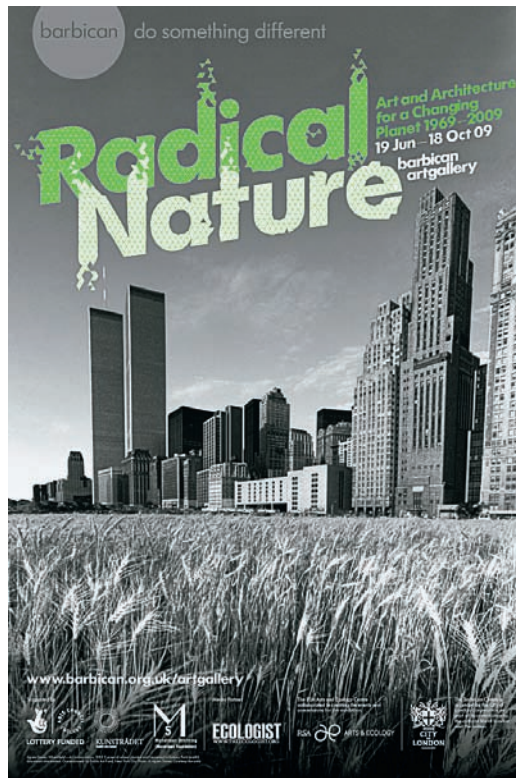


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Radical Nature

An exhibition at the Barbican Art Gallery, London, which runs until 18 October 2009, introduces visionary works by key artists and architects from the last 40 years.

Radical Nature – Art and Architecture for a Changing Planet 1969-2009, draws on ideas that have emerged from Land Art, environmental activism, experimental architecture and utopianism.

Independent interior landscaping architects, Indoor Garden Design, will be contributing their vision and plant creativity to imbue life into the exhibits.

Viaduct Exhibition

Suppliers of fine contemporary furniture, Viaduct, plan to celebrate their 20th year with an exhibition at their Clerkenwell showroom.

'The New Modernists', will be an eclectic display of work from furniture and lighting designers, including Bertjan Pots' Lazy Bastard, a 21st century beanbag chair and Chimney, a collection of terracotta lights from emerging designer Benjamin Hubert.

Running from 17 September – 26 September 2009, it will also coincide with exhibition curator Max Fraser's book release, London Design Guide.



BCO EXTENDS ITS REACH

The British Council for Offices recently announced an affiliation with the Building Owners and Managers Association. The partnership will allow members from each organisation to share best practices in building operations and management, including proven strategies for sustainable practices that achieve reductions in greenhouse gas emissions and make strong business sense.

DESIGN OUT WASTE

Waste & Resources Action Programme has introduced the first guide of its kind to help reduce construction waste sent to landfill in the UK. 'Designing Out Waste: a design team guide for buildings projects', will enable architects and their clients to save costs and make projects more sustainable by reducing waste through design.

NEW RCA HEAD OF DESIGN

Dutch designer Tord Boontje will take over from Professor Ron Arad as Head of Design Products at The Royal College of Art. Despite his new duties, Boontje plans to retain his title as Director of Studio Tord Boontje.

QUEENS AWARD FOR ENTERPRISE

Coinciding with the company's 50th anniversary, Burgess Furniture Ltd received the UK's prestigious business performance award, the Queens Award for Enterprise: International Trade 2009, at a ceremony presented by Lord-Lieutenant of Greater London, Sir David Brewer on 23 June.

Graduate Design

Some practical workplace design solutions emerged from this year's undergraduate degree shows, including Slyde, from Kingston University student Nina Müller. The table provides two work surfaces, instantly clearing you a space to eat at without interrupting your workflow, ideal for both those working from home and for offices with limited workspace.

Inspired by her studies on the overuse of online gaming applications, Leeds Metropolitan University graduate, Leanne Newiss, designed her piece of breakout furniture, Larger than Life, with internet addiction in mind; its quirky additional seating encourages co-workers to gather round whilst the uncomfortable perching space in front of the screen helps to curb prolonged use, creating a more sociable Internet experience.