



Surface Design Show 2019

Surface Spotlight Live: One Of A Kind

From 5-7 February **Surface Design Show 2019** will take place at London's Business Design Centre to provide a platform for architects, designers and specifiers to explore the best in interior and exterior surface materials, lighting design, development and innovation.

A dedicated trend-focused installation, **Surface Spotlight Live**, curated in collaboration by trend expert [Sally Angharad](#) and colour forecasters [Colour Hive](#), will return to Surface Design Show 2019. The theme, **One of a Kind**, will aim to inspire a kinder approach to design. A series of thought-provoking and innovative products will be showcased, all which go beyond aesthetics to promote meaningful experiences, with highlights for the *workplace* and *public realm*.

Colour Hive, and its publication **MIX Magazine**, will bring back its own detailed exploration of trends in its installation The Trend Cluster as part of Surface Spotlight Live. The duo will display materials, products and objects that effectively communicate and inspire the trend for *Kinship*, as identified by them for Spring/Summer 2020.

In One Of A Kind Sally Angharad will present a selection of materials from exhibitors and guest makers and companies, chosen for their innovative design and development. As a trend expert Sally researches the latest materials being produced, often unearthing pioneering and inventive products that put discovery of better materials ahead of aesthetic requirements – often altering the attitude towards what is desirable.

One of the exhibiting material makers to be featured is **Orla Lawn** (stand 544), a recent graduate of the Royal College of Art's Masters in Mixed Media Textile Design. Working with combinations of many hard

and soft materials, from concrete, wood and Jesmonite to silk, foam and chocolate, her work to date has explored tactility in the built environment and the boundaries between textiles and interiors.

An experienced exhibitor, **Panaz** (stand 140) will feature in the Surface Spotlight Live installation with their SilicaStone product, which is created from waste glass and ceramics. SilicaStone can be used indoors and out. A versatile and highly durable material, it can be used in table-tops, flooring and wall treatments in the workplace and public realm.

A guest material maker, **Made of Air** are combatting climate change. In an extraordinary process Made Of Air's material is formed of waste biomass – atmospheric carbon - that has been baked into a solid char - where the CO2 is converted into carbon. This material can then be used to create a sustainable alternative material for use in construction, interiors and furniture. By repurposing and eventually landfilling, the material completes a larger circle: the carbon loop, returning the carbon originally burned into the atmosphere, back to the ground.

Another guest **Poppy Pippin** has created a range of terracotta 'Moss Tiles', designed to encourage moss growth. Applied in public realm areas the tiles can help absorb carbon dioxide, enhancing the surrounding air quality.

Exhibiting at the Surface Design Show 2019, **PHEE** (stand 544) recycles washed-up Sea Grass to make a variety of items from sunglasses to phone cases and furniture. A true sustainability project, PHEE aims to promote environmental and social responsibility.

Registration for Surface Design Show 2019 is free and now open at www surfacedesignshow.com

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About Surface Design Show

Located in Islington, at the centre of London's design district, Surface Design Show is the event of choice for architects and designers. Held annually in early February (5-7), the three-day exhibition has been the place where industry people immerse themselves in the latest materials for the built environment, gain new insights and network with like-minded designers, architects and suppliers.

Surface Design Show is the only event in the UK to focus solely on interior and exterior surface materials. It provides architects, designers and suppliers with the latest trends and innovations. From exquisite hand-crafted surfaces to the latest technological advances in architectural lighting, Surface Design Show hosts over 150 exhibitors each year highlighting the very best in surface design.

The show also incorporates the Surface Design Awards, at which outstanding examples of progressive design and use of innovative surfaces in projects both in the UK and internationally are celebrated. Divided into interior and exterior categories each project is judged on a range of criteria including the type of surface, the use of materials and aesthetic design.