



AIA UK ANNOUNCES ANNUAL STUDENT DESIGN CHARRETTE '09

The American Institute of Architects UK Chapter announces the theme of its 2009 Student Design Charrette: *Individual in the Crowd*.

This annual event is a lively opportunity for students to 'limber up' early in the academic year. Students will design collaboratively in teams of 6-8, mentored by a practicing architect. To heighten a fun sense of competition, students are encouraged to work as a team 'representing' their School. Individuals are encouraged as well and will be married-up with a team on the day.

Brianne Page Associate AIA, Student Design Charrette '09 chair, explains the theme: "Architecture must embrace the demands of crowds while still remembering the experiences of individuals. The site for this year's charrette has several pedestrian and transportation demands while at the same time it houses the iconic Centre Point building. The individual experience has fallen second to the pressures of the intersection's demands. Charrette '09 challenges the students to return the human scale to the base of Centre Point and the surrounding area, while embracing the future development of public transportation and other complex demands on the site. By popular request, Charrette '09 will be a rare CAD-free event: drawn, modeled and collaged proposals only."

The Jury will be chaired by Paul Finch OBE, journalist & critic, and will comprise prominent practitioners and academics.

Key information:

Title: Individual in the Crowd: A Juried One-Day Design Competition.
Date: Saturday, 24 October 2009, 9:00 – 6:00.
Venue: Main Lecture Hall, Architectural Association, 36 Bedford Square, London.
Cost: £10 Students and Professionals.

For more information and registration (essential for students intending to work as a group) contact:

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