
Goldfinger Academy Future Makers

June 2023



Summer Traineeship Programme

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GOLDFINGER ACADEMY

Goldfinger Academy

Goldfinger Academy fosters a communal learning space where craft can be practised and shared, regardless of the level of mastery.

We create a safe environment for beginners to learn, make mistakes, and embark on their furniture-making journey.

Future Makers Traineeship

During this 7-day programme, trainees will be taught woodworking and traditional timber framing skills, gain career guidance, and get an introduction to sustainable design and making practices.

The traineeship is open to those aged 16 to 25, who are studying and/or living in RBKC.



INSTRUCTOR

London Timber Frame

The traineeship is led by David Leviatin, an experienced craftsman with over 40 years of expertise in bespoke timber frame construction across the US and the UK.

He join us from London Timber Frame, specialised in the art and craft of structural carpentry.





JOIN FUTURE MAKERS

Key Dates

Applications open on 17 June via the [online application form](#)

The deadline for applications is Monday 17th July.
Confirmation of places will be sent by email by 21 July

Traineeship dates: 23 August – 1 September

Week one: Wednesday – Friday 23-25 August

Week two: Tuesday – Friday 29 August-1 September



PROGRAMME BREAKDOWN: WEEK ONE

Day 1: Wednesday 23 August

- Learn about stages of timber frame housebuilding
- Introduction to hand tools used in woodwork and housebuilding



Day 3: Friday 25 August

- Continue structure assembly outside
- Afternoon presentations from Goldfinger's Designer-Maker team



Day 2: Thursday 24 August

- Learn about elevations and plans
- Level foundations and start assembling the structure



PROGRAMME BREAKDOWN: WEEK TWO

Day 4: Tuesday 29 August

- Off-site day trip to one of Goldfinger Academy's partners, learning more about wood and its different uses
- Travel and lunch is covered by Goldfinger



Day 7: Friday 1 September

- Finish building timber frame structure
- Celebration event with friends and family



Day 5 & 6: Wed-Thu 30-31 August

- Finish assembling timber frame structure
- Learn to cut mortice and tenon joint
- Add new sections to timber frame structure using hand-cut joinery



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My Goldfinger traineeship has been a stepping-stone towards getting back to normal. Plus, it was fun! Going forward, I feel like it's prepared me as I have knowledge of things I didn't know before and know what to expect of a workplace.

Theo, 16





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The traineeship taught me why learning something completely new in a team can be beneficial, and that it is possible to get over that first barrier of confusion and discomfort that I was previously hesitant to try to overcome.

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Frequently asked questions

- How do I apply?
- When do I hear back?
- I don't live/study in RBKC. Can I still apply? OR I'm younger/older than 16-25 can I still apply?
- Where does the traineeship take place?
- What are the timings for the days?
- Do I need any previous experience?
- Apply by filling out this [online form](#)
- You will receive a confirmation of receipt after submitting the online form. Goldfinger will confirm your place on the traineeship by Friday 21st of July
- Yes, you can apply but priority will be given to those that fit our primary criteria
- Most of the traineeship takes place outside, on the grounds behind Goldfinger's workshop at 13-15 Golborne Road, under Trellick Tower.
- Days start at 10 am and we will finish most days by 4 pm
- All you need is an interest in woodwork, design or architecture and a willingness to learn



Thank you.



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