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Welcome to October Bulletin and Annual FOLAR Symposium

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Landscape of Housing Annual FOLAR Symposium

Sat 12 November 10.30 – 4.30pm at The MERL Reading



Lillington Street, Westminster, a classic modern movement social housing

In the planning and design of housing, the presence and arrangement of outdoor spaces will be of particular interest to future residents. But is there a yawning gap between what is shown on paper and what is implemented later on the ground? Will children have places to play and teenagers somewhere to hang out? Will there be space to grow food and to garden? Will there be trees to shade the footpaths in hot weather? Can people walk and cycle safely? Will rainwater be collected and reused on site? And most critically of all, how will the landscape be managed and budgeted for?

We will bring together an exciting line up of speakers and topics including Karen Fitzsimon on New Ash Green, Prof Otto Saumarez Smith on the Mark III new towns, Gerry Kemp on Byker Wall, Drs Luca Csepely-Knorr, Amber Roberts and Matthew Steele on Darbourne and Darke and Lillington Street, Alice Grahame on Walter Segal self-build housing in Lewisham, and Paula Garvey on Kings Cross and Elephant Park. The event will be chaired by Dominic Cole.

And there will be opportunity for broad and detailed discussions.

Join us for our first live event back at the MERL. There will be time to talk and network, to explore the MERL's pop up exhibition in the reading room (showing material from our, and other, archives on landscapes for housing), time to browse and buy from the FOLAR book stall, and more!

We look forward to seeing you there! Book your tickets here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/landscape-of-housing-folar-annual-symposium-tickets-397029374547>