

Creating Sustainable Spaces

Inhabit Hotels and Goldfinger partner with London Design Festival 2021 to host series of design events



August 2021 / Inhabit Hotels and social enterprise Goldfinger are partnering with London Design Festival to host a series of design events for LDF 2021, which runs from 18th - 26th September.

Inhabit is a hotel brand with a heart for community, a head for life-enhancing hospitality, and wellness wisdom to share. With responsible design a core part of their offering since inception, Inhabit Hotels is proud to be partnering with London Design Festival to showcase how good design and sustainability can work in tandem to create restorative, environmentally and socially conscious places to stay.

For LDF 2021, Inhabit is showcasing the work of award-winning sustainable design studio and social enterprise, Goldfinger, who produced bespoke furniture for the brand's first hotel, Inhabit Southwick Street, Paddington, as well as Inhabit's second London

property set to open in late 2021. Both hotels have been designed by Holland Harvey Architects.

A series of co-hosted events, taking place at Inhabit Southwick Street, will include a live panel discussion on the topic of “Creating Sustainable Spaces”; and a pop-up shop within the hotel’s public areas, running throughout the week. Inhabit is also working with Goldfinger to host craft workshops, the first of which is taking place during LDF 2021.

- **Panel discussion - 21st September, 6.30pm**
“Creating Sustainable Spaces”

Inhabit showcases the ingenuity of craftspeople and makers. This panel discussion, open to all, will explore the topic of responsible design, and how Inhabit is striving to make the world around it a better place, through supporting social enterprises and fostering a meaningful community of collaborators.

Participants will include Inhabit co-founder, Nadira Lalji, joined by some of the brand’s key creative partners. Nadira will be joined by Marie Cudennec Carlisle, CEO and co-founder at Goldfinger; Richard Holland, co-founder of Holland Harvey Architects; and Anne Trouillet Rogers, founder of art consultancy Culture A, who selected artworks by emerging and established artists to compliment and enhance the meditative mood of Inhabit Hotels.

This panel discussion will be moderated by the Editor-in-chief of ELLE Decoration UK, Ben Spriggs.

Free event - no pre-booking required

- **Goldfinger x Inhabit maker’s workshop - 23rd September, drop in 1pm-7pm**
“Leather Cardholder Workshop, led by Goldfinger facilitator Angie Johnston”

In this drop-in workshop, participants will learn how to create a leather card holder using surplus leather. They will be taught the basic leather stitching and finishing techniques needed, and all materials will be provided, including pre-cut leather pieces for the card holder, two saddlers needles, waxed thread, wool dauber, a small pot of edge finishing liquid, sandpaper, leather thimble and awl.

Angie Johnston is a designer and maker based in Bermondsey and is the founder of apron and accessories brand Throw Me Down. Angie is the maker behind Goldfinger's Organic Linen apron, and a regular workshop facilitator at the Goldfinger Academy.

Free workshop - no pre-booking required. Attendees are welcome to drop in any time between 1pm and 7pm to enjoy this workshop.

- **Goldfinger POP UP - 18th - 26th September**

For the duration of LDF, the Goldfinger x Inhabit furniture collection will be available to purchase from Inhabit in several British wood types, made-to-order in the Goldfinger workshop. Inhabit will also host a POP UP showcasing additional sustainable homeware products curated by Goldfinger, all available to purchase directly from the hotel.

Nightly rates at Inhabit Hotel, Southwick Street during LDF 2021 start from £150, based on double occupancy and including breakfast.

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About Inhabit Hotels

Inhabit is a hotel brand with a heart for community, a head for life-enhancing hospitality, and wellness wisdom to share. The brand's first hotel, Inhabit Southwick Street, opened in the capital in 2019 and is Green-Key certified.

Building on the success of its first property, the Inhabit team is growing its mission to create restorative, environmentally and socially conscious places to stay in the city, with a second London hotel slated to open its doors in autumn 2021.

Inhabit is currently working towards B Corps accreditation. If achieved later this year, Inhabit will be the first hotel group in the UK to achieve this eminent standard of corporate responsibility, an accreditation for businesses that meet the highest standards of verified social and environmental performance, transparency, and accountability to balance profit and purpose.

About Goldfinger

Founded in 2013, Goldfinger is a social enterprise that crafts quality bespoke furniture, homeware and fittings from reclaimed and sustainable materials. Every penny of their

profits supports their social impact. Goldfinger's HQ at the foot of the iconic Trellick Tower in West London combines a bespoke furniture workshop, community café, and a sustainable design shop where they sell products made by Goldfinger artisans, as well as independent brands who share their values of good design, sustainability and social responsibility.

Collaborating with interior designers and architects, Goldfinger designs and crafts furniture for businesses, such as hotels, cafés, shops and offices. Everything they make is crafted from rescued or sustainably-sourced materials, by their team of in-house artisans. So far, they have rescued over 398 tonnes of material from landfill and crafted it into something new. Since its launch, Goldfinger has partnered with brands such as Tom Dixon, Arup, John Lewis and Whistles.

Goldfinger was nominated for the Social Enterprise Firm of the Year 2019 at the Evening Standard Business Awards; CEO and co-founder Marie Carlisle was nominated for the Natwest Everywoman Awards 2020.

Goldfinger Academy

The Goldfinger Academy is the teaching arm of Goldfinger. It offers courses in sustainable woodworking and craft, with free spaces offered free-of-charge to local residents on low-income. It also runs an apprenticeship programme for NEETs (Not in Education, Employment or Training). In April 2022, Goldfinger will launch an in-school programme designed to equip young learners to be the sustainably-minded designers of their future. The programme is being developed in collaboration with Goldfinger's long-time partner, the Hermès Foundation. Students will work with Goldfinger course leaders to create a sustainable space for their school, such as a new reception desk, library shelving, or garden classroom.

People's Kitchen

Since 2015, Goldfinger has supported its community through its free monthly community meal cooked from surplus ingredients, the People's Kitchen, now running in its post-Covid iteration, People's Kitchen: To Your Door.