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**20–23 September 2018**

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South Bank, London, SE1

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## **Project announcement: designjunction presents Head Above Water by Stuart Padwick**

Riverside Walkway, South Bank, London, SE1  
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Head Above Water by Stuart Padwick, Riverside Walkway, Queen's Stone jetty (aka Gabriel's pier)

As part of the annual London Design Festival, **designjunction** (20 - 23 September), now in its eighth year and located in the cultural hub of London's South Bank, will present a number of thought provoking outdoor installations on the **Riverside Walkway** including **Head Above Water** by **Stuart Padwick**.

British designer **Steuart Padwick** will make a dramatic change to the London skyline during **designjunction** in support of mental health with his project **Head Above Water**. With its panoramic views of St Paul Cathedral and the iconic city skyline, **Head Above Water** is a 9 metre high sculpture on Queen's Stone jetty (aka Gabriel's pier) on London's South Bank.

The 'Head' is deliberately gender, ethnicity and age neutral and stands as a symbol of hope, bravery, compassion, positivity and change, for those who have come through or are still confronting mental health issues, and the people who support them.

**Steuart Padwick** first sculpted a head in clay and then developed the concept into its current form using precision engineered, renewable and sustainable cross-laminated timber panels, provided by **Stora Enso**. To realise the structure **Steuart Padwick** worked with structural engineering expertise, **Ramboll**. It is a model of sustainable, smart design and build.

**Sir Kenneth Grange**, British Industrial Designer comments, 'At last one of the major issues of our times, so often swept under the carpet, gets to be shouted from the rooftops and that cheers me greatly.'

'Head Above Water is a fine emblem of what we all hope for: a healthy, creative, compassionate mind', comments **Kevin McCloud**, Designer, TV Presenter and supporter of **Head Above Water**.

Also in support of **Head Above Water**, **Helen Pheby**, Senior Curator Yorkshire Sculpture Park comments, 'Head Above Water by Steuart Padwick is a highly engaging work that prompts vital thinking around mental health.'



At night the **Head Above Water** will be lit, and people will be able to engage with its changing colours to reflect how they are feeling through a designated Twitter feed - in real time. **Dr Sally Marlow Phd**, Engagement and Impact Fellow, The Institute of Psychiatry, Psychology & Neuroscience (IoPPN) at King's College London has advised on the changing colours based on the research, study and practice of psychiatry, psychology and related disciplines by the IoPPN team. Consulting engineers and lighting design specialists **Hoare Lea** are the masterminds behind the lighting scheme.

“An extraordinary piece of public art, Head Above Water's powerful use of colour reminds us that mental health comes in many guises, and can be a story of hope, not despair.” **Dr Sally Marlow**.

The piece of public art will be supporting the mental health campaign **Time to Change**, (run by charities Mind and Rethink Mental Illness) who will use this dynamic platform to engage and stimulate the discussion to eradicate mental health-related stigma and discrimination.

Visitors will be encouraged to support the initiative by donating to **Time to Change** [here](#).

**Jo Loughran**, Director of **Time to Change** said: “Located on the bustling South Bank, Head Above Water will be seen by millions, prompting contemplation and encouraging conversations about mental health. Sadly, the topic of mental health problems is often confined to hushed conversations in quiet corners so we're excited to support this project which proudly brings it into the light.”

<https://www.headabovewater.co.uk>

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### **Head Above Water in the designjunction Talks Programme**

**Friday 21 September**

**17.00 - 17.50**

#### **Head Above Water - Design Activism**

**Speakers:** Designer and sculptor Steuart Padwick, Dr Sally Marlow Phd, Engagement and Impact Fellow, Department of Psychological Medicine, Department of Psychological Medicine, Division of Academic Psychiatry, Institute of Psychiatry, Psychology & Neuroscience at King's College London, Juan Ferrari, Senior Associate at Hoare Lea who has a theatre lighting design background and over 20 years of experience in the lighting design industry.

