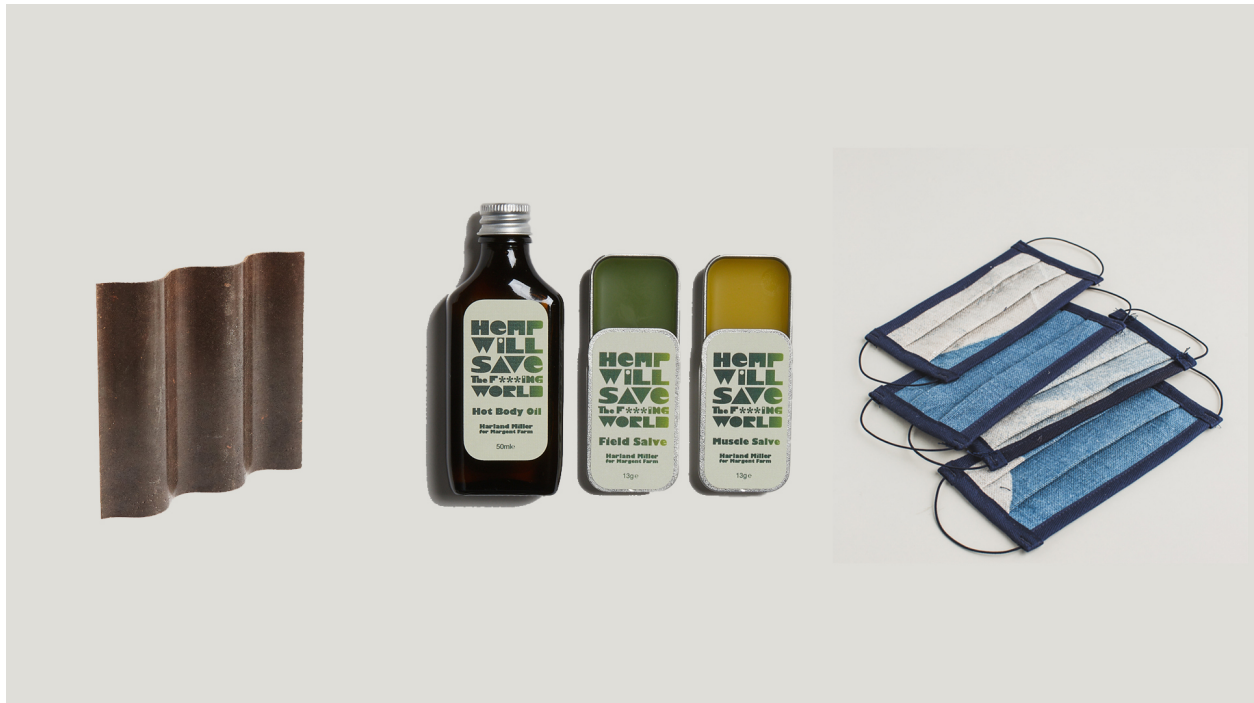


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King's Cross Design District: Kiosk N1C x Super Nature Present: Hemp Automat

A 24 hour fully automated hemp shopping experience for
London Design Festival



The King's Cross Design District this year focuses on the future of design, from showcasing the 'material heroes' that could help address our urgent collective need to transition to a circular economy, to providing a platform for the next generation of design graduates. From **18-26 September, King's Cross Design District** will host a jam-packed schedule of installations and events as the highly anticipated **London Design Festival** returns to the destination for a third year.

King's Cross and Kiosk N1C continue their exploration of the many uses of the miracle crop, Hemp. Located on the viaduct in Coal Drops Yard, Hemp Automat is home to a beautifully curated selection of Hemp products for the duration of the festival. From clothing to cosmetics to material samples for your next project, this small selection will showcase just a handful of hundreds of uses of this carbon negative wonder material.



Margent Farm, Cambridgeshire

The fully automated 24/7 retail, COVID-safe, contactless Hemp Automat will stock products from Margent Farm, Kvadrat, BUAISOU, HempWood, HOLM and many more brands.

Film director and founder of Margent Farm, Steve Barron, says: *"Just planting the hemp crop can quickly sequester tons of carbon from the atmosphere. Its long, deep roots help to de-compact the soil and it acts as a strong break crop. The cellulose content within (60-70%) means it is a great, natural alternative for many materials - including a bio-plastic that can decompose, protecting our oceans. More recently millions of people have become aware of the nutritional value in the seeds, and its remarkable cannabidiol (CBD) content that can be extracted from the leaves and flowers."*

This project has been kindly supported by ANMAC.

Further activity to be announced soon. Stay up to date on the latest LDF news:
www.kingscross.co.uk/london-design-festival

The King's Cross estate continues to operate in line with the latest Covid guidance to enable the public to enjoy the activities safely with social distancing measures in place

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Notes to Editors

King's Cross

King's Cross is home to 67 acres of outstanding architecture, destination restaurants and a vibrant cultural scene. At its heart is the Heatherwick Studio-designed Coal Drops Yard; London's newest shopping district housed in a pair of artfully reimagined industrial Victorian buildings. The area's industrial past has inspired the 50 new and repurposed buildings, which are surrounded by beautifully-designed green spaces and public areas, including Granary Square and its iconic fountains. This bustling creative neighbourhood is a lively place in central London to visit day and night, and has a deserved reputation as a culinary hot spot.

King's Cross is somewhere you can live, work and play – over 20,000 people now work in the area, and it has close to 2,000 homes. This includes landmark development Gasholders London, comprising 145 new canal-side apartments within a triplet of Grade II-listed cast-iron gasholder frames.

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Coal Drops Yard

Coal Drops Yard is a vibrant shopping and restaurant district in London's King's Cross. Coal Drops Yard was originally established in 1850 to handle the eight million tonnes of coal delivered to the capital each year, and was latterly the location of nightclubs Bagley's and The Cross. The area reopened in October 2018, reinvented by the acclaimed Heatherwick Studio, which has interwoven a contemporary design with the surviving structures and rich ironwork of the original Victorian coal drops.

Located within a reimagined set of historic buildings and arches directly adjacent to Granary Square and Regent's Canal, Coal Drops Yard houses over fifty stores from a unique mix of established and emerging brands, along with cafés, bars, top independent restaurants and new public spaces.

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About Super Nature

Super Nature is a King's Cross initiative in which we explore design, materials and production methods that have a positive impact on people and the planet. The idea is to use art installations and the cultural programme at King's Cross as a way to facilitate conversations and collaborations and most importantly, to bring about change.

When we collaborate with the natural world and each other, we have the potential to improve lives – from the food we eat and the clothes we wear to the houses we live in and the air we breathe. Super Nature is the seed of an idea and a small part of what will be a long and complicated journey for the King's Cross Estate to become 'circular' by 2030.

About Kiosk N1C

KIOSK N1C began life as a magazine about King's Cross. Three years on, it is now a real, physical part of the place. The KIOSK N1C space at Coal Drops Yard is both a store and event space. Located on the market-style Lower Stable Street (which KIOSK N1C also curates), shoppers can expect an edit of hard-to-find pieces from emerging brands, as well as independent books and magazines.

About ANMAC

ANMAC mission is to reinvent the old world of vending machines and bring innovation into today's unmanned retail operations. Fantastic customer experience sits at the center of any retail business, and their systems provide customers with a simple & efficient way to shop anytime and anywhere.