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Clerkenwell Design Week announces new venues, expanded exhibition spaces and a boosted line-up for its 2024 edition

21 – 23 May 2024



Above: CDW festival hub at Old Sessions House (Image: Sam Frost)

[Clerkenwell Design Week](#) (CDW) will make a triumphant return to London from **21 – 23 May 2024**, marking its 15th year as a global design festival. Building upon its record-breaking 2023 edition, which drew over 37,000 visitors, the upcoming event is set to elevate the experience with new venues, expanded exhibition spaces, thought-provoking installations and a stronger-than-ever line-up of both British and international brands. Expect **more than 600 curated events** spread throughout the EC1 neighbourhood, complemented by a robust network of **over 160 local design showrooms** and **300 exhibitors** across 12+ venues.

"We're thrilled to return this May with Clerkenwell Design Week," says **Marlon Cera-Marle**, **Design Division Director of Media 10** which organises the annual design festival. "As one of the most attended specification events in the A&D calendar, it also serves as an important platform to discover new talent and ideas."

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He adds, "This year, we're excited to showcase an unprecedented number of participating brands, reflecting strong demand from both home and overseas. In response, we're expanding our exhibition and installation spaces, including the newly revamped, pedestrian-friendly Clerkenwell Green. Anticipation is high for what's in store, from diverse brands and showrooms to exciting partners, features and special events. Stay tuned for our programme announcement in February."



Above (from left): Tom Dixon speaking at ICON Talks in Old Sessions House; Fata Morgana installation by Jestico + Whiles, Studio Fractal and Architainment Lighting (Image: Sam Frost)

The 2024 festival welcomes three NEW [exhibition venues](#), including **Contract and Work** on Clerkenwell Green, a pop-up space (name to be announced) at **The Goldsmiths' Centre**, both showcasing the latest designs for commercial and workplace interiors, and **The Edit** in Bourne and Hollingsworth, featuring some of the world's leading contemporary design brands.



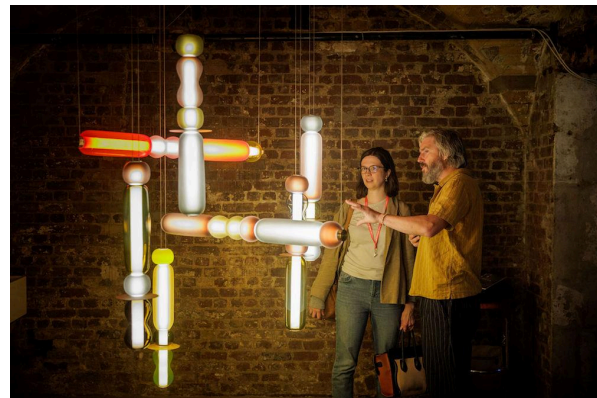
Above (from left): British Collection in the crypt of St James's Church; Ceramics of Italy, a collaboration between the Ceramics Association of Italy and the Italian Trade Agency, on St John's Square (Image: Sam Frost)



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This year also sees **British Collection** double its size taking over the entire crypt of St James's Church, including the Tom Dixon-furnished vestry, which will also host the popular **ICON Talks** series. Meanwhile, other returning venues housing an array of product-focused exhibitions comprise:

- **Design Fields** – home to contemporary furniture with an international focus, including over 35 Italian furniture and decorative brands;
- **Light** – home to global lighting companies and installations with more brands participating this year, as well as Darc's curated talks;
- **Project** – home to contract furniture and surface design;
- **Elements** – home to architectural hardware and finishes;
- **Detail** – home to luxury interiors;
- **Platform** – home to emerging design talent and brands;
- **Ceramics of Italy** – home to Italian ceramic and porcelain tile brands; and
- **Old Sessions House** – atmospheric home to brand activations and presentations, as well as the festival hub offering CDW visitors free access between 21 – 23 May.

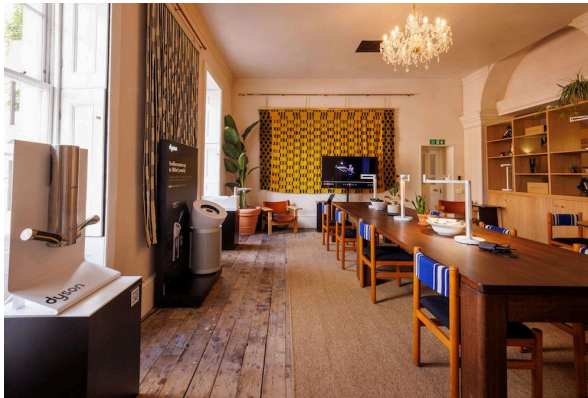


Above (from left): Svensson at Detail in the Order of St John; Curiousa at Light in House of Detention (Image: Sam Frost)

Together, these unique exhibition venues will present over 300 **design brands and new talent**, covering furniture, lighting, textiles, surfaces, home accessories and product design. Confirmed participants include SCP, Benchmark, Ercol, Another Country, Fora Form, Uimage, Lammhults, Blå Station, Ethimo, Origin, Ultrafabrics, Romo, Granite and Smoke, Schotten and Hansen, Very Good and Proper, Dare Studio, Pooky Lighting and Lladró. Click here for the [latest exhibitor list](#).

