

Designed for Humanity: The David Nott Foundation opens its doors for London Design Festival 2025

The David Nott Foundation will open its doors to the public this September for *Designed for Humanity*, a creative showcase exploring how design underpins their humanitarian mission to deliver safe, skilled surgical care in areas of conflict and catastrophe.

Photography and storytelling are central to our mission, inviting audiences to connect with the extraordinary people behind the statistics: the patients, surgeons and communities at the heart of our work. By making space for their stories, we deepen understanding and spark action. Our visual identity has been carefully crafted to build trust and broaden our reach, ensuring that we continue to transform lives for years to come.

Hosted at the charity's headquarters in Waterloo, the showcase will run Monday to Friday throughout the London Design Festival (15-19 September 2025), offering visitors a chance to explore the role of design in global health.

Since 2015, the Foundation has trained 2,337 doctors across 18 countries – from trauma centres in Syria to field hospitals in Ukraine. By equipping local doctors with bespoke training and surgical tools, we empower them to act decisively in the world's toughest environments.

"It's not about the scalpel or the surgery. It's about the humanity." – Professor David Nott, Co-Founder

Visitors will discover:

- A curated brand and photography exhibition that captures the ideas and stories behind the Foundation's work
- Video and audio stories, including Professor David Nott's BBC Desert Island Discs interview
- A preview of our innovative surgical training tools used on the frontline
- Insightful conversations with the team about the relationship between design, education and humanitarian response

“Like medicine, the creative arts have found a paradoxical place of progress in war, conflict and catastrophe. Human suffering and the brutality of these environments not only highlight our deep failures as a species, but also our ingenuity and tenacity.” – Dr James Gough, CEO

Event details

Creative Showcase: Designed for Humanity

<https://londondesignfestival.com/activities/creative-showcase-designed-for-humanity>

David Nott Foundation, Unit 1b Railway Arch, 193 Hercules Road, SE1 7LD

Open 10am – 4pm | Monday 15 – Friday 19 September 2025

Free entry, no booking required

Accompanying images can be found here: [Google Drive](#)

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