

The Dynamic Site: Finsbury Park Futures

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Imagine visiting Finsbury Park in the not too distant future...

You could explore the sensory and medicinal properties of different plants in the Discovery Meadows; Play Glades offering people of all ages a range of adventurous physical challenges within a variety of wooded areas; visitors could go on a cultural tour of 'natural rooms' in the park, accessed through mobile devices; community gardens used for a wide range of events supporting and encouraging local people to come together around pleasurable growing, foraging and cooking events; Memorial Gardens providing an inspiring and elegant space for people of all faiths to take a moment to remember their passed loved ones.

These are just some of the futuristic ideas that students from the Writtle School of Design (WSD) will be exhibiting at Furtherfield that imagine possible futures for Finsbury Park.

In early 2013 WSD students created plans for the whole park, and then a number of individual designs for key spaces within the Park. They were asked to look at ways that Finsbury Park and Furtherfield could both provide more pleasing spaces and encounters for the surrounding communities. The opening of Furtherfield Commons, a new pop-up art, technology, and community space located within the park at the Finsbury Park Station entrance, will also be celebrated. Furtherfield Commons will serve as the venue for presentations from Furtherfield and Writtle School of Design students and staff about their visions for the park alongside an exhibition of the full array of inspirational images and ideas, and video interviews with the designers. Visitors are invited to make comments.

Local people are encouraged to come along and respond to the designs.

ABOUT FURTHERFIELD

Since 1997 Furtherfield has created online and physical spaces and places for different kinds of people to come together to get involved with contemporary arts and digital technologies. Their website provides discussion and critical review for an established international community of cutting-edge artists, technologists and thinkers.

Funded by Arts Council England since 2005, Furtherfield is now one of Arts Council England's National Portfolio Organisations. With the support of Haringey Council Furtherfield has established itself as Finsbury Park's creative hub based in two buildings - Furtherfield Gallery at the McKenzie Pavilion in the heart of the park, hosts exhibitions and pop-up events, and Furtherfield Commons, at the Finsbury Park Gate, is a community technology space for discussions, workshops and residencies.

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