

What to see at Clerkenwell Design Week 2022

CDW returns to ECI for its 11th year across 24-26 May, promising to be the biggest festival yet. Here's just some of what we'll be looking out for across the three days.

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Following a two-year hiatus, Clerkenwell Design Week returns 24th – 26th May with an energised programme, the announcement of new venues and an extended route.

The eleventh edition of the landmark festival, CDW 2022 will see 140+ showrooms open their doors to audiences, the largest number since its inception in 2010.

Found in the grounds of St James Church, this year's Project exhibition brings together a selection of contract furniture and surface brands. For 2022, Project includes Contract which showcases the latest forward-thinking products for commercial interiors. Also new for 2022 is Covered – an exhibition dedicated to interior surfaces, forming part of a new festival location in Charterhouse Square.



Conversations at Clerkenwell will return with a specially created venue in Spa Fields, designed by Fieldwork Architects and ready for a series of lively discussions on the world of design. Rather than a traditional forward-facing seating arrangement, the bandstand form allows the focus point to be partially in the round and engage the audience as a discussion, rather than a presentation.

Highlights across the three days include 'How Well are we working' on Tuesday, with Basha-Franklin's Rachel Basha, Trifle's Emma Morley and BPM Lighting's Susana Babic considering how the design of space can support its inhabitant's wellbeing.

On Wednesday, find out what the furniture industry is doing to marry a circular vision with the reality of a sector which thrives on trends and change, at a panel discussion 'Closing the Loop' with Roger Lewis, Humanscale, Viaduct and Knotel. Afterwards, the 'Material Matters' session on responsible design and the importance of materials for a sustainable future brings together Sean Sutcliffe, Benchmark, Nicole Meier, Ultrafabrics and Fredrik Franzon, BAUX.

Thursdays's highlights include 'Colour Beyond Aesthetic' with colour expert Justine Fox and guests, exploring colour-use beyond aesthetics to promote identity, build community, foster wellbeing, and drive sustainability.