

Wednesday 6th MAY 2009

SCIENTIFIC MEETING

"Built Upon Love"

7:00pm - 9:30pm

Registration and refreshments from 6:30pm -7:00pm

Connaught Hall,
University of London
36-45 Tavistock Square
London WC1H 9EX

Fee: £30 (OPUS Associates £15)

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CANCELLED

With regret, this Scientific Meeting will not now take place because of illness in the Speaker's family

Presenter: Maureen Diffley

Chaired by: Kay Trainor, OPUS Associate

Maureen Diffley is a practising architect running her own practice in North London. She has previously worked as an architect in both a public sector context at Islington Council Architect's Department and in the private sector, at the Richard Rogers Partnership, on the Lloyd's Building.

It can be argued that Architecture has the capacity to link us into an aesthetic which links poetics and ethics. In so doing it triggers a part of our humanity which is alive to the experience of connectedness to others, meaningfulness and yes even love.

Buildings may be conceived by their creators and those who are touched by them as embodied poetic form, a symbolic gesture of love which makes tangible the possibility of creativity, mutuality and understanding between people.

Maureen will look at some of the ideas in the field of reconciling poetics and ethics in architecture, in particular the work of Alberto Perez-Gomez and mainly his book, 'Built Upon Love, architectural longing after ethics and aesthetics'.