

Activity from day one

We know that people are frustrated that so little has happened on site for so many years, and we are proud that we started to bring the wonder back to Earls Court as soon as we had control of it.

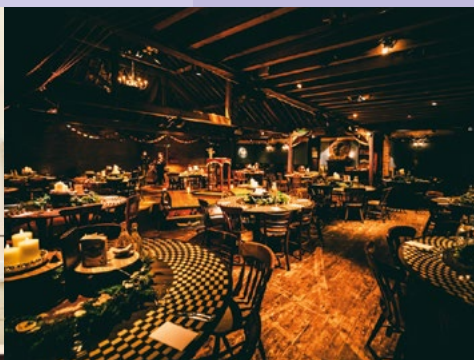
We've done this by delivering a whole range of active uses on site, creating a programme of over 60 community projects, and investing directly in the local area. We'll continue to do this over the coming months and years as the development takes shape.

Culture



The BBC Earth Experience, featuring Seven Planets, One World, will be a major visitor attraction, opening March 2023.

In partnership with Earls Court Youth Club, Global Street Art and the National Portrait Gallery we created a set of living wall hoardings around the site which celebrate local history and culture.



In summer 2022, we were delighted to collaborate with leading architect Sam Jacob and London Design Festival on 20 Things Around Earls Court, a curated journey put together by Sam that highlights design elements through Earls Court.

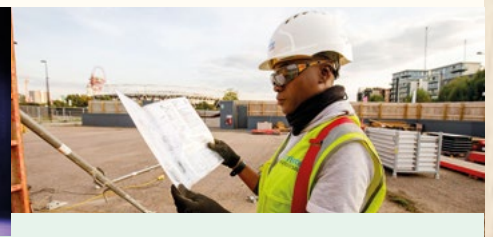
The Lost Estate opened at the former Mannequin Factory in winter 2022. The production tells the greatest stories ever told through a fusion of immersive sets, world-class performances, themed food and drink. It also gives back to the local community, with free tickets, job opportunities and co-working space for local creatives.



In summer 2021 and 2022 we brought Underbelly festival to the site, bringing performance and activity back again to Earls Court with almost 160,000 people attending across both summers.

The free open air cinema and urban beach ran through summer 2021 and 2022.

Skills and employment



Hundreds of jobs were created across Underbelly festival and the Underbelly Training Academy, which ran in partnership with the Lyric Hammersmith in both 2021 and 2022, upskilling dozens of young people.

We host the Transport for London's Skills Centre on site. The current TfL Skills Centre will be relocated from the north of the site down to the bottom of Empress Place, on Empress Space and relaunched as a cross-borough Earls Court Skills Centre. The Skills Centre will be the central point for training and enterprise for the new Earls Court throughout the lifetime of the project, working with community groups and future employers to upskill local people.



Working with This is Projekt, we turned six derelict Victorian Townhouses on Empress Place into 46 studios for creatives and innovators.

We curate and manage these shops on Lillie Road to ensure there is a diverse mix of shops and eateries in the area. The Pop Up is a free, temporary retail space that aims to support and grow new local businesses.

Community



Our Earls Court Community Fund has given out £360,000 over two years supporting 27 charities and community organisations, to support thousands of people.

We opened a new public art space opposite Earls Court Tube station, hosting a range of art installations and events over the last two years, including partnering with Kensington + Chelsea Festival.



47 residents now live in the refurbished homes on Empress Place and Seven Stars. Local children's charity Solidarity Sports made the ground floor their new home in 2022.

Since opening the Community Hub in June 2022, hundreds of local people have enjoyed a range of activities such as morning 'snack and chat' sessions or evening bingo, exercise classes like Zumba and yoga, homework clubs for local kids, scouts and more.