

London Design Festival
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**Isola Returns to
London Design Festival**
with Two Curated Spaces at
Shoreditch Design Week



Isola returns for its third edition at **London Design Festival** www.isola.design/ldf26, continuing its partnership with **Shoreditch Design Week**, the evolved format of the long-established **Shoreditch Design Triangle**. From **15—17 September**, Isola will present two curated spaces within the historic Shoreditch Town Hall, bringing together exciting projects and its creative community.

Shoreditch Design Week connects curated exhibitions, showrooms, installations, and brand showcases across **one of London's most creative neighborhoods**, highlighting emerging talent, innovative ideas, and contemporary design for hospitality, residential, retail, and workspace environments.

“Isola’s story over the past years has been shaped by its global design community and the partnerships we have built along the way. We are proud to continue strengthening our international collaborations, such as the one with Shoreditch Design Week, and to grow alongside them in their initiatives shaping London’s design scene. London has always represented an important step for Isola in reaching new markets, and being at the heart of one of the city’s most vibrant design districts gives us and our community the possibility to reach new audiences, build valuable connections, and open doors to new opportunities.”
— says Gabriele Cavallaro, co-founder and CEO of Isola Design Group.

Returning to the **House of ICON**, part of Shoreditch Design Week, Isola will occupy two distinctive spaces within Shoreditch Town Hall, the Grade II listed Victorian landmark. The striking *Council Chamber* and adjoining *Mayor’s Parlour*, provide a unique setting for a program spanning **collectible furniture, lighting, functional pieces, and unique design**.

THE SHOWCASE

In Between: From Making to Meaning

In the Council Chamber, Isola presents *In Between: From Making to Meaning*, an exhibition exploring the **processes that shape design**, not simply as a finished object, but the work and various inspirations behind it.

Bringing together a curated selection of designers, studios, and brands, the exhibition invites visitors into a space where everyday gestures, personal meanings, and perceptions are revealed through products, materials, and techniques. **Each exhibitor offers insight into the gestures, decisions, and experiments that shape their practice, with works spanning craftsmanship, biomaterials, functional design, and collectible objects.**

Rather than focusing solely on outcomes, **In Between draws attention to the moments in between: where ideas take shape**, materials respond, processes unfold, and meaning is constructed. Each exhibitor presents a distinct approach, revealing diverse methodologies that range from traditional craftsmanship to contemporary and innovative processes.



By bringing these processes to the foreground, the exhibition encourages a deeper connection between audience and creator, shifting attention from the final object to the narrative, intention, and knowledge embedded within it.

Participating designers, brands, and design studios include the following: Alea, Atelier Arunika, Biomaterials Library, Blank Design, Di Mao, Emanoella Rosa Pagliosa, Gaya Vartanyan, Han Bruzan Studio, Mateusz Wappa, Reza Raeisifar, Studio Lilgenau, Studio Ojo, Studio Syzygy, Vidushi Gupta, Yaren Kepi.

Isola Space Pop-up

In the adjoining Mayor's Parlour, **Isola Space brings a condensed version of its Dubai concept to London**, creating a space for discovery, exchange, and direct engagement with the Isola Design Community.

The installation combines a **curated pop-up design store, lounge area, and program space for live demonstrations and workshops**, extending the theme of the neighboring exhibition, In Between. Through these activities, visitors can gain insight into the ideas, inspirations, and processes that bring design to life, with selected participants from both exhibitions sharing their approaches to making.

Alongside the curated selection, the lounge will feature key design pieces, including the modular and sculptural *Metric* seating by partner **B&T Design**. Together, both the workshop and lounge areas **create opportunities for visitors to pause, meet, and engage with designers and fellow creatives**. More than a display, Isola Space Pop-Up acts as a meeting point and social hub, bringing together designers, visitors, and the wider Shoreditch design community.

Participating designers, brands, and design studios include the following: B&T Design, Caveat, Charlotte Yang & Wenda Yang, Dana Aljouder, Ignacy Klammer, Jordan Keaney, Karma Dabaghi, Krudo Studio & Wick Telgenkamp, Margarita Velázquez Studio.

Both areas are designed using low-impact spatial materials. Separation units, and layout elements are provided through **McKie's Rotational Bricks**, using patented reduced-carbon cement-based bricks with a unique rotational feature. The pedestals and table tops are provided by **Sustainable Ply**, using lightweight structural panels made from recovered corrugated cardboard and finished with **KAVA Surfaces'** eco-friendly coating, produced using recycled coffee and organic waste.



CREDITS

DATE 15—17 September 2026

WHERE Shoreditch Town Hall, 380 Old St, London, EC1V 9LT

OPENING HOURS

Tuesday 15, 10 a.m. — 6 p.m.

Wednesday 16, 10 a.m. — 9 p.m.

Thursday 17, 10 a.m. — 5 p.m.

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NOTES TO THE EDITORS

Milan- and Dubai-based Isola Design Group provides visibility and opportunities to independent designers, design studios, and brands worldwide. The venture runs both Isola Design, the community platform featuring profiles, project portfolios, and direct messaging for the exchange of ideas, and the recently launched Isola Studio, a consultancy studio for future-thinking design brands and organizations.

Isola Design (www.isola.design) is the world's first digital and physical platform connecting independent designers and studios with industry professionals, brands, curators, journalists, and clients. Its dedicated curatorial team selects projects with a focus on sustainability, innovation, and handcraft.

Founded in 2017 in Milan, Isola Design District immediately became one of the main official areas of the Milan Design Week, with special attention to international and emerging designers. Isola Design also organizes various in-person events under the umbrella of Isola Design Festival, which takes place throughout the year, hosting dozens of exhibitions, hundreds of exhibitors, and thousands of visitors.

From 2019 to 2024, Isola Design took part in the Dutch Design Week in Eindhoven, becoming the first Italian design district to participate in a foreign event. Isola Design



expanded its reach even further in 2022, when for the first time led a curated group of designers to the United Arab Emirates for Downtown Design during Dubai Design Week. From 2023 onward, Isola participated also in the London Design Festival, Tanween - Ithra's Conference of Creativity in Saudi Arabia, and Design Democracy in India.

Launched in 2021 with more than 2.300 designers from 65+ countries and 3.500+ projects published, Isola Design offers a community for creative people around the globe through its digital platform, with dedicated profiles and portfolio pages. The digital platform aims to spark direct community interactions, discussions, and the sharing of expertise.

In 2024, Isola Design Group founded **Isola Studio** (www.isola.design/studio), an international consultancy lab for design brands, organizations, and institutions within the global Isola Design community. The studio develops innovative solutions, connects design brands with emerging talents, and creates bespoke projects across Europe and the Middle East. In June 2024, Isola Studio launched its first international design residency, Nitaj (www.isola.design/nitaj), focused on lighting design, conceived for Sama Design in Jeddah, which started in Milan and concluded with an exhibition in Saudi Arabia.

In 2025, Isola Design Group opened **Isola Space in Dubai** (<https://isola.space/>) its first physical venue and a new permanent platform for exchange between local and international creatives. Located at The Lana Promenade, Dorchester Collection, in Marasi Bay and just minutes from Dubai Design District, the space is conceived as a dynamic and hybrid environment that reflects the multifaceted nature of the brand. The venue brings together an exhibition gallery, design store, café, workspace areas, and an event location. Isola Space functions as an ever-evolving cultural destination, hosting exhibitions, workshops, presentations, and immersive experiences of collaborative design.

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