

Festival of Britain: Cabinet of Curiosities

Delvendahl Martin Architects have built a cabinet to house objects which reveal how the Lansbury Estate, built in 1951, is lived in, used, and cared for.

The objects it will hold need not be old, rare, valuable or beautiful. Ordinary personal objects such as a household utensil, key, market bag, ornament, school badge, photograph, prayer book, toy or shopping list can be just as valuable and meaningful to their owner as an expensive antique.

Here are some examples:

Personal Objects: Objects that hold traces of home, arrival, memory, or daily life; like keys, ornaments, textiles, utensils, keepsakes, religious objects, instruments, school items, toys, & souvenirs.

Objects of care and community: Things that show how people look after each other, their homes or shared spaces; like a baby shoe, gardening tool, or object used in a club or gathering.

Objects of change and the future: Things that carry memory, repair, loss, survival or hope for the future; like a keepsake, or something residents would want future generations to remember.

Would you like to place an item in the cabinet?

Lansbury residents, or people who use the public spaces and buildings on the Lansbury estate, are invited to lend or nominate an object for the cabinet. **The object should be no larger than 35 x 35 x 35 cm. You do not need to give the object away. We intend to scan it and create a 3D printed version to display in the cabinet. It will then be returned to you.** Ideally, we would like to photograph you with the object in the places it relates to, (your home, school or place of work, for example).

With each object, we'll ask:

What is it?

Where does it connect to?

Who or what does it remind you of?

What does it say about your hopes for the Lansbury Estate and its community in the future?

The end result will be a long-term, evolving representation of life on the Lansbury Estate

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