

Volunteering Opportunities at Open-City

Open-City is an **architecture education charity** dedicated to broadening awareness of good quality architecture in London. By creating opportunities for debate and discussion related to architectural design, we invite a wide range of people to develop their understanding of the city's environment. Based in Shoreditch in London, the charity reaches hundreds of thousands of people each year – from decision-makers in local government through to the general public, children and young people.

Around 20 volunteers work in the office assisting a small team of staff with all areas of our work – from general administrative and office assistance, research into various aspects of architecture, technical work on our websites, database through to marketing and press work and image bank. We are dedicated to building upon the expertise and knowledge of all the volunteers and aim to make the experience as rewarding as possible. We've a friendly team in the office and hold annual fun 'away-days' as well as other social gatherings in the year!

Volunteers are core to Open-City's existence. In addition to the 20 people that contribute within the office, thousands more volunteers help with events around London through the year. We welcome volunteers from all backgrounds – a specific expertise in architecture or education is not essential.

How to get involved

We are currently **looking for volunteers to assist in the office** on a range of projects with tasks including general administration, research, telephoning, databasing and more.

If you are enthusiastic about architecture and have some office skills, we would love to hear from you. Please send your CV or a brief outline of your experience, and areas of work you are most interested in, to Eleanor Campion on ecampion@open-city.org.uk

We are also always keen to hear from people wanting to **volunteer at our events** such as Open House London – again, please email volunteers@open-city.org.uk

Where we are

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Nearest Stations: Liverpool Street, Moorgate, and Old Street

Open-City Programmes

Through the year, Open-City works with a wide audience to extend learning through architecture. Here is a selection of our key activities:

- **Public Engagement Programmes**
Open House London, held over one weekend each September where 700 buildings are opened across the capital to the general public for free. During the event around 250,000 visits take place in 48 hours and a variety of talks and tours take place as people enjoy London's architecture. Open House London has been at the heart of the charity's development and is our best-known event.
- **Education Programmes**
Over the past ten years, Open-City has worked closely with schools, educational bodies, youth groups and architects to devise and deliver learning experiences for children and young people across London. The education programmes and resources support the delivery of curriculum objectives through architecture and encourage children and young people to explore their built environment.
- **Design Advocacy Programmes**
Design awareness programmes for London decision-makers are a key part of Open-City's work. We offer training and advocacy for councillors and officials who make planning decisions, the public who might be asked to comment on big developments, and potential users or commissioners of individual buildings – from schools to clinics.

Visit <http://www.open-city.org.uk> for more details of our projects.

The team on an annual 'away-day':

