

LGM in London 2015/16



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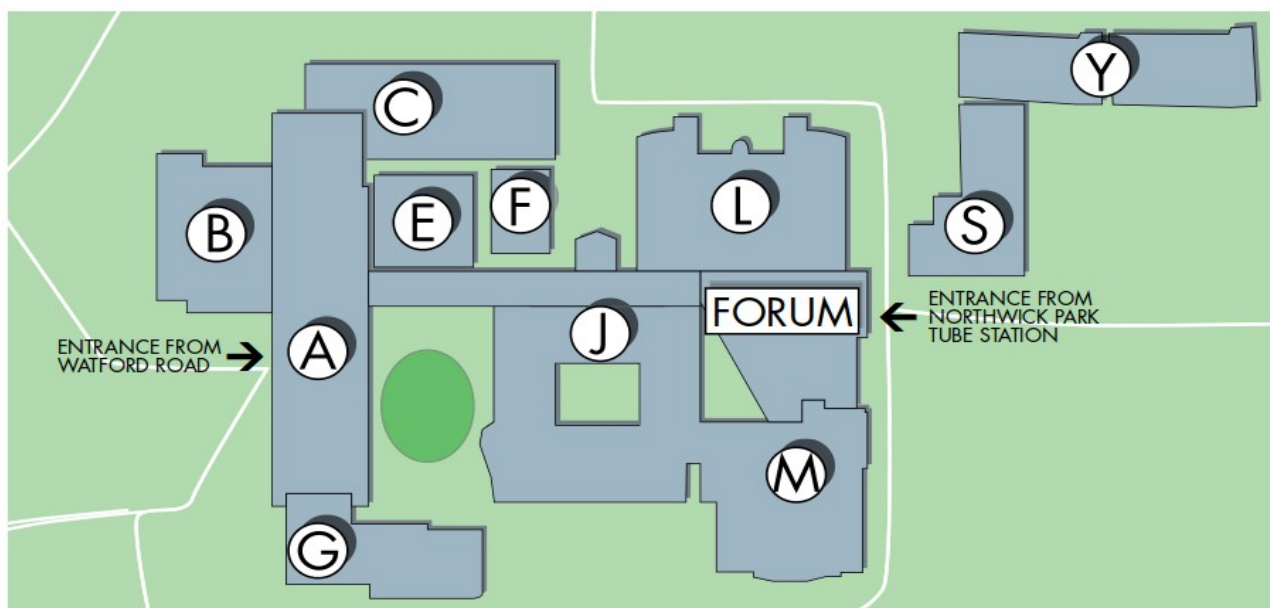
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15th – 18th April 2015

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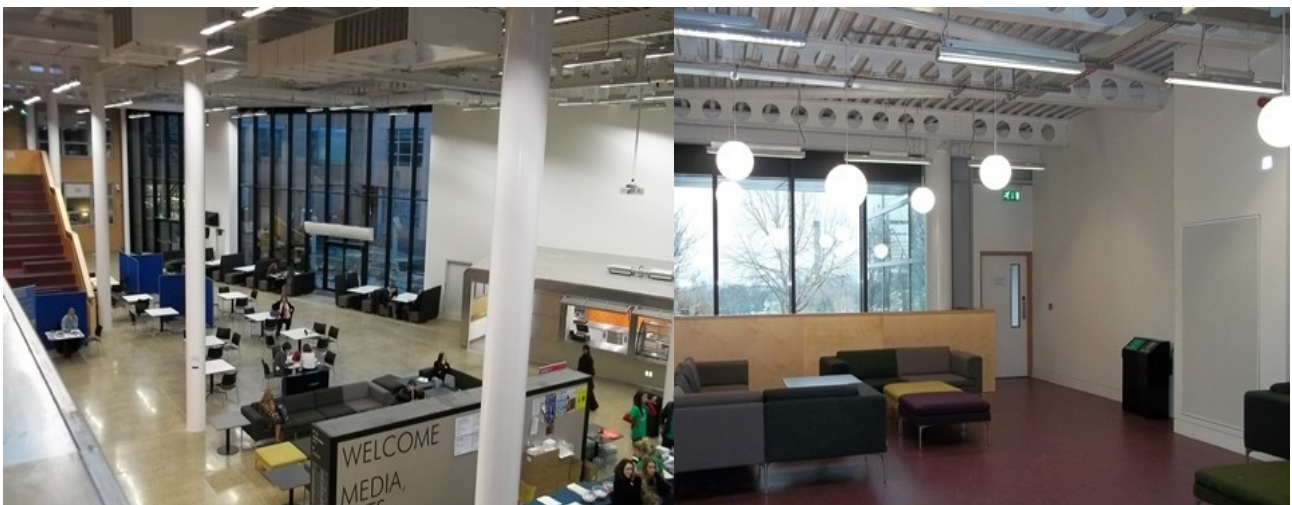
The University of Westminster traces its origins back 176 years to the founding of the Royal Polytechnic Institution on the site of its present headquarters in Regent Street. It was there, in 1896, that Louis Lumière gave the first showing of moving pictures to the British public and that many areas of professional practice and technology were first taught. Since then it has developed into a university that combines both metropolitan and cosmopolitan dimensions, and which is closely involved in business, professional and academic life within London, as well as overseas, with mission to establish the University of Westminster as the leading practice-informed teaching and research university.

