

# Does Identity Matter? one-day symposium



Universities as agents of urban change  
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# rapid pace of change and re-visioning of cities







Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2013, 2:00 pm  
Interior, Soundings Hub, 182-184 Walworth Road SE17  
Pencil on paper - composite view from sketches.



Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2013, 2:20 pm  
Wansley Street SE17. To the left is the fenced off  
Heygate Estate. Pencil on paper - A6 sketchbook.



Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2013, 3:00 pm  
Garland Court, Wansley Street SE17. The first  
replacement homes, built as part of the E&C  
regeneration, consist of an equal balance of  
private and social housing, like most of the street.  
Pencil on paper - A6 sketchbook.



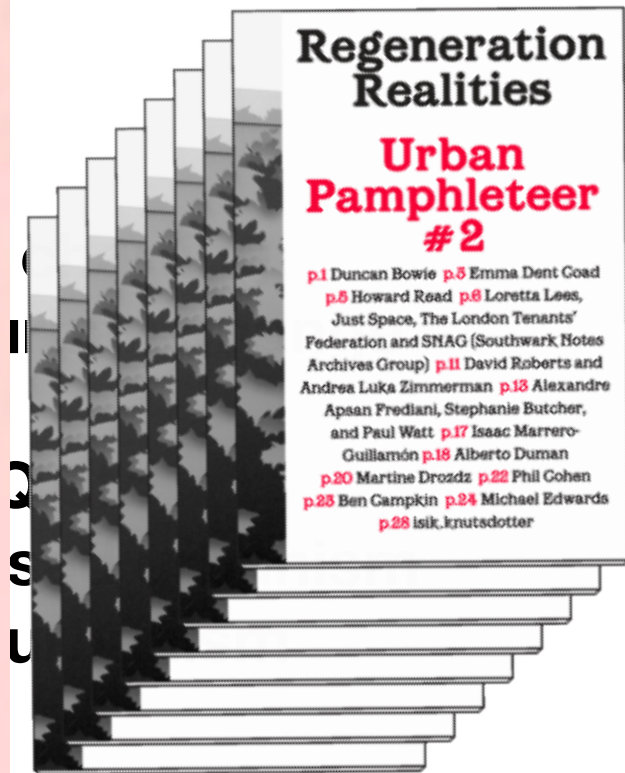
Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2013, 4:00 pm  
Phase One development site, re-named Trafalgar  
Place by the developers, used to be part of the  
Heygate Estate. Pencil on paper - A6 sketchbook.

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**Heygate Estate sketches**  
The selected sketches are from a 'walk and talk' event  
organised as part of the regeneration of the Elephant  
and Castle - specifically phase 2, which concerns the  
demolition of the Heygate Social Housing Estate.  
The consultation exercise was organised by Soundings  
and comprised of local residents, developers and  
architects. I live locally and received a flyer about  
the event. I have been attending meetings at the  
Soundings Hub on the Walworth Road and drawing  
the developments on the Heygate Estate over the last  
year as part of my PhD research looking at the role of  
drawing in regeneration. I aimed to record and capture  
the views of local residents by drawing the event in  
an A6 sketchbook and making notes.

# documenting change



## Regeneration Realities

### Urban Pamphleteer # 2

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## LGBTQI Nightlife in London from 1986 to the present

Interim findings

Research developed in collaboration with  
Hoxa Collective & Cluseri (Spencer Matthews)



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- key drivers for the creation of new and regenerated, safe, healthy, and sustainable urban spaces
- foster quality of life, civic participation, social interaction and opportunities for innovation
- schools, colleges and universities recognised as important institutional anchors for urban regeneration, bringing a range of benefits to urban neighbourhoods
- sustainable and equitable urban growth in both the global north and south





UCL/ Urban Lab in the Olympic Park:  
whose heritage?







East Bank:  
re-making east London?



‘The open and accessible character of UCL East will provide a variety of interconnected external and internal spaces which blur the public and private, inside and outside, delivering a concept of fluidity at the heart of *UCL East’s emerging identity*. The academic offering and public facing events and programming will also help strengthen *the identity of the area*’ (UCL East masterplan 2016)

As actors in urban development, universities are understood to have a primary responsibility for building place-based knowledge capital at metropolitan centres.

But as significant urban landowners and developers, and, in many cases, centres of critical urban thought, they also have the capacity to widen access to urban space and resources as well as education - and to promote a 'right to the city' (Lefebvre 1968) anchored in concepts of adaptive, democratic and cosmopolitan urbanism which transcend national identity and heritage.