regulations, Guidance and Legislation

23 October

This session will take us through the different regulations, guidance and legislation, discussing where there is overlap and what is actually said about the most common street signs and bits of kit we have on our roads.

Street Materials and Details

5 November

This workshop will focus in depth on street material types and details. Materials specialists from CED Stone, Marshalls and others, will be on hand to discuss the range of materials that can be used, their pros & cons, performance, maintenance requirements and approximate costs.

STREET ESSENTIALS SERIES

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Street Design Conundrums

14 January

We will take a practical look at common design questions and choices such as the use of level surfaces, raised tables, mini roundabouts, median strips, tactile paving, and various types of controlled and uncontrolled crossings. This session details how and where to effectively incorporate these tricky streetscape features.

Environmental Challenges in Street Design

28 January

This half day event will look at recent policy and best practice to investigate how to implement climate change adaptation interventions in our streets.

Technical Considerations for the Street Environment

11 February

We will investigate up-to-date environmental specifications used in street design to regulate the urban microclimate, manage rainwater and combat air and noise pollution. This will include looking at how to best design green infrastructure: green walls, SUDs and tree planting.

“ *Hearing all the speakers touch on such a range of topics was extremely eye-opening and it was interesting to hear the different points and views on levels of transport and cycling in London.* ”

“ *I enjoyed all the presentations, but it was especially good to have the opportunity to discuss the issues with a wide range of people.* ”





URBAN DESIGN IN LONDON SERIES

Incorporating our ever popular introduction to urban design day, this series looks at the many ways that the design of places can help London thrive.

The Principles of Good Urban Design

17 September

This event will cover the basic principles of good urban design and the structure of places; introducing density, movement networks, land uses, appearance, public realm and the relationship between design, viability and delivery. We will look at how parallel design processes work as well as the interplay between investment and the big beasts of planning and transport planning, and architecture and design.

Making the most of 'Big Change' Places

24 October

The session will introduce masterplanning, its pros & cons and its relationship to development and public realm issues; considering design developments of interchanges, ring roads and junction treatments. We will investigate Town Centres, looking at size and structure, connections and mix of uses as well as managing for growth, stability or consolidation. Finally, this big change session will look at London Plan growth and opportunity areas and how design issues and major changes are being addressed.

Design Options for Common Issues

14 November

We will consider the latest thinking on car parking demand and management, along with the principles of good car parking design and on, off and in-building solutions for both residential and commercial demands. We will look at best practice waste collection and storage options, alongside tree planting and landscaping, and how to make the most of public space for play areas by incorporating play strategies.

Learning to be a Design Critic

12 December

This event will introduce us to 'architectural jargon' and discuss the creative process and how it is best described and understood. This full day event will incorporate function versus aesthetics and the role and limitations of standards and guidance. We will look at a range of recent case studies and scenarios and probe responses as design critics.

PLANNING ESSENTIALS SERIES

A refresher for existing planners or a useful insight into the subject for others, covering practical issues like assessing sunlight levels and writing policies.

London's Planning Policies

15 January

A must for London's planners, this event will give an understanding of current policies from the NPPF and the London Plan. We will also look at example borough and neighbourhood plans which have an influence on the design and quality of the built environment, including historic conservation policies. We will discuss and consider the importance of planning policies, what they mean in practice, and what makes for good or bad policies, and their relationship to negotiations and planning decisions.

Regulations and Processes

30 January

In this session we will gain an understanding of permitted development, Article 4 notices, prior notifications and the regulations around information to be supplied with planning applications. It will explain the historic conservation consents regime, covering the legal and legislative side of things, recent changes and what these mean in practice. We will have a discussion on the design and development processes, masterplanning and brief preparation.

Planning Calculations

13 February

This practical session will give advice and look at worked examples on how to calculate key scheme data and scrutinise technical information provided with an example application such as: daylight and sunlight requirements, noise pollution, parking requirements, scheme density, BREEAM and/or environmental performance figures.

Evaluating Planning Proposals

27 February

In this practical session we will learn what to look for in a scheme and why, we will observe specimen design reviews and undertake group design surgeries with help and discussion from experts. We will gain an understanding of key graphical information and detailing.

Site Visit

13 March

A guided visit to see London planning awards shortlisted and/or winning schemes.

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