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# GLOBAL DESIGN FORUM PROGRAMME ANNOUNCED INCLUDING KEYNOTES BY KENGO KUMA AND YVES BEHAR

London, UK – London Design Festival today announces an inspiring talks and workshops programme for Global Design Forum, taking place at the V&A from 14–22 September 2019, supported by Headline Partner OPPO.

Over 50 speakers from all corners of the global design community will share new perspectives on designing for a changing future. Highlights include keynote sessions with renowned global architect, **Kengo Kuma**, discussing his career and journey to date; **Yves Behar** speaking about his experience of how democratising design can help empower communities; and **Deborah Riley**, Production Designer and Art Director, Game of Thrones, on creating the sets for one of the world's most watched shows.

Additional speakers include **Laurent Simon**, Executive Creative Director, BBC Creative on the Pain and Gain of Creative Collaboration; a session chaired by **Alexandra Deschamp-Sonsino**, Author, Smarter Homes in conversation with **Ross Atkin**, Designer, and **Suhair Khan**, UK Project Lead, Google Arts & Culture; and **Ben Parker**, Made Thought, with **Carole Collet**, Director of Sustainable Innovation at LVMH, on Sustainability, Design and Brands.

Global Design Forum is the Festival's curated thought leadership programme, celebrating design and the minds shaping its future. Tapping into the Festival's unrivalled network of industry-leading designers and experts, the Forum features a unique mix of talks, debates, tours and workshops that together reflect the most innovative thinking in the world of design today. The 2019 programme will explore the issues affecting the design industry itself but more importantly, how design can pave the way for workable solutions to some of the modern world's most pressing challenges.

The Forum is themed per day with the following revealed:

- Saturday 14 September: **The Future Of Production**
- Sunday 15 September: **Graphic Design**
- Monday 16 September: **Biodesign: Engineering a Future**
- Tuesday 17 September: **Design for Change**
- Wednesday 18 September: **Digital Futures**
- Thursday 19 September: **Sustainability: Revolution and Solution**
- Friday 20 September: **The Theatre of Experience**

London Design Festival Director, **Ben Evans CBE** says, “Global Design Forum is a core part of the Festival. Every year it brings together some of the world’s greatest design minds to examine the innovative thinking and experimentation that is shaping our industry and the world around us. Themed per day, this year will place special emphasis on the environment, sustainability, new material solutions and the future of production.”

The Festival is delighted to welcome OPPO – a leading global smart device brand – as Headline Partner to Global Design Forum. SAP are supporting the Sustainability: Revolution and Solution programme on Thursday 19 September; Sony Design are programme partners to The Theatre of Experience on Friday 20 September; with Falmouth University and Moleskine both supporting workshops.

All talks and workshops are ticketed and tickets are available to book [here](#).

- **Individual Talks:** £10
- **Keynote Talks:** £15
- **Workshops:** £15
- **Daily Pass:** Visitors can attend all talks in one day for a special offer of £30

To see the full programme, please visit [globaldesignforum.com](http://globaldesignforum.com)

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## NOTES TO EDITORS

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Established in 2003 by Sir John Sorrell CBE and Ben Evans CBE, London Design Festival celebrates and promotes London as the design capital of the world.

London Design Festival has since earned the reputation as a key calendar moment of London’s autumn creative season, alongside London Fashion Week, Frieze Art Fair and the London Film Festival, attracting the greatest thinkers, practitioners, retailers and educators to the capital, in a citywide celebration.

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