

Sacred Grounds: Three Days of Slow Design at Paradox Design + Coffee

Reimagining sacred and community spaces through collage, textiles, and conversation.

London, August 2025 – This September, Mimbar360 presents **Sacred Grounds: Three Days of Slow Design** (19–21 September) at **Paradox Design + Coffee** as part of the London Design Festival. The event invites visitors to reimagine sacred spaces, mosques and community places through a unique blend of creativity, conversation, and Paradox café's special blend exclusive to this workshop.



Over three days, Paradox transforms into a participatory studio where visitors can slow down and make. Using collage, weaving, and audio recording, participants respond to daily prompts, contributing to the **Slow Design Wall**—a collective installation that grows across the festival into a tapestry of belonging, agency, and future imagination.

- **Day 1: Designing from Feeling** – What would a space of safety, healing, or calm look and feel like?
- **Day 2: Designing for Agency** – If this mosque or community space was yours, what would it hold?
- **Day 3: Designing with Futures** – What would you like

future generations to thank you for?

Ikram Hirse, Director of Mimbar360, says:

“We believe design should begin with presence and feeling, not just bricks and mortar. Sacred Grounds is about opening up imagination – giving people the chance to co-create visions of spaces that nurture wellbeing, connection, and belonging.”

Sacred Grounds is open to all. The event draws on the **Five Ways to Wellbeing – Connect, Notice, Give, Learn, Be Active** – making them tangible through creative, sensory practices.

Event details:

- Dates: 19–21 September 2025
- Timing 11am to 4pm on all three days
- Venue: Paradox Design + Coffee, London
- Format: Drop-in, daytime gathering
- Admission: Free

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