

Junction:
North London
Cultural
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Press Release:

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Launch reception: Camden Arts Centre Friday 27 April, 6.30–8.30pm.

Launch Weekend: 27–29 April 2012.

Junction: North London Cultural Consortium is an ongoing collaboration between arts organisations in North London, offering a new platform from which to support and develop artists' projects. The Consortium will combine the strength of its members to make a significant contribution to the cultural landscape of London and King's Cross in particular.

The Consortium comprises Camden Arts Centre, Cubitt, The Place, Wellcome Collection, Slade School of Fine Art, UCL, Central Saint Martins College of Arts and Design, UAL and UCLH NHS Foundation Trust Hospital Trust.

The official launch Junction: North London Cultural Consortium begins at Camden Arts Centre with a VIP reception on Friday 27 April, 6.30 – 8.30pm with introductions from Jenni Lomax Director Camden Arts Centre, Eddie Nixon Artistic Director The Place and Richard Wentworth.

The Consortium will be launched with a series of exhibitions, performances and specially commissioned artist led walks around King's Cross by Rebecca Birch, Simon Faithfull, Tanya Loi and Katherine Midgley responding in different ways to the history, environment and people of the area, each led by the artists on the opening weekend.

LAUNCH WEEKEND PROGRAMME Saturday 28 & Sunday 29 April 2012

Junction: HUB

The North Lodge UCL, Gower Street London, WC1E 6BT

Open 12.00 - 5.00pm

A exhibition of works relating the artists walks and commissions. Visitors can also find more information about the Consortium, the artists projects and what's on in the area.

Junction: PROJECT SPACE

10 Woburn Walk, London

Open 12.00 - 5.00pm

A temporary project space for performances and artists projects produced by Consortium members.

Saturday 28 April: A programme of performances by students at Central Saint Martins and Slade Schools of Fine Art

Full programme to be announced.

ARTISTS' WALKS

Each of the walks will be led by the artist over the course of the launch weekend. Times and meeting points will vary, details are below. Places for the walks are limited so booking is essential.

To book places visit: <http://www.camdenartscentre.org/artistsprojects/?id=101322>

Rebecca Birch

And the days run away

A walk around the hidden spaces of King's Cross; dancers in rehearsal, artists in their studios, doctors preparing for surgery. This walk connects the unseen activities behind the scenes of the Consortium members. Along the way participants will be show fragments of film relating to their location alongside the narrative of the route itself.

Times:

Saturday 28 April

12.00pm

3.00pm

Sunday 29 April

12.00pm

3.00pm

Meeting Point: Cubitt Gallery, Angel Mews

Please note this is a substantial walk of two hours.

The full film will be screened in the Reading Room at Camden Arts Centre
27 April – 24 June 2012

Simon Faithfull

King's Cross: A Pictorial Guide (Unreliable)

Faithfull's walk and accompanying book will be a personal and esoteric guide to King's Cross including new drawings and texts, inspired by the Wainwright Guides of the Lake District. The book will be produced as a limited edition and will be available from Consortium venues at £8.00.

Times:

Sunday 29 April

12.00pm Meet at North Lodge, UCL Gower Street

3.00pm Meet at Cubitt Gallery, Angel Mews N1

Please note this is a substantial walk of at least an hour and a half.

Tanya Loi

Thomas Percival Harefield And The Golden Rectangle

A historical walk through King's Cross based on William Blake's Golden Quadrangle. The route explores the enigmatic story of Thomas Percival Harefield, along the way visiting some significant places in a life lived, as far as we know, entirely within the King's Cross/St. Pancras/Islington locality. Largely forgotten today, but a celebrity in his lifetime among artists and writers including Ruskin, Yeats, Burne Jones, Rossetti and Arthur Machen.

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Katherine Midgley

Beneath Your Feet

The route follows the path of the River Fleet. This ancient tributary of the Thames once flowed over ground, but has since been channelled beneath the pavement and has been everything from a sacred site to an open sewer. Along the route you can see signs of the rivers presence and other hidden clues to the history of King's Cross.

Times:

Saturday 28 April

12.00pm

1.30pm

3.00pm

4.30pm

Sunday 29 April

12.00pm

1.30pm

3.00pm

4.30pm

Meeting Point: Outside the Constitution Pub,42 Saint Pancras Way London, NW1 0QT

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Junction partner:

The Gilbert Scott, St Pancras Renaissance Hotel, Euston Road, London, NW1 2AR

Bring the Junction Map available from Consortium venues to the [The Gilbert Scott](#) Bar to

receive 2 for 1 on 1873 cocktail (£9.00) and free 1873 cocktail with set 3 course Sunday dinner (£29.00) This offer applies on 28-29 April 2012 and continues on Sundays and Mondays until 01 July 2012.