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Open House London: 10 buildings to explore

Where to snoop around this weekend

Open House London turns the capital into a treasure trove of spaces to explore each year, including many that are usually off-limits and out of sight. Among the 800 buildings welcoming visitors this weekend (16 to 17 September), there's the usual host of contemporary domestic design, ranging from major new builds to modest extensions. But there's also an emphasis on manufacturing spaces in the 2017 programme, as well as a celebration of Foster + Partners' half-centenary (the firm's [Battersea](#) studio is one of many major projects it has in the 2017 event).

Open House itself turns 25 this year and the platform it created has undoubtedly changed the way we experience architecture in the city. Long may it continue.

Alex Monroe Workshop



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Having already created an elegant studio for jeweller Alex Monroe in London Bridge (where for once the hackneyed descriptor 'jewel-like' is entirely appropriate), [DSDHA](#) has now helped the business expand with this workshop building down the road. A fresh addition to the Open House London roster, its slatted façade conceals a hive of activity, with the multi-storied workspace united by a slim steel staircase.

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