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**‘PITCH YOUR POLICY’  
OPEN CITY HOLDS KEY HUSTINGS EVENT THIS THURSDAY**

23 March 2010: Open City, London’s leading architecture education organisation, is holding a high-profile hustings event this Thursday 25 March, at the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, to quiz politicians on their ideas for architecture policy.

Confirmed speakers include Labour Minister for Culture & Tourism, The Rt Hon Margaret Hodge MBE MP and Conservative Shadow Minister for Culture & Creative Industries, Ed Vaizey MP. The event will be chaired by Professor Richard Trainor, Principal, King’s College and also an Open City Supporter at Large.

Architecture is a key part of our culture, yet there is no formal policy for it in England. At this event, attendees will have the opportunity to pose questions and hear the MPs’ thoughts on the future developments of architecture in this country.

Victoria Thornton, Founder and Director of Open City said:

“Architecture is the one thing that impacts all of us day in and day out and yet there is no formal policy for it in England and it is not taught in schools.

This debate will provide the opportunity to put the major political parties on the spot to see how much they really value this nation’s architecture and what they are prepared to do to promote and encourage long-lasting good design.”

This is part of a series of events celebrating the organisation’s name change from Open House to Open City to reflect how its work and influence has evolved to impact upon the whole of the city.

As an independent architecture organisation, Open City’s programmes are recognised for their innovation and excellence, questioning and provoking debate around the urban fabric of the city.

Pitch Your Policy debate takes place on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2010, from 6:00pm to 7:30pm at The Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain.

Attendance is by invitation only. There is however, limited space available for press. To register your interest, please RSVP to: [acassidy@open-city.org.uk](mailto:acassidy@open-city.org.uk)

Should you wish to pose a question to the panelists, please submit this to: [acassidy@open-city.org.uk](mailto:acassidy@open-city.org.uk)

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