



Winter 2008 e-newsletter

Shape East is the architecture and built environment centre for the Eastern Region. We are a registered charity whose mission is to 'help people make better places'. One of a national network of centres core funded by CABE, Shape delivers its mission through educational outreach work in village halls, Council Chambers, schools and communities across the region. Our education work ranges from quite formal seminar sessions with Local Authority members and officers to 'Making Neighbourhoods' planning and model making sessions with young people and adults from 7 year olds upwards.

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Coming up – Dates for your diaries

**'I like people. I hope it shows':
Will Also on Architecture
The Shape East Christmas Lecture.
Supported by CFCI
Fitzwilliam College Auditorium, Cambridge
Thursday 18 December, 6.00pm**

Seats at the Shape Christmas lecture are being booked up fast so get in touch quickly to ensure you don't miss this controversial and stimulating event.



There will also be a chance to see some of the entries to 'Transforming Places' Shape's secondary student design competition, whilst tucking into mulled wine and mince pies. <http://www.shape-east.org.uk/events/index.html>

New (secular) uses for old churches
Friday 30 January 2009, 10.00am – 3.45pm

Norwich Arts Centre, Norwich

This **free** one-day seminar will provide an opportunity to explore:

- how and why churches become redundant and the impact this has on the buildings' future
- the key issues faced by English Heritage on the new secular use for former places of worship
- the challenges of finding new uses for redundant churches to ensure a sustainable use for the church buildings
- case studies of new uses for old churches



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Supported by English Heritage and CABE. More information will shortly be available from <http://www.shape-east.org.uk/events/index.html>

'Future Gazing: What are Zero Carbon Communities? – by people who are making things work'

The William Gates Building, West Campus, Cambridge

Wednesday 14 January 2009, times tbc

By 2030 we are looking for 60% reductions in carbon emissions, this seminar will look at policy change and practical ways to approach sustainability within the context of the growth agenda.

Speakers to include

- Alex Plant, Chief Executive, Cambs. Horizons
- Peter Head, Director, Arups

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Sustainability Walk – trial groups wanted

Shape East is producing a Climate Change Walk around central Cambridge which will be downloadable from the Shape website. The walk will focus attention on design, landscape and engineering details which function to ameliorate climatic 'events' along with interesting facts about how the climate has shaped Cambridge. It will look at examples from the past and consider how they might inform the present.

We're looking for groups to help us trial the walk to make sure that it is relevant to the intended audience before it's published. Please get in touch if you'd like to be involved. We're particularly interested in hearing from: cyclists, eco-groups, walking groups, local history groups and disability groups.

Associates News



5th Studios' building praised in AJ.

The front cover of The Architects' Journal shows the new Creative Exchange business centre in St. Neots. Commenting on the scheme Peter Carl states, *'The ingenuity of Tom Holbrook and his team at 5th Studio allowed the Creative Exchange to fulfil its potential on several levels — socially, politically, urbanistically, architecturally.'*

We're proud to remind you that 5th Studio is one of Shape's most helpful Associates. Find a link to their website through the about Shape East webpage <http://www.shape-east.org.uk/about/index.html>

Young People in Cambridge show City Councillors what 'Changing Places' means to them.

Budding filmmaker's who took part in 'Changing Places' will be showing their work to Cambridge City Councillors on Thursday 4 December.

Young people from Arbury Park in Cambridge took part in the filmmaking project run by Shape East, in partnership with Peterborough City Council's young people's service and Cambridge City Council's Children and Young People Participation Service, to record and display their feelings and hopes for the future. You can see the finished films here http://www.shape-east.org.uk/community/changing_places.html

The project aimed to bring together new and existing communities to share their histories and explore the places they live. It was funded through the Heritage Lottery Fund's young roots scheme and The Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment (CABE).

Recent Events

Building in Context Seminar: Doing justice to landmark sites within Major Town Centre Re-developments The Key Theatre, Peterborough

Peterborough provided a case study for this fourth Building in Context seminar, which welcomed attendees from eight different Local Authorities and four Design and Heritage Champions. Led by Rob Cowan, nationally renowned commentator on urban design, the day focused on the unexploited area of the South Bank (of the River Nene) in Peterborough, which provides fantastic opportunities for redevelopment and the location of housing, office and leisure facilities. Funded by CABE and English Heritage.

Attendee quotes:

'I am more aware and feel more confident in appraising issues'

'It will assist in developing our approaches in urban design'

'This reinforces what I do already in approaching site specific issues as a planner – adds rigour'

'I'm sure it has sharpened my focus and shown me more factors to consider in my role of planning and HELM'

The presentations will shortly be available to download from Shape's website so keep a watch here <http://www.shape-east.org.uk/recent/index.html>

If you know of someone who will be interested in staying in touch with what Shape East are doing, please feel free to forward this to them.

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