INTRODUCTION
By Scott Burnham, Creative Director

Imagine a future in which the M62 corridor is considered as single entity, a vast network connecting cities, 30 miles long and 16 miles wide, stretching from Liverpool to Hull and embracing all areas in between. Here, city limits are blurred, as is the very definition of a city. This is SuperCity.

SuperCity is Will Alsop’s vision for the future of the North. In SuperCity, individual city centres enjoy a collaborative relationship, improved transport routes are established and urban and rural images rethought, allowing the region to function collectively as a whole to function collectively as a strong and robust economic region.

For both SuperCity and Will Alsop, how a building functions in the lives of those who experience it, how it continues and practically enhances their lives, is just as important as how it looks. He writes:

“With the advent of studio architecture, the focus on the appearance of individual buildings in Liverpool, Leeds, Manchester and Hull. Through this work, architecture is a tool, a way of life. It is the kind of place you hang up your hat in the city of tomorrow that we might all wake up in an exceptional day every day.”

SuperCity invites us to reconsider the entire spectrum of life in the North, from housing and seeking to transport, food chains and leisure spaces that we all own and share, offering us a glimpse of the future and posing questions along the way.

Just as the concept of SuperCity is a departure from traditional urban planning, the exhibition is a departure from traditional architecture. Instead of architectural exhibits, here we are seeing windows into the experiences of the SuperCity vision. Alsop’s work is sometimes referred to as ‘objects of curiosity’ structures that are meant to delight and engage the landscape. The giant sculptural forms found throughout the exhibition remain open to what the future will be like. This exhibit is an opportunity to see what it is like.

EVENTS

EVENTS TAKES PLACE IN THE LIVERPOOL TéléCITY CENTRE FOR URBAN CULTURE

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EVENTS

SuperCity: Will Alsop’s Vision for the Future of the North

TOURS

Building schools for the future
A conference for Head Teachers and LFEA advisers
Wednesday, 13 April
10am – 5pm
£120
To book call 0151 605 8205

In Conversation
With Will Alsop & Tom Dyckhoff
Wednesday, 13 April
7.30 – 10pm
£10, £5 concessions

TALK

Sustainability in the SuperCity
A dialogue for future living with contributors including Peter Gross White
Friday, 16 April
10 am – 4 pm
£35, £15 concessions (includes buffet lunch)

TALK

In Conversation
With Will Alsop and Martin Stacey
Tuesday, 26 April
7.30 – 8 pm
£35, £15 concessions