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What does the future look like? Find out from cutting-edge architects, in Winchester

What will our homes look like in five years' time? What's the latest thinking about planning our streets and neighbourhoods? Which sustainable materials and latest technologies are going to be essential to building design? And how do architects go about designing the places where we live, work and play?

These questions will be answered at a series of presentations by innovative architects and commentators, at the Winchester Discovery Centre. The hour-long illustrated talks have been organised by local architects, on behalf of the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA). They have run an annual lecture series for some years, which they are now opening up to everyone.

The first talk will be on Wednesday 8 July, by Jamie Fobert of Jamie Fobert Architects. His practice is currently working on the extension to Tate St Ives; and has provided architectural design concepts for clients including Versace and Selfridges.

The architects' talks will then run weekly from 2 September until 22 October. Speakers will include David Prichard and Neil Deely of Metropolitan Workshop, currently masterplanning redevelopment of a large area of Brixton; Phil Coffey of Coffey Architects, whose library and research centre at the Science Museum is due to open later this year; and Alan Williams of Stanton Williams, the architects of the revamp of the Royal Opera House.

The talks all start at 6pm for 6.30pm. They cost £5 per person (students get in free) and seats must be pre-booked by emailing jenny.peterson@riba.org

The programme is:

Wednesday 8 July Jamie Fobert, Jamie Fobert Architects

Wednesday 2 September Martin Gardner, Martin Gardner Photography

Wednesday 9 September David Prichard and Neil Deely, Metropolitan Workshop

Wednesday 16 September Phil Yunnie, Gillespie Yunnie

Wednesday 23 September Sander Lap, LapLab

Wednesday 30 September tbc

Wednesday 7 October Phil Coffey, Coffey Architects

Wednesday 14 October Hugh Petter, ADAM Architecture

Thursday 22 October Alan Williams, Stanton Williams.

RIBA Hampshire Vice Chair Dominic Gaunt, Director of ACG Architects, is keen that the talks should get people thinking about what architects actually do. 'Speakers will cover topics ranging from enormous master anning and regeneration projects through to small-scale houses and highly bespoke interiors. We're very excited to invite these stimulating, challenging speakers to Winchester, as our mix of creativity and heritage means that a lot of people want to understand more about architects and architecture.

The talks are listed on the RIBA website

http://www.architecture.com/RIBA/Contactus/NewsAndPress/Membernews/RIBASouthSouthEastNews/JamieFoberttolaunch2015HampshireLectures.aspx