

**DO NOT  
CARRY YOUR FLAG  
TOO LOW**

**Actions from Matrix Feminist Design Co-operative**



**An exhibition about the inclusiveness of our buildings and common spaces, showing the archive of the radical 1980s feminist architecture practice Matrix. This work explored issues about community and the built environment, and traced the implications of feminist theory and critique on urban design.**

**Curated by Tiago P. Borges, Teresa Cheung, Silvia Groaz and the collectives la-clique and Trojans.**

## Programmation

### EVENTS

All the lectures are also available on Zoom.  
Meeting ID : 646 5060 5823

Monday 7 March 2022, 6 p.m.

Opening with the collectives la-clique and Trojans

Tuesday 8 March 2022, 12 a.m.

Gourmet visit with the curators, in French

Monday 21 March 2022, 5 p.m and 6.30 p.m

Guided tour and lecture by Jos Boys, in English  
Jos Boys is architect, co-founding member of Matrix

Tuesday 26 april 2022, 5 p.m and 6.30 p.m

Guided tour and lecture by Jane Rendell, in English  
Jane Rendell is architect, co-founding member of Matrix

Monday 2 May 2022, 12 a.m.

Gourmet visit with Archizoom team, in French

Monday 9 May 2022, 6.30 p.m.

Online lecture by Dolores Hayden  
Dolores Hayden is an urban historian and poet, professor emerita at Yale University

Friday 20 May 2022, 6.00 p.m

Finissage, live music & drinks with the collective Confiture

### DRAG(UE) TEACHING UNIT

Wednesdays from 28.03 to 18.05.2022, 1 - 5 p.m

The DRAG(U.E.) teaching unit proposes to explore the built environment through its performativity by introducing the perspectives offered by gender studies, queer theories, de/postcolonial studies and urban sociology.

### ANNEXE

Spring Season, cuisine and literature,

A series of events offering meetings, discussions, food preparation and tastings around the kitchenette and reconstructed furniture of Berta Rahm's pavilion by ANNEXE.

### WORKSHOP FOR CHILDREN

Tuesday 19 April to Friday 22 April 2022, 9 a.m - 3 p.m.

For people aged 11 to 15, on registration.  
The workshop will focus on understanding recreational places, spaces of social performance, through the design of models and activities. Organised by the *Services de la Promotions des Sciences* at EPFL.

## General

The actions presented in the exhibition were made by a collective of women known as Matrix Feminist Design Co-operative. They were active in London between the 1980s and the 1990s and shared a concern about the way buildings and cities work for everyone. They specialised in working with people, groups and organisations who have traditionally been excluded from the design process. They were architects, teachers in higher education, researchers, mothers, builders, journalists.

Matrix originated from the late 1970s New Architecture Movement, a mixed group of socialist architects, students, teachers and builders. They were concerned about making architects more accountable and questioned the relationship between user and architect, and between architect and builder. From unstructured exploratory discussion, in the autumn of 1980 a group of women moved to more formal meetings and formed the Matrix Feminist Design Co-operative. The foundation of the Co-op marked the beginning of a conscious movement to recognize and explore the potential of women in architecture.

In opening up broad questions on architecture, its agents and production, the exhibition addresses three main complementary and necessary concerns: building design and supervision, education, training.

Tiago P. Borges, Teresa Cheung and Silvia Groaz

## Useful Information

Opening Lecture - Monday 7 March 2022, 6 p.m.  
Until Friday 20 May 2022, 6 p.m.

Monday to Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.  
Saturday from 2 p.m. till 6 p.m. Closed Sundays

Archizoom exhibition space  
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Members of Matrix in the 1990s. Source: Matrix Open feminist architecture archive.



Making Space, Urban Obstacle Courses. Source: Matrix Open feminist architecture archive.



Ann De Graft Johnson. Source: Matrix Open feminist architecture archive.



Women's Building CO-op. Source: Matrix Open feminist architecture archive.



Brick picnic. Source: Matrix Open feminist architecture archive.



Walworth Garden Construction. Source: Matrix Open feminist architecture archive.



Lambeth Women's workshop. Source: Matrix Open feminist architecture archive.



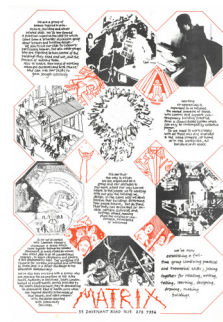
Lambeth Women's workshop. Source: Matrix Open feminist architecture archive.



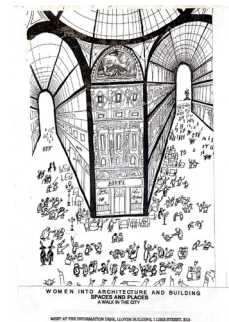
Women's Building CO-op. Source: Matrix Open feminist architecture archive.



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Matrix promotional poster. Source: Matrix Open feminist architecture archive.



City Walk. Source: Matrix Open feminist architecture archive.

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