

Press release

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**Late Debate: London's race for space,
at London Transport Museum, Covent Garden
Thursday 22 November**



- **Workshops, panel debates and lightening talks on the race for space in the Capital**
- **Hear from Michèle Dix CBE – Managing Director of Crossrail 2 – on the requirements for future London, as its population continues to soar**
- **Enjoy a drink, music and the chance to explore London Transport Museum's collection after hours – including its brand-new Future Engineers gallery**

London's population is larger than it has ever been, and its growth is showing no sign of slowing down. Expected to exceed 10 million by 2036, London will soon join the expanding list of global megacities.

London Transport Museum, the world's leading Museum of urban transport, is asking people to consider the questions this race for space poses for London living at its next Late Debate on **Thursday 22 November** from **18:45 to 22:00**.

How will we provide enough for housing, nature, culture, and critical infrastructure? What can we learn from cities around the world? What technological, cultural and transport innovations should we develop and adopt?

The festival-style event will offer debates, talks and workshops on how to future-proof our city. Enjoy a drink, music and explore London Transport Museum's collection after hours, including its brand-new Future Engineers exhibition.

It will also be a chance to explore the temporary exhibition, Secret Life of a Megaproject – an inside look at the lesser-known stories about one of the largest civil engineering projects happening in Europe, Crossrail.

Sam Mullins, Managing Director of London Transport Museum, said: “Join fellow Londoners for a unique opportunity to debate what the race for space in London holds for life in our city. Hear from the people already shaping the Capital's future – from transport innovations to its cultural life – while surrounded by extraordinary exhibits which shaped its past.”

Late Debate highlights include:

- Key note speech from **Michèle Dix CBE**, Managing Director, Crossrail 2, on the future transport needs of London as the population continues to grow. She asks what challenges will we face and what are the solutions?
- **Futures Marketplace**
Meet the visionaries, inventors, and changemakers reclaiming urban space, developing innovative transport models, and shaping the city from the inside. Talk to leading urbanist authors and learn about the newest transport and urban design ideas from cutting-edge researchers and scientists. Step into a fantasy tube station combining many of the real community-led initiatives to reclaim space.
- **Culture Capital? Powered by New London Architecture:**
London is growing – housing, commercial, transport and hospitality development are all competing for increasingly scarce space. Will there still be room for culture, for artist studios, creative workspaces, galleries, performance spaces and public art? Can culture play a part in enriching London's changing places or is it itself a driver of gentrification and displacement? Chaired by **Peter Murray, Chairman, New London Architecture**, this panel debate will bring together leading experts to discuss these challenges and explore potential solutions for London.

- **Lightning talks:**

Enjoy a line-up of quick-fire talks presenting the latest ideas on how to manage the space we all share. Expect to hear about evolving streets, designing healthy cities, the possibilities of inventing future cities, creative solutions to the housing crisis, smart cities and gender, and London Transport Museum's work to document a changing city, and to equip future generations with valuable skills.

Speakers, hosts and contributors include:

Beth Atkinson, Young People's Programme Manager, London Transport Museum; **Michael Batty**, Centre for Advanced Spatial Analysis, University College London; **Susan Claris**, Associate Director, Transport Planning, Arup; **Susanna Corder**, Documentary Curator, London Transport Museum; **Dr Ayona Datta**, Reader in Urban Futures, King's College London; **Gemma John**, Director, Human City; **Ellie Miles**, Documentary Curator, London Transport Museum; **Rebecca Miller**, MA Service Design, Royal College of Art; **Peter Murray**, Chairman, New London Architecture; **Dr Audrey de Nazelle**, Lecturer in Air Pollution Management, Imperial College; **Tim Reeves**, Deputy Director and Chief Operating Officer, V&A; **Howard Smith**, Operations Manager, Crossrail; **James Turner**, Gleaning and Events Coordinator, Feedback; representatives from Imperial College, the Institution of Civil Engineers, MIT Press, and more TBC.

Tickets to the Late Debate cost £15 (£12 concessions) and are for adults only (18+).

Tickets can be bought online at ltmuseum.co.uk.

Guests who enter the code **241Earlybird** get two tickets for the price of one when they book online before 1 November 2018. For advance booking information, call +44 (0)20 7565 7298.

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Notes for Editors:

- The Late Debate programme is part of **ShapingLDN**, a growing offer at London Transport Museum which aims to share knowledge and provoke conversation about city living and the future of London, through events, exhibitions and experiences.
- Michèle Dix CBE, Managing Director of Crossrail 2 - Michèle started her career at the Greater London Council after completing her PhD in transport and land use planning. She joined Transport for London (TfL) in 2000 as director of Congestion Charging and became Managing Director of Planning in 2007. Michèle led TfL's strategic thinking on the future transport needs of London, testing and challenging solutions and providing clear direction on appropriate transport solutions for the future. Michele is now responsible for developing Crossrail 2 and gaining funding and powers for it. Michele is a visiting professor for UCL and is chair of an international committee PRESCOM for the UITP which promotes public transport research and best practice globally. Most recently, Michele has joined the Major Projects Association as a Board member and has become a Trustee for the London Transport Museum.

About London Transport Museum

- London Transport Museum is situated in the heart of Covent Garden and filled with stunning exhibits; the Museum explores the powerful link between transport and the growth of modern London, culture and society since 1800. Historic vehicles, world-famous posters and the very best objects from the Museum's extraordinary collection are brought together to tell the story of London's development and the part transport played in defining the unique identity of the city.
- The Museum is a charity and the world's leading museum of urban transport and a place for everyone to come to understand and enjoy the story of London's journey. No other capital city is defined and shaped so much by its transport as London. Yet the scale of influence of transport can be invisible to those who use it every day. The Museum and its collections are a window into the past, present and future of how transport keeps London moving, working and growing, and makes life in our city better. The Museum's charity number is 1123122.

Travel to London Transport Museum:

- Address: Covent Garden Piazza, WC2E 7BB.
- The nearest stations to London Transport Museum are:
 - **Underground:** Covent Garden, Leicester Square, Charing Cross, Embankment, Holborn
 - **National Rail:** Charing Cross and Waterloo
 - **Boat:** Embankment or Westminster pier
 - **Bus:** Strand or Aldwych

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- Talks & events bookings: +44 (0)20 7565 7298
- Switchboard: +44 (0)20 7379 6344 - general information
- 24-hour information: +44 (0)20 7565 7299

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