Local **showroom partners**, totalling over 160 established names (see [full list](#)), will host an extensive programme of product launches, talks and workshops, including Fritz Hansen, Mater, Modus, Norr11, Flokk, Arper, Allermuir, Lintex, Cosentino, Ideal Standard, Vitra Bathrooms, Modulys, Camira Fabrics, Tarkett, Iris Ceramica, Domus Tiles and Parkside.

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Above (from left): Dyson in Old Sessions House; Ethimo in The Cloister Garden of the Order of St John, as part of Detail (Image: Sam Frost)

In addition to the vibrant exhibitions and showrooms, various unique **destinations** across Clerkenwell – including Paxton Locher House (which will host a selection of Danish design brands), Brewhouse Yard, Cowcross Yards (which will present the best of Ukrainian designs), and Marx Memorial Library (participating for the first time) – will be transformed by a curated selection of international brands and trade institutions. The local architecture studio, Groupwork, led by Amin Taha, will once again be home to the latest presentation from the British furniture brand, Case Furniture.

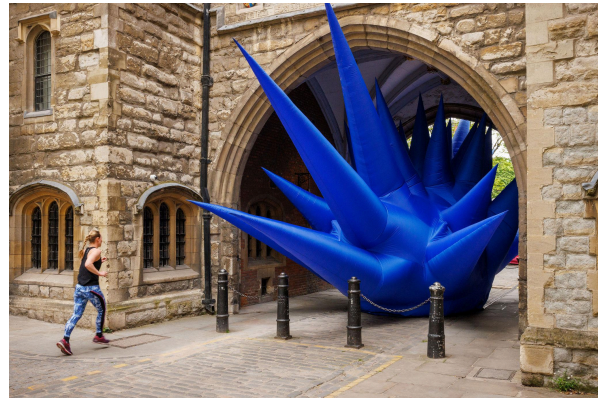


Above (from left): Yinka Ilori x Domus showroom feature (Image: Robin Gautier); Lammhults pop-up on Clerkenwell Green (Image: Sam Frost)

An array of specially commissioned, **site-specific installations** will grace the streets of Clerkenwell, while **activations from acclaimed brands** – including Dyson, Geberit, Albion Stone, Hutton Stone, Stone Federation, Texaa, Material Bank, Universal Fibers, Silen and Bert Frank – will take over the whole of Clerkenwell Green during the festival.



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Above (from left): Morag Myerscough and her installation for BAUX on St John's Square; Inflatable art by Steve Messam at St John's Gate of the Order of St John (Image: Sam Frost)

**Conversations at Clerkenwell**, a schedule of daily talks exploring industry topics, will return – curated by brand consultant Katie Richardson. These talks will be hosted in a purpose-built theatre in Spa Fields, featuring expert speakers from the design, architecture and business sectors. The full line-up will be announced in spring.



Above (from left): Conversations at Clerkenwell in Spa Fields (Image: Sam Frost); Architecture tour of Groupwork Studio led by Amin Taha (Image: Ashley Bingham)

Meanwhile, hosted in a temporary structure next to Design Fields, **Design Meets** will feature representatives and speakers from trade bodies and associations, engaging in a series of intimate, industry-led talks.

Last but not least, over the three days of CDW, various design studios will invite visitors to take part in a whole host of creative workshops as part of the [Fringe](#) programme. Attendees can also relish exclusive discounts and offerings from local [food and drink partners](#). Furthermore, architects and interior designers will have the opportunity to join guided specialist tours focused on everything from ceramics to materials, enriching their experience throughout the festival.

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Clerkenwell Design Week 2024 takes place across EC1, London from 21 – 23 May. More details about the upcoming event will be announced in due course. For more information, please visit [clerkenwelldesignweek.com](https://clerkenwelldesignweek.com) – registration is now [open](#).

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## VISITING INFORMATION

- Visitors can register for their [FREE festival passes](#) now.
- All visitors require a visitor badge to access the exhibition venues and showroom events.
- Exhibition venues are open **10:00 – 18:00** on **Tuesday**, **10:00 – 21:00** on **Wednesday**, and **10:00 – 17:00** on Thursday. Showroom opening hours vary.
- Closest underground stations: Farringdon and Barbican
- Bus routes: 19, 341, 38, N19, N38, N41, 55, 48