

Double depot treat for transport enthusiasts

THERE'S a fun outing in store for families later this month as London Transport Museum welcomes the public to an open weekend at its museum depot in Acton.

But that's not all. There's also the opportunity for a behind-the-scenes look at the Siemens Heathrow Express depot, just down the road.

The weekend is part of the museum's 'Design Uncovered' event on September 26 and 27, which celebrates London's famous public transport designs and brands.

People will be able to enjoy a host of design-themed activities at both depots,



including seeing the original 1916 printing blocks used to create the famous London

Transport typeface. They can also discover more about London



Underground's iconic logo. There will be talks and displays

on vehicle and upholstery design and creative workshops are being held.

At the Siemens Heathrow Express depot, enthusiasts will find a train up on jacks that they will be able to walk underneath to see how it's maintained. They'll also be able to handle some genuine train parts and discover how they work.

This tour is available on Saturday only. A free shuttle bus will run between the two Acton depots.

■ For more information, visit www.ltmuseum.co.uk

Admission for the Open weekend is free for children under 18 and £10 for adults. It includes the visit to the Siemens Heathrow Express Depot on Saturday.

Visitors can also buy a London by Design pass for £20 that gives them entry to the Acton depot event, plus two daytime visits to the London Transport Museum in Covent Garden. It is valid from September 11 until November 23 2015.



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TfL helps young adults into work

YOUNG adults with learning disabilities are getting a helping hand on to the career ladder, thanks to a scheme supported by TfL.

Steps into Work is a one-year programme designed for people aged 16 and above to build the skills and knowledge needed for mainstream employment. It is a three-way partnership between TfL, the disability employment agency Remploy, and Barnet and Southgate College.

Opportunities on the scheme range from working as a customer services adviser at Tube stations to placements at the London Transport Museum and in IT.

Mauricio Casas Garzon (pictured below), who worked as an admin clerk, said: 'I have found the experience of being on Steps into Work very enjoyable and I have enjoyed working and meeting new people. I believe the programme has helped me gain more confidence and work skills. After finishing the programme, I would like to apply for a full-time paid job as a customer service assistant with London Underground.'

■ To apply for the January 2016 intake email stepsintowork@tfl.gov.uk or call 0203 054 2718. The deadline is October 9



The Rising Tide: have you spotted these stunning sculptures of working horses and their riders on the foreshore at Nine Elms on the South Bank? The work, by eco-sculptor Jason deCaires Taylor, is only fully visible for two hours either side of low tide and was commissioned for the Mayor's month-long Totally Thames festival. To find out more, go to www.totallythames.org

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