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Urban Living Library: Reclaiming the Hedgehog Habitat

**An award-winning landscape architecture exhibition exploring biodiversity, ecological connectivity and the future of urban public space.
London Design Festival 2026**

Award-winning landscape architect Fengyi Wu presents Urban Living Library: Reclaiming the Hedgehog Habitat, an exhibition that explores how landscape architecture can reconnect cities with nature through biodiversity-led design.

Winner of the IFLA Europe Student & Young Professionals Competition 2025 (First Prize, Category A), the project reimagines overlooked urban spaces as shared habitats for people and wildlife. Using the hedgehog as a symbolic indicator species, the research demonstrates how ecological corridors, native planting and human-centred public spaces can coexist to support healthier urban environments.

The exhibition presents the project's research process through large-format drawings, landscape visualisations, ecological diagrams and design narratives. Rather than proposing nature as something separate from cities, the work argues for everyday public spaces that accommodate both human activity and urban biodiversity.

Developed through research-by-design at The Bartlett School of Architecture, UCL, the project draws upon contemporary ecological thinking and theories of the more-than-human world to explore new approaches to landscape practice. It examines how landscape architecture can contribute to climate resilience, ecological restoration and public engagement through thoughtful spatial design.

Visitors are invited to explore the relationship between landscape, ecology and urban life, and to consider how design can support more inclusive, resilient and biodiverse cities.

The exhibition forms part of London Design Festival 2026, bringing internationally recognised landscape research to a wider public audience.

About the Designer

Fengyi Wu is a landscape architect and urban designer based in London. Her work focuses on landscape ecology, biodiversity, ecological restoration and public space design. She is the recipient of the IFLA Europe 2025 Student & Young Professionals

Competition First Prize and has contributed to award-winning projects across academic and professional practice.

Exhibition Information

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