

Immersive Experiences Days 1-5

The Architecture Studio

- Discover the architectural design process: research, collage, concept design, 3D model, developed design and presentation board
- Refine your creative problem-solving skills with a series of quick-fire drawing exercises
- Learn the difference between plan, section and axonometric drawings and their purpose within the design process in an interactive workshop with a leading architect
- Engage in a 3D physical-modelling workshop: learn how to transform simple materials into magnificent miniatures of your architectural space

Become the Architect

- Receive your first design brief and work with your team to analyse the client's needs
- Visit an inner-city site and document your findings through note-taking and conceptual sketching
- Pool together your research, sketches and collage to align on the concept that will underpin your project
- Build physical structures to best visualise your designs
- Liaise with your peers in a studio 'cross-crit': size up the competition and get invaluable feedback

Firm Visit

- Visit a top architecture firm and understand the day-to-day life of an architect
- Get hands-on experience of how a firm operates, learning how they approach their own design briefs
- Participate in a live panel Q&A session and gain invaluable advice to take back to the studio
- Network with top architecture professionals

Pitch to the Client

- Bring all your work together: curate your project narrative on presentation boards at a landmark London building
- Perfect your elevator pitching skills: concisely describe your project to the client and communicate your design choices effectively

- Have your project assessed according to official RIBA guidelines
- Receive detailed feedback on your work from leading experts in the field

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Designing a Sustainable Structure

- Meet experts in urban planning and discover how sustainable architectural firms are addressing climate issues in urban areas
- Receive your brief: work in teams to construct an environmentally-friendly urban space
- Investigate the way communities interact with their environment
- Research the materials and systems that will be used in your sustainable city before implementing them into your final designs
- Pitch your finished project to leading urban planning professionals

Site Research and Development

- Take a tour of one of London's regenerated areas and use your newfound knowledge to redevelop the area
- Learn about the history of your site and use this knowledge in your design development
- Pitch your design proposals to experts and receive feedback

Digitising Your Designs

- Learn how architectural firms are using virtual reality, augmented reality, artificial intelligence and other cutting-edge technology to enhance their designs
- Receive a live SketchUp tutorial with an expert, with tips and tricks on how to visualise your designs in digital
- Take your project and reconstruct it virtually, adding detail to upgrade the design
- Add your newfound technological skills to your portfolio

The Exhibition

- Organise a 'showroom' to exhibit your design projects from the Summer Experience
- Learn curation techniques that will enhance your exhibit
- Write a statement within your architectural studio to underpin your exhibition
- Network with leading architects and get invaluable feedback on your work and a chance to get one on one feedback on your portfolio

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Leadership & Teamwork Coaching

- How you can build a high-performance team
- The most effective styles of leadership you can adopt
- What makes the ultimate team player?
- Inspiring and motivating others
- Leading vs managing

Leadership & Teamwork Challenge:work with your team to try and devise how to create a city fit for human habitation on Mars

Public Speaking & Communication Coaching

- Public speaking coaching by a specialist who trains CEOs
- Perfecting enunciation, tone, pace and body language
- How you can engage an audience and read the room
- The art of persuasion
- How to communicate effectively in a team environment
- Understanding emotional intelligence and using empathy
- Building strong interpersonal skills
- Influencing others

Communication challenge: use your communication skills to guide a blindfolded team member to safety on an obstacle course

Public speaking challenge: critically analyse public speaking performances

Negotiation Coaching

- Understand the art of negotiation and its importance
- How to identify when you are actually in a negotiation
- The typical stages of a negotiation
- Key negotiation styles
- Building relationships
- Key tactics: anchoring, tradeable concessions, commitment tactics, bluffing, injecting urgency, varying pace and more

Negotiation challenge: enter a simulated hostage negotiation scenario. Work with your team to get the hostage released

Problem-Solving Coaching

- How you should approach problems and solve them decisively
- Analytical skills: identifying and structuring problems
- Creative and lateral thinking
- Effective decision-making
- Implementing solutions, analysing results and making changes

Problem-solving escape room: work through a series of complex problems under time pressure

Time Management Coaching & Reflection

- How successful people manage time
- The time management quadrant
- Setting goals, prioritising, simplifying and re-evaluating
- The power of hyper-focusing
- Eliminating distractions
- Practising the '4Ds': doing, deferring, delegating and deleting
- Implementing solutions, analysing results and making changes

Time management challenge: enter a humanitarian crisis simulation. Identify your goals, decide your priorities and execute them under time pressure