

ARCHITECTURE FRINGE 2019  
IN REAL LIFE [IRL] PROGRAMME LAUNCH!

Across Scotland,



*Architecture Fringe 2019 - The Production Team*

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The **Architecture Fringe** has unveiled this year's programme packed with more than **100 events** taking place throughout Scotland from 07-23 June 2019. Now in its fourth year, the Architecture Fringe was self-initiated by a volunteer group of architects, designers, engineers, visual artists and curators to encourage broader public debate about architecture and design in Scotland.

The year's provocation is In Real Life, [IRL] where we explore the extraordinary everyday. From **architecture**, art, **performance** and film to **tours**, talks, **magazine launches** and a summer school the programme is packed with **wonderful events** and **thought-provoking work**.

This year's core programme exploring the **In Real Life [IRL]** provocation will see our **production team** [pictured] take over **The Lighthouse** in central Glasgow for the whole of June. We'll be packing the building with new commissioned work, key events and our always-a-sell-out opening party. The **Opening Party** for the festival will be on the evening of Friday 07 June at **The Lighthouse** and **The Old Hairdressers** in Glasgow.

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## Architecture Fringe 2019 highlights:

- **ReTypes** | An installation investigating the adaptive re-purposing of imagined existing buildings featuring newly commissioned work by **Ann Nisbet Studio**, **Moxon**, **Studio Niro** and **You+Pea**. The exhibition will also feature work from 2017's New Typologies and 2018's Frankentypes. [part of **Architecture Fringe Core Programme**]
- **HOUSE RULES** | HOUSE RULES is an exploration and critique of the current state of volume house building in Scotland. A four-person panel discussion will be held between leaders in the industry including **Andy Wightman MSP**, **Nicola Barclay** and **Stuart Henderson** to review why high roller house builders accounted for 4/5ths of new homes built in Scotland over the past decade and how the vast swathes of new development are shaping our built environment to their own ends. [part of **Architecture Fringe Core Programme**]
- **Big Lecture** | Talk by **Peter Barber** who is a practicing Architect and considered one of the UK leading urbanists. His manifesto is that architecture can create potential for social action and activity. Peter will explore our In Real Life [IRL] theme through the world of architecture and practice. This event is delivered as the core programme's **Big Lecture** in Edinburgh on Friday 21 June 2019 and compliments other talks throughout the open programme including those from **Page\Park**, **Eric Parry** and **Jamie Fobert**. [part of **Architecture Fringe Core Programme**]
- **Kiosk** | Kiosk is a building in Govanhill that proposes a new adaptive and small scale civic typology. Over two days **Lee Ivett [OPD]** and **Duncan Blackmore [Arrantland]** will create two events that will launch the space. The first will be a dinner with local community members and stakeholders with an open discussion the following evening to discuss and debate the potential role of Kiosk within its context.
- **SHIELING / AIRIGH - Reclaiming the Commons** | The Shieling Project imagine the tradition of 'the shieling' as a context for imaginatively reclaiming the commons. This event explores the shieling not only as a material typology but as a motif for learning and education in context, reconnecting with the land and building community in real life. Guest speaker **Lesley Riddoch** will reflect on what takes to make visions a reality; artist **Julia Heslop** will talk about the community project 'Dwellbeing' in Newcastle.
- **ASPECT:Cinema** | **ASPECT:Cinema** returns to the stage with **Design Me Happy** - a short film screening and open discussion that explores how our architectural environments can affect our mental health and well being. With insight from our panel of architects, designers, artists and activists, followed by drinks and overflow conversation.
- **Love At First Sight** | For her first commission in Scotland, **Morag Myerscough** brings her signature graphic style to create a structure that will reference the history of Aberdeen's historic Mercat Cross as a point of public gathering and chance encounter.

Other events include a summer school with the **Test Unit** and **Richard Sennett**; **Fancy?** Which sees **Creative Electric** partner with **Cunningham Heaven Architects** to host a series of community events that explore what makes a building socially and physically accessible; and an exploration of queered space through the queer Glasgow club scene including nights with **Shoot Your Shot**, **OH141**, **VAJ.Power**, **Junglehussi** and **Hot Mess**.

Andy Summers (co-producer, Architecture Fringe) said:

This is the **fourth edition** of the Architecture Fringe and it's a big one. With almost **100** projects taking place across Scotland, together with our **takeover of The Lighthouse** in central Glasgow, this will be the biggest festival yet. Under this year's **In Real Life, [IRL]** provocation the **core programme** will examine and critique **the everyday** - from the provocative re-use of existing buildings with **ReTypes** to shining a light on volume housebuilding with **House Rules**. We'll explore lived-experience and new aesthetics within the built environment with **QueerSpace** and research how we might all live more comfortably in our increasingly longer later years with **Home, At Last**.

On the **open programme** a number of **pressing themes** have emerged which include **critical reflections** and discussions around **housing**, sustainability, **gathering** and the **wider common good**. The festival continues to **explore architecture** within its **cultural**, social and **political contexts** with contributions from **established institutions**, community organisations, **neighbourhood groups**, collectives, **students** and **active individuals** all across the country.'

The Architecture Fringe 2019 will take place across Scotland from 07 to 23 June 2019.

More information about the Architecture Fringe can be found [here](#).

The full programme of events will be available online on Friday 03 May 2019.

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## Notes to editors

The Architecture Fringe was launched in 2016 by a group of architects, designers, photographers, engineers, visual artists, and curators to encourage public debate about architecture and design in Scotland within its broader socio-political context.

The Architecture Fringe is a non-profit Community Interest Company run by a dedicated group of volunteers.

The **Architecture Fringe 2019** will open in Glasgow on the evening of Friday 07 June 2019 with the festival running from 07 - 23 June 2019 inclusive across Scotland.

The very **first Architecture Fringe** took place in July 2016 and hosted **37** projects from over **60** contributors. The second edition of the ArchiFringe took place in the summer of 2017 with over **50 projects** from around **260 contributors** in **37 venues** across Scotland. 2018 continued this established trajectory featuring **70 projects**, with **340 contributors** spread across **56 venues**.

Programmes from 2016, 2017 and 2018 can be viewed [here](#).

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