Head Above Water by Steuart Padwick is a dynamic piece of public art and design engaging with the public on a new level by using technology and science to great effect.

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**designjunction** (20 – 23 September) is part of the annual London Design Festival (15 – 23 September). Moving to an exciting new location, the critically-acclaimed design show will be transported to the South Bank, the city's most iconic cultural and creative hub, and deliver a specially curated programme of exhibitions, installations, retail experiences, talks and workshops.

**designjunction** will present a stellar line-up of UK and international brands – both established and emerging – showcased across three key venues including the **Doon Street site** (furniture, lighting and retail), **Riverside Walkway** (outdoor installations) and **Oxo Tower Wharf** (exhibitions and experiential events), all of which are owned and managed by Coin Street Community Builders (CSCB).

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**designjunction Talks Programme**

Thursday 20 - Friday 21 September 2018

Bargehouse, Oxo Tower Wharf, South Bank, London, SE1

For further information about the designjunction talks programme and to book tickets visit:  
[www.thedesignjunction.co.uk/talks](http://www.thedesignjunction.co.uk/talks)

### **designjunction London 2018**

Thursday 20 September – Sunday 23 September 2018

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South Bank, London, SE1

Press passes and tickets can be booked at [www.thedesignjunction.co.uk/en/tickets](http://www.thedesignjunction.co.uk/en/tickets)

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#### **About designjunction:**

designjunction is London's leading destination for contemporary interior design and culture, held annually during the London Design Festival in September. designjunction presents more than 200 world-class international brands and smaller cutting-edge design labels to an audience of design professionals (architects, interior designers, retailers and media) as well as consumers. In 2017, designjunction attracted more than 28,000 visitors in five days.

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#### **About Oxo Tower Wharf**

- Oxo Tower Wharf on London's South Bank is home to co-operative housing, design-maker studios and shops, galleries, restaurants and cafes. It is owned and managed by Coin Street Community Builders
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#### **About Coin Street Community Builders**

- Coin Street Community Builders (CSCB) is part of a central London community creating an inspirational neighbourhood. Since 1984 CSCB has transformed a largely derelict 13 acre-site into a thriving place to live, work and visit by creating new co-operative homes; shops, galleries, restaurants, cafes and bars; a park and riverside walkway; sports and leisure activities; by organising festivals and events; and by providing childcare, family support, training and enterprise support through their family and children's centre. As a social enterprise, income generated from commercial activities stays in the neighbourhood and is used to fund our services and improve and maintain our site.
- The Doon Street site, Riverside Walkway and Oxo Tower Wharf are all owned and managed by Coin Street Community Builders
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### **About Stuart Padwick**

British Designer Stuart Padwick is known for his warm, witty and sculptural designs. He is a designer of furniture, lighting and products for domestic and contract spaces with the aim of producing pieces that both fit the needs of people's lives and enhance their modern environments.

Steuart collaborates with many international retailers and manufacturers including The Conran Shop, Heals, Benchmark, CB2 and Made.com. His designs have been supplied to corporate offices such as Twitter as well as hotel and restaurant projects. He also produces one off commissions – most recently nursery furniture for Princess Charlotte and Prince George.

Steuart was the first designer to work with Made.com in 2010 and is still their best-selling designer. Steuart Padwick trained at Parnham and the Royal College of Art.

### **About Time to Change**

Time to Change is a growing social movement working to change the way we all think and act about mental health problems. We know it can be difficult to open up about mental health, that's why we work with schools, communities and workplaces to change attitudes and behaviours, so that those of us with mental health problems don't have to live in shame, isolation and silence.

Our voice is stronger and louder thanks to funding from the Department of Health and Social Care, Comic Relief and the Big Lottery Fund using National Lottery funding. Our campaign is run by Mind and Rethink Mental Illness, and thousands more organisations have joined us to make change happen.

For more information go to [www.time-to-change.org.uk](http://www.time-to-change.org.uk)

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