Faculty of Media, Arts and Design

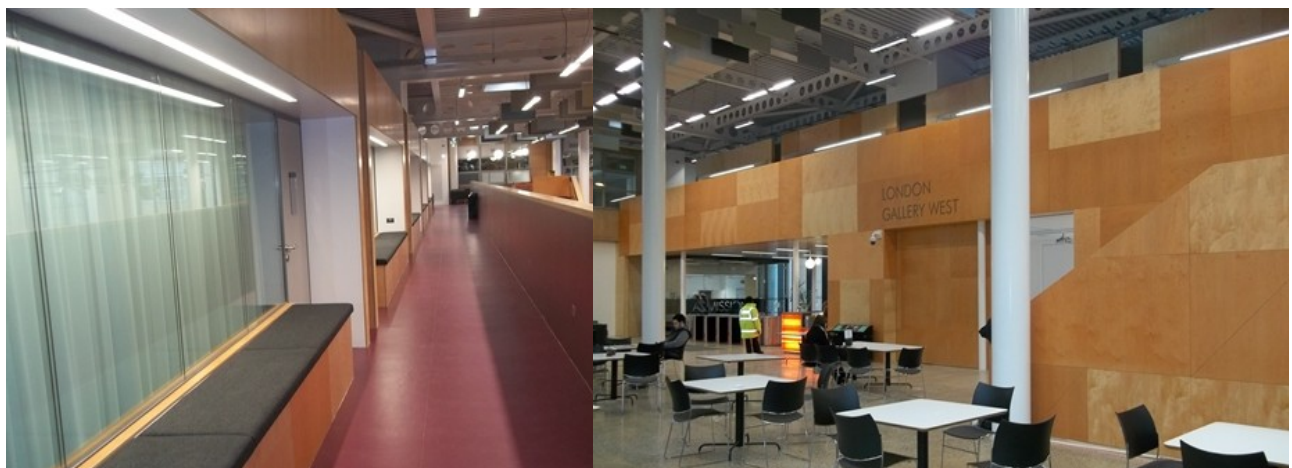


Based in North West of London, Faculty of Media, Arts and Design houses undergraduate and post-graduate courses, research centres, workshops, computer labs to facilitate learning of media, arts and design disciplines. It was home of Hypermedia research centre that trailblased field of new media arts and influenced what is today known as creative industries through education of digital artisans. Currently there are around 4,000 students and 250 staff at the Harrow Campus.

The Faculty is akin to open the doors to FLOSS ideas and practices. Free/Libre/Open in media, art and design is re-establishing as a research culture and field of academic study for creative technologists.



It is a newly refurbished campus with a variety of spaces suitable for lectures, workshops, formal and informal gatherings that would suit LGM with full AV.



It has 2 gallery spaces, excellent library, cafeteria, canteen (refectory), Wi-Fi throughout.

Besides Faculty of Media, Arts and Design, University of Westminster has a Faculty of Science and Technology and this would be a unique opportunity to bring the two together in student collaboration which culminates in a show at one of the Harrow Campus galleries

for the duration of the LGM as well as their participation at the Meeting.

FLOSS and London

Post-Olympic games, in austerity, London is as amazingly rich in cultural production as ever. Projects like Depford.tv, Technology will save us, organisations like Furtherfield, London Hackspace, Space Studios, SPC, and more mainstream Barbican, are actively producing, exhibiting and debating FLOSS art and design.

There are numerous meet-ups with FLOSS focus, Common House hacklab, and other grass-roots initiatives. FLOSSIE, annual conference for women and FLOSS, Mozilla, the Open Data Institute, Open Knowledge Foundation, Canonical, live here too. More over, London has a rich history of Media arts production and is now embracing Open design.

Additional locations for LGM

Furtherfield <http://www.furtherfield.org/>

Furtherfield was founded by artists Ruth Catlow and Marc Garrett in 1997 and is been sustained by the work of its community; specialist and amateur artists, activists, thinkers, and technologists, who, together cultivate open, critical contexts for making and thinking. Furtherfield is now a dynamic, creative and social nerve centre where upwards of 26,000 contributors worldwide have built a visionary culture around co-creation – swapping and sharing code, music, images, video and ideas.

Furtherfield opened London's first dedicated gallery for networked and new media art in 2004.

SPC <http://spc.org/>

SPC was established 1996 to support individual practice, independently organised spaces, open access to network media and creative experimentation with technology, the hub around which some diverse energies and initiatives continue to interconnect.

