

A LIVING ARCHIVE

Possibilities for/through the DEGW Archive

At this symposium, we aim to create links between DEGW concepts, methods and ethos reflected in the DEGW Archive and current research and practice in the built environment.

5th October 2017, Thursday
14:00 – 17:00

Room 103, Building L22
London Road Campus,
University of Reading

"Consequently, heterogeneity, the multiplicity of discourses, not only of practice but of criticism, history and theory, of personal story, anecdote and biography, are the 'texts' which make the archive live."

Stuart Hall (2001) Constituting an archive, *Third Text*, 15:54, 89-92

The DEGW Archive has initiated an exchange between the past, present and future, in relation to research and practice that impact the built environment from the scale of a desk to the city. The archive offers a rich field to explore the relationships between client organisations and their buildings. It is here that the archive poses potential to articulate knowledge and learning practices which bridge the normative categories of 'Supply' and 'Demand'. Mobilising the notion of a 'living archive', this symposium calls for contributions discussing one or more of the following themes:

- current issues facing built environment clients and their advisers and lessons that can be learnt from the work of DEGW.
- adaptation and development of DEGW concepts and methods in current practice
- developing archive as a knowledge resource for research and practice

Format: PowerPoint presentation (5 slides max.) or a short paper (2 sides of A4 max.) is encouraged. Contributions are welcome in absentia and may be accompanied by a short video clip presenting the work.

Deadline: 29th September 2017. Please send your submissions/confirmation of attendance to h.a.patel@reading.ac.uk.

Proceedings: The papers/presentation will be published on the project webpage www.reading.ac.uk/architecture/degw-archive.aspx

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