

May – June





Redesigning **Grosvenor Square**

We are rethinking the role of Grosvenor Square to transform it into a thriving place for people and nature.

We want to do this with our neighbours and with other London communities, bringing together the best knowledge to create a new type of urban square that encourages discovery and fosters wellbeing for both people and planet.

In February we appointed architects Tonkin Liu to lead the design team for Grosvenor Square, and introduced them to you at our 'Meet the designers' events in March. We now want to start collaboratively exploring ideas, both big and small, for the square.

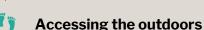
In May and June 2020, due to the evolving circumstances of Covid-19, we have a programme of online events and activities. These will be based around 5 key themes that people have told us they are interested in, and the areas where people can have most influence over the upcoming design process.

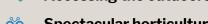
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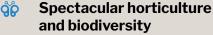
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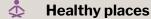
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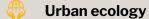












Each theme will have a:

Big topic talk: online interactive talks by experts in the field and the design team, followed by the opportunity to prioritise what the lessons for Grosvenor Square will be.

Local conversation: in smaller groups, there will be focused conversations and activities on a digital platform, applying the ideas from the big topic talk to Grosvenor Square.

Discovery pack: digital activities available to download from our website for our younger audience, and your inner child, to collect and identify ideas for Grosvenor Square.



Green in our cities

What is the future of green spaces in our cities?

We all love our green spaces and in the current circumstances we are even more aware of how important they are for our physical and emotional wellbeing.

With talks by a range of experts we will be exploring different ideas for the future of green spaces in our cities. What role do they have to play for a better, more sustainable future for both people and planet, and what does this mean for Grosvenor Square?



Speakers include:

Judy Ling Wong | Founding Trustee, National Park City

Edoardo Borgomeo | Honorary Research Associate, University of Oxford

Dr Meredith Whitton London School of Economics & Political Science

Anna Liu | Director, Tonkin Liu

Carole Wright | Community gardener



Big topic talk

12:30 - 2pm

conversations

6 May

Local

8 May 12:30 - 2pm

Accessing the outdoors

How do we get to and move around our green spaces?

Great spaces need to be easy to access, easy to move around and safe for everybody. What important things do we need to get right to make a space accessible, what stops these from happening and what is the link between access, movement and our experience of a place?

Our speakers will explore this topic from practical and emotional perspectives, so that we can prioritise what will make Grosvenor Square accessible and welcoming to all.



Greening Strategist, GLA

Neil Sinden | Director, **CPRE London**

Tonkin Liu



 Local conversations 16 May, 11- 12:30pm 19 May, 12:30 - 2pm

 Big topic talk 26 May. 12:30 - 2pm

 Local conversations 30 May. 11-12:30pm 2 June. 5 - 6:30pm



Spectacular horticulture and biodiversity

How do we create places that bloom and beckon biodiversity?

We know people love the idea of spectacular horticulture and increasing biodiversity in our squares and parks, but how do we turn this into practice, and be sustainable? What are the steps we need to take to make this happen, and how can we all play our part in improving the quality and impact of planting?

We will be hearing from experts in the field, debating different approaches and thinking about what the lessons will be for Grosvenor Square.

Speakers include:

Ed Ikin | Deputy Director of Wakehurst, RBG Kew

Nigel Dunnett | Professor of Planting Design and Urban Horticulture, University of Sheffield

Emily Morshuis | Project Lead. London Wildlife Trust

Kabir Kaul Young conservationist and wildlife writer





Peter Massini | Urban

Fahad Malik | Architect.



How can urban spaces support our wellbeing?

Our own wellbeing and the wellbeing of our neighbourhoods is something that we have all started to be more aware of. At this event we will be exploring how places can support our health and wellbeing.

From peaceful to playful, our spaces need to work hard to provide for different people's needs; we will be exploring all the ways we can do this, learning from other places, before thinking about what this might mean for Grosvenor Square.

Speakers include:

Simon Wyatt | Sustainability Partner, Cundall

Dr Andrew Smith | School of Architecture & Cities, Westminster University

Sue Morgan Director of Architecture & Built Environment, Design Council



Urban ecology

What is the role of an urban square in a time of climate crisis?



We will hear speakers offer different perspectives on how these spaces can play their role in addressing the climate crisis, and what this might mean for Grosvenor Square.



• Local conversations | 13 June 11- 12:30pm 16 June 5 - 6:30pm

Speakers include:

Emily Hamilton Associate Director, Grosvenor Britain & Ireland

Dan Raven-Ellison | National Park City

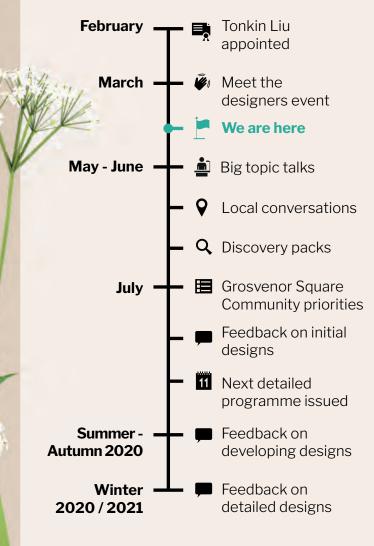
Gary Grant | Director, Green Infrastructure Consultancy

Alice Bell | Co-director, Climate Change charity Possible

• Big topic talk | 23 June 5 - 6:30pm

• Local conversations | 27 June 11-12:30pm 30 June 12:30 - 2pm

Indicative timeline



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Event key

Discovery pack

Activities available to download from our website to collect and identify ideas relating to the key themes.



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Online interactive talks by experts and the design team with opportunities for you to comment and participate.



Local conversation

Focused participatory activities in small groups and conversations with the design team on digital platform. Offered at two different times per topic.







Themes

The colours used in the calendar correspond to the Big Topic themes presented overleaf.

May 2020

All events will be **1.5 hours long** and we are offering a range of times to suit different audiences. Please note the event start time in the calendar below.



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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