We offer web hosting and project development space to groups and individuals by [subscription](#). These fees underwrite the wide range of [email](#), media and technical facilities at [Deckspace](#) and an arsenal of shared networking resources at [BIT](#).

We also run a batch of projects here at [Deckspace](#) such as [OWN](#) and [DeptfordTV](#) which serve local interests and promote collaboration.

Subscribers are invited to utilise the many facilities available, exchange skills and make stuff to share. Come and visit us in Greenwich S.E. London in rooftop rooms with panoramic views across the city.. and the [Open Wireless Network](#).

Common House <http://www.commonhouse.org.uk/>

The Common House is an experiment in building a commons – by which we mean a resource that is organised and structured by our collective activity as a community and not by money or property rights. We always want new groups and people to get involved in running the space. It is only people, together, that can create commons.

In 2013 we got together and collectively rented The Common House because we had a common problem. Most spaces in London cost too much, were not open the hours we needed and we wanted to have food and kids at our meetings. We also wanted a space to have parties in, eat together, watch films, make banners, props and we needed a home for our printing press.

Resonance FM <http://resonancefm.com>

Resonance104.4fm is the world's first radio art station, established by London Musicians' Collective. It started broadcasting on May 1st 2002. Its brief? To provide a radical alternative to the universal formulae of mainstream broadcasting. Resonance 104.4 fm features programmes made by musicians, artists and critics who represent the diversity of London's arts scenes, with regular weekly contributions from nearly two hundred musicians, artists, thinkers, critics, activists and instigators; plus numerous unique broadcasts by artists on the weekday "Clear Spot".

City

Noisy, vibrant and truly multicultural, **London** is a megalopolis of people, ideas and frenetic energy. The capital and largest city of both the [United Kingdom](#) and of [England](#), it is also the largest city in Western [Europe](#) and the European Union. Situated on the River Thames in [South-East England](#), **Greater London** has an official population of a little over 8 million. However, London's urban area stretched to 9,787,426 in 2011, while the figure of 14 million for the city's wider metropolitan area more accurately reflects its size and importance. Considered one of the world's leading "global cities", London remains an international capital of culture, music, education, fashion, politics, finance and trade

Public transport

London has a world known Tube, red buses, and black cabs. For buses, Tube and Overground, you will need Oyster card. Top up as you go on all Tube stations and various off licence shops. There are bikes available for rent too. All planning and fare information available at

<http://www.tfl.gov.uk/>.

How to get to University of Westminster, Harrow Campus

Tube

Northwick Park (30m) - Metropolitan line

Kenton (600m) - Bakerloo line

Train

Kenton (600m) - National Rail

Bus

Watford Road - 114, 140, 129

Visa requirements

If you're from outside the European Economic Area or Switzerland you will probably need Visa for the UK, General Visitor visa. The Home Office recommends to apply up to 3 months before planned trip to the UK and it costs £80. For full list of countries that require visa, please go to:

<https://www.gov.uk/check-uk-visa>

Accommodation

London offers a multitude of hotels, hostels, bed and breakfast accommodation and of course [airbnb.com](https://www.airbnb.com).

Average price for a double room in Central London (King's Cross/St Pancras area) is between £60 and £90 per night. Hostels, from £20 to £45 (Shoreditch area). Since Harrow Campus is about 20 minutes North West from Central London on the Metropolitan line, it is good to find accommodation that is near to it or Bakerloo line.

Food

The Campus has its own canteen and cafeteria that can cater for the duration of the Meeting.

Average price of meal is £3 - £5. Coffee £2. Tea £1. (Prices in March 2014)

As experiencing super-diversity is one of the main benefits of visiting London, you will find all food from everywhere on planet Earth here. From Turkish and Vietnamese hotspots and bagel houses of East London, to sushi bars of Soho, Thai, African, Italian restaurants, Portuguese food in Portobello Road, lately popular burger bars as well as a wide variety of vegan and vegetarian food, to amazing food markets all over the city – all guests will find something to suit their tastes and budgets.

Security and health

Call 112 or 999 for the emergency services (police, fire and ambulance) in London. To report non-urgent crime, call the police on 101 from within the UK.

The National Health Service (NHS) is the main **healthcare** provider in the UK.

NHS treatment is free for UK residents. Overseas nationals are not eligible for free NHS treatment except if they need emergency treatment while in the UK. You are strongly advised to take out **travel insurance** to cover any medical expenses.

Budget

Expenses, potential sources:

AHRC Research networking grant (up to £30000 for approximately 4 meetings over a year of which LGM could be one)

British Academy International networking and mobility scheme (up to £10000 - suitable for 2016)

Creative Europe – Culture sub-programme, European networking, European cooperation

The Arts Council England, Grants for the Arts - for local activities

Event income:

T-Shirts

Benefit party at Common House

Sponsorship possibilities:

In kind:

University of Westminster has facilities to print banners, posters, T-Shirts, laser cutting

Funds:

British Academy of Computing

Nesta

Corporate sponsorships (TBC)

Local sponsorships (TBC)