

The launch of Design Future London London Build Expo – November 2021



There were a range of activities offered to students at London Build, face to face workshops on what the challenge themes, a masterplanning crash course looking at the macro (a masterplan) and the micro (designing a home).

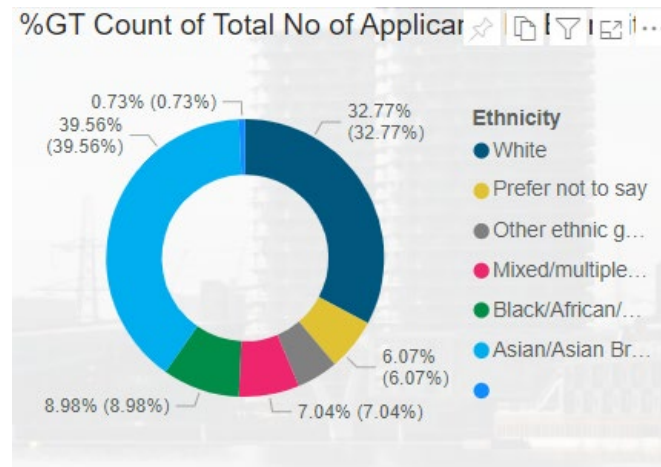
Workshops and Master planning crash courses throughout the challenge: (Opportunities limited by Covid-19)

Workshops were offered at colleges (where possible), at London Build, homes UK and UK Construction Week. We also attended a Women in STEAM event at a college in the Royal Docks.



Who signed up for the design challenge?

We asked participants to register at the beginning of the challenge and tell us their ethnicity.



Quotes from challenge participants:

We interviewed some challenge participants before the competition started to get their thoughts in September 2021. <https://youtu.be/jJmCU1ahr7M>

Some challenge participants were interviewed when they presented at an event at Grimshaw architects (shortlist and finals judges) as part of Clerkenwell Design Week in May 2022. <https://youtu.be/xtZ4GlnHXfU>

London Design & Engineering UTC students wrote a blog about the professionals that had helped them with the learning around the challenge themes:

<https://www.ldeutc.co.uk/latest/read/news/2022/3/mayor-of-london-project-design-future-london-challenge-update.aspx>

After the finals on Tuesday 5 July 2022, some students and schools wrote about their experience of speed networking, presenting and taking part in Design Future London.

<https://www.ldeutc.co.uk/latest/read/news/design-future-london-challenge-final.aspx>

Misha shared, *'Speed networking was a great experience because we got to hear about different people's stories and upbringing which led them to their current career.'*

Muhammad shared *'Everyone was so welcoming and open to having conversations with us, so I felt confident to go and network!'*

Angeline shared. *'Presenting was nerve-wracking at first but once I saw all the smiling faces in the audience, I felt rewarded. I am happy that we were able to communicate all our ideas clearly'*



Students from The Ursuline Academy Ilford also shared:

'Above all else, I loved the 'speed networking'. During our lunch break, we had the opportunity to ask industry professionals all about their career! I enjoyed asking about the process of how they got to where they are, and I received many different inspiring explanations. I learnt the importance of thorough and sustained preparation. We spent many months completing in-depth research for our sustainable community, learning new skills such as 3D modelling. In addition, I don't think our team, Project Prasinos, would have this success without our collaborative efforts. I found listening to other groups' ideas and visions particularly interesting. I enjoyed hearing about the different approaches they took and the different creative design elements they came up with. Overall, it was refreshing to see so many young people, like myself, passionately care about creating a sustainable and green future! I definitely feel inspired to fulfil a STEM related career due to STEM events and competitions such as this. I am interested in physics, maths and engineering and in particular, I would love to pursue a career in aerospace engineering.' Imogen – Bess Van Beers 10J

'I loved the event, especially going to City Hall, the meticulous design and how majestic it felt being inside. We were then seated and all the projects were introduced then came the announcement of the People's Choice Vote award and we couldn't believe when they called out our team name 'Three Leaved Clover' that we had won it! It was very exciting and we met George Clark and many other important people afterwards' Nahian Joyeta 9T

<https://uai.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/Newsletter-8th-July-2022-2.pdf>

Press Release:

The Mayor of London published a press release and posted on social media just after the finals event on Tuesday 5 July 2022.

Press Office – Press Release:

https://twitter.com/LDN_pressoffice/status/1544399822580600833

Mayor of London Twitter:

<https://twitter.com/MayorofLondon/status/1544323587414310912>

Sadiq Khan Twitter: <https://twitter.com/SadiqKhan/status/1544342768234930177>