

METROPOLENKONFERENZ

LONDON-BERLIN

MAY 20TH 2022 4–8 P.M. CEST

BEHRENSBAU OBERSCHÖNEWEIDE

Ostendstrasse 1–4. 12459 Berlin

Urban development lives and profits from the international exchange of experiences and ideas. Berlin has a long tradition of this. In view of the major issues of the future, however, the city needs a new impetus in international cooperation projects and exchange. It is vital to find out exactly how projects are set up managed elsewhere, how old and new centres, railway projects and high streets, parks and industrial sites, existing and new residential neighborhoods are planned and designed for the future. An essential part of the programme accompanying the „Unfinished Metropolis“ are therefore the International Metropolis Conferences which present guests and experts, idea and influences from the respective European capital featured.

The chosen topic of changing High Streets and outer Town Centres is of particular importance both in London and Berlin. London can look at a more the 15-year-long history of strategies to make High Streets and outer Town Centres the attractive and urban backbone of the city region, which offers many opportunities for a fruitful exchange with Berlin.

Economic and social life has been hit by structural changes to the retail sector as well as suffered through competition from shopping centres and online trading. The pandemic has accelerated the changes. At the same time the 15 min city and urban village approaches suggest a revival of smaller centres away from the classic town centre with a focus on business clusters. Issues of a more sustainable urban mobility and adapting public spaces in the centres to the issues of climate change are asking for an integrated approach to the re-definition of centres. The Mayor of London has been promoting change in Outer London for more than 15 years. More than 250 M GBP have been invested in a series of programmes focused on regeneration and economic growth.

What has happened, who has made change happen, how has the public taken to these investments?

Our interest is in revealing an integrated approach to place making. We would like to discuss how public realm improvements and modal change are making a contribution to positive change. How development of affordable and mixed use housing has been helping (or not). How new ways of working and trading can pilot new approaches to reviving ground floors. How good design can foster lasting change.

We are inviting a small number of expert speakers from London and Berlin to discuss this in a half day conference. The idea is the boroughs for the local perspective, the GLA as city wide sponsors and policy makers as well as the design profession to gather around the table alongside colleagues from Berlin, working on similar issues. We would like to focus on Enfield and Waltham Forest, two outer boroughs in North-East London that have been undergoing interesting change and a range of projects to show

The conference will take place in hybrid form:

on-site at the Behrensufer-Areal in Berlin-Oberschöneweide

and streamed at unvollendete-metropole.de

Admission is free after registration [here](#)



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PROGRAM

- 4:00 - 4:05 p.m. Moderation
Tobias Goever
- 4:05 - 4:10 p.m. Welcome
Tobias Nöfer
Chairman AIV
- 4:10 - 4:15 p.m. Welcome
Robert Sprajcar
Director DIEAG
- 4:15 - 4:25 p.m. Welcome, Berlin and the Future of Urban Districts
Ulker Radziwill
State Secretary for Tenant Protection and Neighbourhood Development
- 4:25 - 4:50 p.m. London and the Future of Urban Districts
Louise Duggan
Head of Regeneration London City Hall (GLA)
- 4:50 - 5:10 p.m. Development Strategies London High Streets
Fiona Scott
Gort Scott Architects London
- 5:10 - 5:35 p.m. Centre Development London Waltham Forest
Alpa Depani
Head of Design Waltham Forest
- 5:35 - 6:00 p.m. How to make good Public Realm
Julian Lewis
East Architecture London
- 15 minutes Break
- 6:15 - 7:30 p.m. Panel Discussion:
Cordelia Polinna
(moderation of panel discussion)
Alpa Depani
Head of Design Waltham Forest
Julian Lewis
East Architecture London
Elke Plate
Stadtentwicklung Senat SteP 2030
- 7:30 - 8:00 p.m. open tour of the exhibition "Unfinished Metropolis"

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