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OPUN NEWSLETTER SPRING 2011

Message from Julie Tanner, Opun Chief Executive

Welcome to Opun's Spring Newsletter. As always, we aim to bring you up to date with developments briefly. In this edition we have exciting information about:

- Design Review;
- Opun's progress in working closely with and for the Creative Sector;
- Our emerging Sponsorship Programme;
- Opun's Autumn Conference; and
- Working with communities.

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Design Review

OPUN is delighted to have received funding from Design Council CABE to help subsidise the OPUN Design Review Service in the East Midlands, now operating within a charging structure.

As one of eight affiliated design review panels in England, OPUN will deliver a number of subsidised design reviews for a fee of £750. Outside the subsidy full panel reviews will be charged on a full cost recovery basis starting at £2000.00. Sign up for the service has been strong for the first session on June 10th, with design conscious developers including Waitrose recognising the added value that the service offers when negotiating the planning system.

If you are involved in a scheme that could benefit from an independent design review please contact James Carpenter, Head of OPUN Design Support Services at james@opun.org.uk or by phone on 07951 33 66 40 to discuss your requirements.

Autumn Conference

As we go to press we are finalising arrangements and anticipate another sell out event. We will post details on our web site www.opun.org.uk. To receive information directly please let us know on info@opun.org.uk Likely agenda items and noted speakers will focus on Heritage and Retro-fit.

Opun and the Creative Sector

Opun is delivering two significant and exciting programmes in the creative sector.

Firstly, we are leading a school development programme in which creative practitioners are working as part of school renewal programmes including BSF and Primary Capital Build programmes to enhance the design of schools and their provision of excellent spaces for the Arts. Second, is a similar programme in which we engage creative practitioners in development programmes across the whole range of physical renewal projects.

Each programme is proving successful in attracting significant match funding and having a considerable positive impact on design.

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Opun's Sponsorship Programme

Over the summer we will develop our Sponsorship Programme for launch at our Autumn Conference. A number of organisations have already expressed interest in participating. Likely opportunities for engagement will be in our work with the Creative Sector, our conference and workshop agenda, our awards programme and our work with communities. If you would like to join us, please contact Julie Tanner on 07951 33 66 40 or Julie@opun.org.uk

Architecture Centres and Communities

We hear that design Council CABE will soon be announcing a funding programme to encourage Centres to work with local communities. Opun's past experiences in this area through programmes like BSF and Enabling put us in a strong position to develop a bid and as further details emerge we will seek target communities across the East Midlands.

Opun is the Built Environment and Architecture Centre in the East Midlands, a member of the Architecture Centre Network and hosted by De Montfort University, Leicester. For more information please do visit our website www.opun.org.uk

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