

CORNERHOUSE: RE-USE / RESCUE



Our event transgression is challenging the impending demolition of the Cornerhouse, which has been part of Manchester's cultural scene for the past thirty years. On 21st May 2015 'HOME', a new arts and media centre will open on the First Street site and will be the new home of the Cornerhouse. This makes these buildings and the surrounding area as a prime site for redevelopment.

The aim of our particular event is to explore the potential of this location and develop concepts for the re-use or redevelopment of these buildings.

We are keen to invite students to consider the nature of both of these ideas, both the preservation of heritage through architecture or the development of cities through new buildings. We are not prescribing one approach to the project, we are encouraging the students to consider both as we feel it is an important notion to explore when moving both through the school and into wider industry. In terms of output

we are not defining a particular format, but rather encouraging the students to work in the media of their choice that best suits their explorations e.g. short films, drawings, models.

We will be in collaboration with the 'Save the Cornerhouse' campaign group, an organisation actively arguing for the preservation of these buildings against the threats of new development, and we have arranged a tutorial session with Jim Chapman, an influential figure in the redevelopment of Manchester over the last 25 years. We are also in discussions with Cornerhouse to have the final outputs exhibited there.

Through this event the students will develop their knowledge of heritage and gain experience of design within the existing urban fabric, and will improve the following skills:

- _Design for Re-use
- _Collaboration
- _Presentation

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