

PRESS RELEASE

Goldfinger's Lost Cottage:

Experiments in Citizen's Adhocracy

by **Mobile Studio** (in collaboration with **Somi Umolu**) as part of the **Wandsworth Art Festival 2010**

Venue: **Platform 1 Gallery**
Wandsworth Common Station
London SW12 8NL

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Date: **15th - 23rd May 2010**
(Sat-Sun 10am-4pm, Mon-Fri 4-7pm)

Private View: Saturday 15th May (5 - 9pm)

Mobile Studio presents the second in a series of events, focused upon the concept of the (un)representable house and adhocracy, using it as a manifesto for the development of a new architectural language that questions contemporary strategies and seeks to explore a politics of the public and private realm.

**Exhibition funded by Wandsworth Cultural Wealth Fund*

'Goldfinger's Lost Cottage', is a pilot exhibition, that acts as an experimental public consultation and memorial event, based on the late architect Erno Goldfinger's (illegally) demolished Grade II listed caretakers cottage in the ground of Brandlehow School, Wandsworth, London. Building upon the existing debate surrounding Wandsworth Council's order to a private developer to reinstate the Grade II 1950s bungalow to its original footprint, the event explores alternative ways to think about London's lost cultural monuments.

Through the specific case of the demolished caretakers lodge, the event aims to address the wider issues surrounding the real and ideologically forgotten spaces of modernism on a strategic and local level across London. Addressing the recent controversial debates surrounding what to do with the large amount of local authority owned 1950-70s building stock in London, this pilot project investigates new urban propositions for threatened sites. Through innovative public engagement and in collaboration with local organisations and societies, the event aims to develop ways to shift power back to communities to activate, remember, or collectively choose to forget Goldfinger's cottage.

Platform One Gallery in conjunction with Wandsworth Art Festival 2010 forms the first site of exchange and debate for the pilot project, reflecting the legacy of the 1647 Putney Debates at the nearby Church of St Mary the Virgin, which met to formulate a new constitution for England. Following in the same vein as these events, the alternative proposals for Goldfinger's caretakers cottage proposes the reconsideration of the tenets of civil living for the future of Wandsworth citizens.

"If, as the ephemeral monuments suggest, collective memory does not dwell in material objects, the central problem in understanding both memory and forgetting is to know how to describe wherever it is that memory does reside..."

(p5, The Art of Forgetting, Adrian Forty, Susanne Kuchler, Oxford: Berg, 1999)

**Special thanks to Platform 1 Gallery for their generous support*

For over 10 years the Wandsworth Arts Festival has enriched the local cultural calendar with performance, music, film, literature, exhibitions and outdoor events lead by local groups as well as national and international companies.

The festival invites residents and visitors to explore culture bubbling up from the streets, parks, churches and arts organisations across Wandsworth - to look again at what's happening on our doorstep.

Managed by the council Arts Team, in 2010 it is funded by Arts Council England and proudly supported by Southside Shopping Centre.

The Wandsworth Arts Festival runs from 1 - 23rd May 2010.

Full event listings will be available at www.wandsworth.gov.uk/artsfestival

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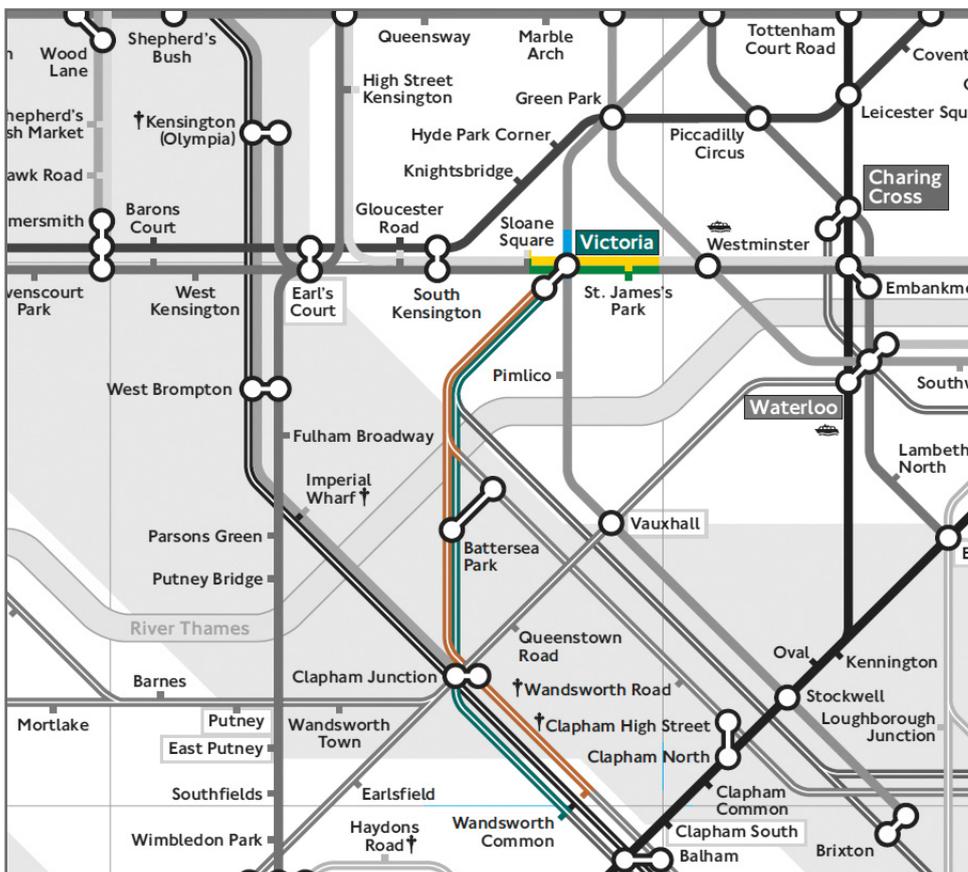
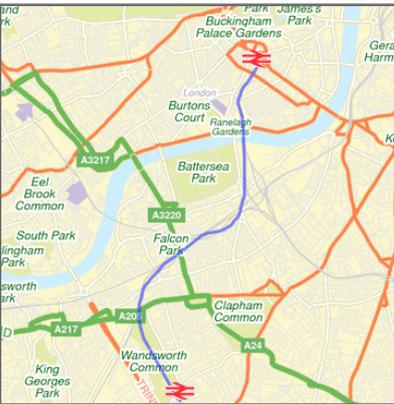
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By train

- The easiest way to get to the gallery from central London is **by train via Victoria Station**.
- The trains run frequently and the journey time is **11 minutes**.

Details	Information
 start Victoria Rail Station Take Southern towards Epsom Rail Station	Average journey time: 10 mins
Zone(s): 1, 2, 3	Zone(s): 1, 2, 3
 end Wandsworth Common Rail Station	

Maximum journey time: 00:10
Interchanges: 0



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