# **Creative Responses to Zombie High Streets**

## **A Discussion Panel** 29th June 2018 - 16.00 -17.30

## Redundancy

We find ourselves increasingly engaged in the task of repurposing the ugly or unloved buildings constructed in the latter half of the 20th century. Some of these were built for retail, some for entertainment and some were public buildings -but all are being abandoned by a society that has moved on.

Through a combination of research and project work we are developing a number of potential solutions for the creative reuse of buildings that are still structurally sound although functionally redundant - uses such as affordable town centre residential, creative workspace, community cinemas, food halls, restaurants, theatres, healthcare....

#### Raw is Beautiful

Alongside this, the collective aesthetic trends towards the post-industrial raw, the unembellished, the impure, the repair, the patina of use, the spontaneous, all of which is informing the spaces we create. Space is not seen as something that needs to be designed but rather as a host for events and experiences which come and go, changing the meaning of spaces as they do so, like set designs, like exhibition rooms....

## Technology

Meanwhile the relentless march of technology changes the way we live, work, shop, play, move, communicate and relate to each other and our environment....

### List of panellists:

Art House Cinemas Sam Neophytou -

Walter Menteth -Architect

Carmel Keren -PhD researcher at the RCA

Alex O'Kane -Retail Designer

Manager of Architecture at John Lewis Partnership Ieremy Thornton -

Gary Lewis -Managing Director - Moorgarth Ltd

Senior Programme Manager - Catford Town Centre Jessie Lea -

Regeneration

Preston Benson -Really Local Group

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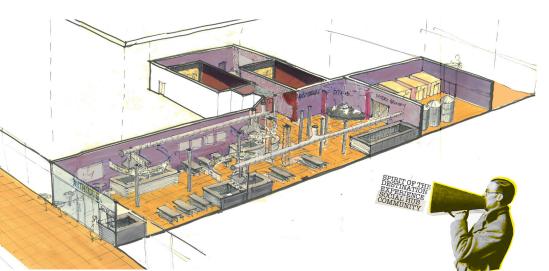
Our studio will be open from 14.00 to 18.00Discussion Panel will take place at 16.00 All welcome Address: Unit 7, Deane House Studios 27 Greenwood Place London NW5 1LB

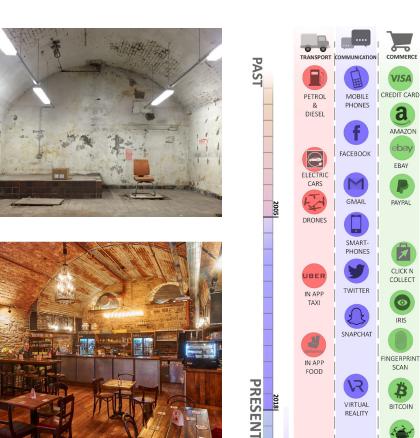














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