

Homeworld 40

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World House (architect Roger Walker). Image: Andy Stagg / MK Council

Between 4-16 May, Living Archive MK, Pooleyville and MK Council are supporting the delivery of an online programme of talks, screenings, events and activities celebrating the 40th Anniversary of Homeworld '81 - a significant and nationally important Housing Expo. Commissioned by Milton Keynes Development Corporation, Homeworld '81 firmly established Milton Keynes as a leader in innovative, sustainable housing design.

This free online programme will explore innovation then and how it relates to Milton Keynes now, with the new town's aspirations to become the UK's first carbon neutral city by 2050. It will examine and celebrate Homeworld's contribution and use this 'moment in time' to introduce wider themes and ideas about how, particularly over the past 12 months, we have all looked at how we live and increasingly work in our homes. The programme will explore how good design can support wellbeing, quality of life and post-Covid recovery, whilst also presenting current innovations to address climate change and green energy.

The programme features contributions from:

- Architect John Duggart, who played a central role in the delivery of Homeworld 81, as well as co-developing the first energy rating system for housing.
- Professor Tadj Oreszczyn, Professor of Energy and Environment, UCL Energy Institute.
- Curl La Tourelle Head (CLTH) Architects on the unique design importance of new towns.
- Ben Adam-Smith, Founder of Home Planning Help on what people can do themselves to make their own homes and garden spaces greener and healthier places to live.
- Josh Tidy, Heritage Manager, at the Letchworth Garden City Archives will discuss the 1905 Cheap Cottages Exhibition – an early example of Housing Expos in the UK.
- University of Nottingham students interpretation of Homeworld with 'Hopeworld 2021'

A specially commissioned documentary film, produced by the Living Archive MK, combining archival material and interviews with those involved with Homeworld 81 will also premiere as part of the programme and it culminates with Milton Keynes annual UK New Towns Day where MK, Basildon, Stevenage, Peterborough and others including CLTH and the University of Nottingham present Creative delivery in a New Town environment.

Listing information:

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