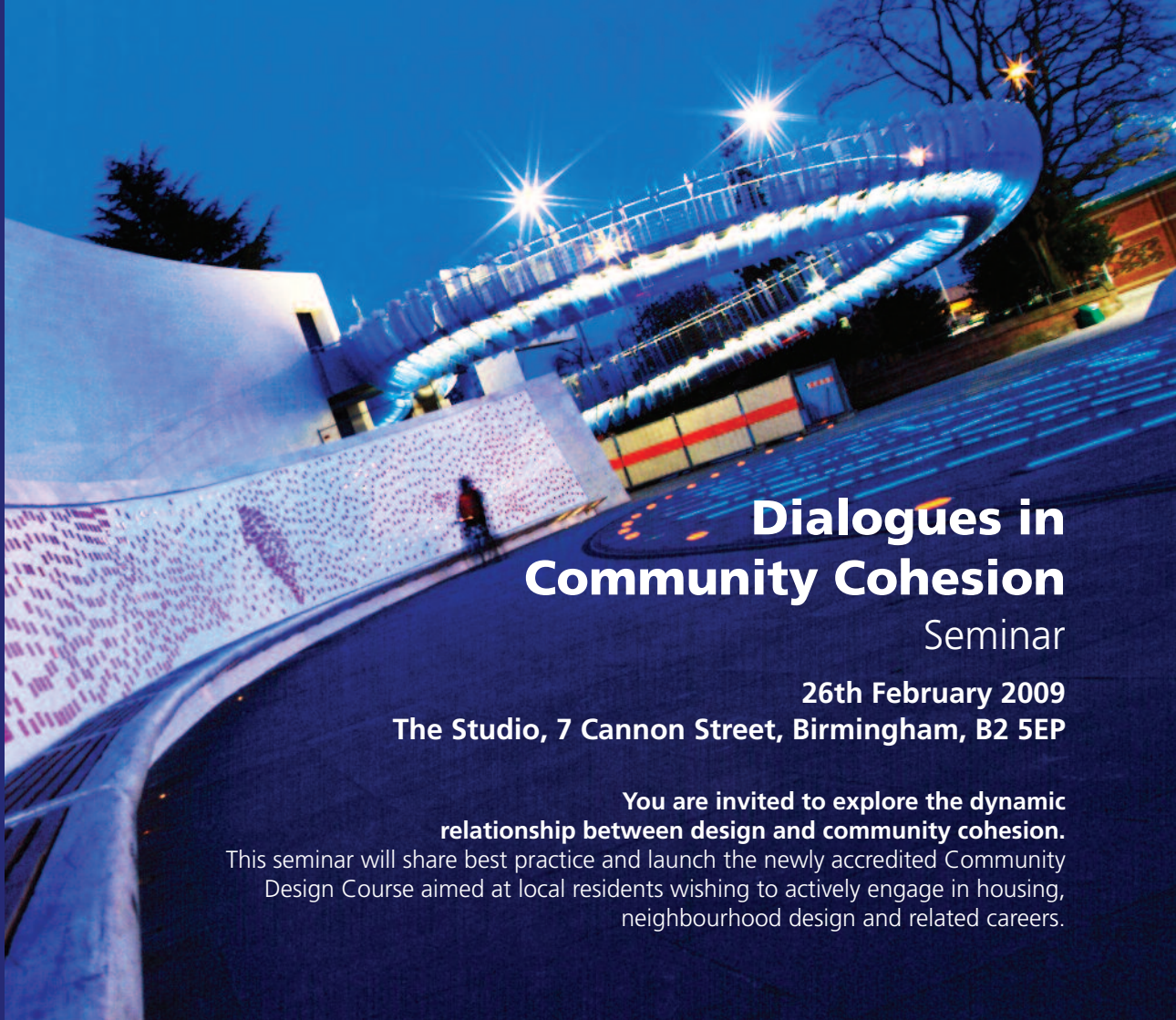


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Dialogues in Community Cohesion

Seminar

26th February 2009

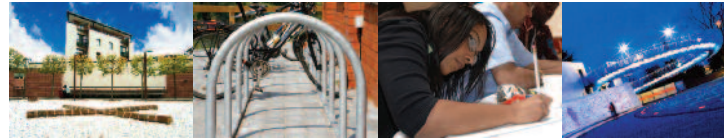
The Studio, 7 Cannon Street, Birmingham, B2 5EP

You are invited to explore the dynamic relationship between design and community cohesion.

This seminar will share best practice and launch the newly accredited Community Design Course aimed at local residents wishing to actively engage in housing, neighbourhood design and related careers.

- 2:30pm** Welcome: Community Design and the Homes and Communities Agency (Peter Jones, Head of Investment, HCA, West Midlands)
- 2:45pm** Exploring the relationship between community cohesion and design in theory and practice (Indy Johar, Founder of 00:architects)
- 3:00pm** Ashram's story & the development of CUDOS (Jas Bains, CEO Ashram)
- 3:15pm** Launch of the Community Design Course (Dr Noha Nasser, Director of CUDOS)
- 3:30pm** Tea/Coffee & registration of interest in accredited training (NRC)
- 3:50pm** Buzz groups: Effecting change in your working practice
- 4:30pm** Dialogue: panel discussion around key questions
- 4:55pm** Summary: Ways of continuing the dialogue (Dr Noha Nasser)
- 5:00pm** Drinks reception, entertainment & networking
- 6:00pm** Close





Buzz Groups: Effecting change in your working practice

Groups will explore how community cohesion can be better fostered through particular working practices related to design. Based on buzz group discussions key questions will be posed to a plenary panel.

- Group 1: Person-centred engagement
Chair: Angela Dyer, Head of Regeneration, Optima Housing Association
- Group 2: Building strategic and empowering partnerships
Chair: Julia Ellis, CEO Midlands Architecture and Designed Environments
- Group 3: Innovative delivery
Chair: Dr Adrian Passmore, CEO RegenWm
- Group 4: Influencing policy and commissioning agendas
Chair: Peter Jones, Head of Investment, HCA, West Midlands

Audience

The seminar will be of particular relevance to social housing and design professionals, policy makers and advocates committed to fostering community cohesion through design.

Ashram

Ashram is an intercultural agency for social inclusion and social impact. We recently won the Housing Corporation's prestigious Gold Award for Building Cohesive Communities. The award recognised, amongst other things, the innovative work Ashram is doing to empower communities in the urban design process. This seminar has been funded by the Gold Award to share best practice and raise standards in the social housing sector.

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This is a free event but places are limited. For further information or if you would like to book a place please contact Samina Akhtar, Project Co-ordinator, with details by 18th February 2009:

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Booking Form

Delegate details:

Title (Mr/Mrs/Ms/Dr/Other):

Full name:

Position:

Organisation:

Address:

Post code:

Tel:

Email:

Please state the number of your preferred buzz group:
 Reserve buzz group:

Please tell us if you have any special dietary or access needs:

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For directions to the venue please see
<http://www.orangestudio.co.uk/gettinghere.htm>



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