

International Women's Day (IWD) is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating gender parity. Marked annually on March 8th, IWD is one of the most important days of the year to celebrate women's achievements, raise awareness about women's equality, lobby for accelerated gender parity and fundraise for femalefocused charities.

The campaign theme for IWD 2022 is **#BreaktheBias**. Whether deliberate or unconscious, bias makes it difficult for women to move ahead. Knowing that bias exists isn't enough. Action is needed to level the playing field.





**International Women's Week 2022** 

#### **PROGRAMME OF EVENTS**

# Mon 7th March LSA Climate Action group social media takeover

### **Tue 8th March**

## **Femin.AE** poster series + social media takeover

#### Wed 9th March

Design charrette judging and prize giving lunch

#### Thu 10th March

**BLAC** 'in conversation' in the Reilly room + social media takeover

### Fri 11th March

**QSofA** live installation + social media takeover



#### **DESIGN CHARRETTE**

#### **Design Brief**

The structure in Abercromby Square was blown apart by hurricane Eunice in February 2022. The university has asked the school of architecture to come up with a fun, innovative, and sustainable pavilion to occupy the empty space. In light of recent increases in violence against women and the violation of women's rights, the university has asked that the pavilion be a space that can be used to educate about women and their achievements/struggles in Liverpool whilst also providing space to celebrate, support and empower women.

The pavilion being commissioned must adhere to the following criteria:

- 1) A 25 square meter space
- 2) An adaptable structure
- 3) The structure must not exceed the allotted carbon budget of 10kg

Additionally, there will be prizes awarded for projects that particularly speak to any of the student EDI groups. The groups are:

- Femin.AE which works to bring visibility to women in architecture
- **BLAC** which works to highlight the experiences of Black people in architecture
- **QSofA** which works to amplify the presence of queer individuals in architecture
- LSA Climate Crisis works to tackle issues of sustainability in architecture

Does your pavilion aim to celebrate queer women? Does it highlight the experiences of Black women? Is it an eco-friendly project? Or is it a space that celebrates all women all the time?

We will be holding a lunchtime IWD celebration on Wednesday 9th March 2022 to showcase the pavilion designs and award prizes for the most exciting and captivating projects.



**Note:** The pavilion does not have to occupy the same space as the nowgone structure, it can sit anywhere on the square.



The pavilion will have a carbon budget that cannot exceed 10KgCO2e. Most of the materials below are carbon-emitting, but CLT and Bamboo have carbon sequestering properties which means they have stored CO2 in the 'cradle to gate' process. This means they are carbon negative.

The brief encourages you to utilise these sequestering properties to achieve the set carbon budget while using the other materials provided.

Materials (1m³)	KgCO₂e / Kilogram of Carbon Dioxide or
	Equivalent

Aluminium	26,650
Bamboo	-230
Brick	320
CLT	-600
Concrete	550
Copper	24,230
Copper Glass	3,590
Limestone	250
PVC	4,790
Steel	12,170

The Women's Organisation is the largest Organisation Support for women in the UK. They campaign for equality, empowering women, and rising aspirations.

Liverpool Domestic Abuse Service that specialises in the support of women and girls who have experienced domestic abuse.

> Amadudu A trailblazing refuge, the first refuge in Merseyside to provides specialised services and support for Black and Minority Ethnic women and girls who have experienced and are fleeing Domestic Abuse.

The Homeless Founded by Natalie Denny, this initiative believes that tampons and towels should be made available through homeless shelters, the same way the government provides condoms.

Black Females in Architecture BFA is a network and enterprise founded to increase the visibility of black and black mixed heritage women within architectural industry and other built environment fields.

"We are told again and again by patriarchal mass media, by sexist leaders, that feminism is dead, that it no longer has meaning. In actuality, females and males of all ages, everywhere, continue to grapple with the issue of gender equality, continue to seek roles for themselves that will liberate rather than restrict and confine; and they continue to turn towards feminism for answers. Visionary feminism offers us hope for the future". - bell hooks

