

Friday night lates at the London Transport Museum

CELEBRATE the extension of Poster Art 150: London Underground's Greatest Designs exhibition at the London Transport Museum this Friday.

Revellers can enjoy guided twilight tours of the Poster Art 150 exhibition, which has been extended until January 5 2014. Have your photo taken on giant 3D street art outside in Covent Garden Piazza, enjoy giant games, a scavenger hunt and have your face painted with transport inspired designs.

There will also be a short talk about some of the Poster Art 150 posters, music and a bar.

Tickets to the Poster Playground Friday Late (over 18s only) are £8 (£6 concessions) and can be booked online at www.ltmuseum.co.uk or by calling 020 7565 7298.



TfL joins Open House

LONDONERS will have the opportunity to see behind the doors of a number of transport sites and buildings across the capital during Open House this weekend.

Transport for London (TfL) is taking part in the nationwide initiative which gives people the chance to take a look behind the scenes of more than 800 iconic locations across the country.

TfL buildings include the 116-year-old Northbound Blackwall Tunnel, Grade 1 listed 55 Broadway and London Underground's Stratford Market Depot.

Although both the Blackwall Tunnel and 55 Broadway are fully booked, there is limited availability for the Stratford Depot Market.

For other locations listed under Open House, visit www.openhouselondon.org.uk

■ TfL is supporting Open House by producing a series of walking maps to help people navigate around the capital. The Legible London maps can be downloaded from www.openhouselondon.org.uk

Stratford Market Depot

Constructed for the Underground in the 1990s, Stratford Market Depot was designed to house and maintain the larger trains which run on the extended Jubilee line.

The contemporary new depot, designed by architects Wilkinson Eyre, is striking and practical. A soaring 100-metre wide, 190-metre long roof has room for 11 maintenance bays. It is supported by a series of 'tree-like' columns and rises to a height of eight metres.

Blackwall Tunnel

Linking the Royal Borough of Greenwich and Tower Hamlets, the northbound Blackwall Tunnel opened in 1897.

Originally built for horse-drawn carts and carriages, the northbound tunnel now serves as one of the key east London river crossings, and is used by up to 50,000 cars and lorries each day. The southbound tunnel opened in 1967 and also carries 50,000 vehicles per day.

55 Broadway

TfL has a history of bringing innovative design to the capital.

Commissioned in the 1920s and completed in 1929, London Underground's headquarters – 55 Broadway – was considered to be the most radical building in London.

Located above St. James's Park Tube station, the site was challenging because of its irregular shape and being just 7.3 metres above the District and Circle lines.

The solution was a cross-shaped layout, allowing pedestrians to walk between Victoria Street and St. James's Park through the ground floor of the offices and the ticket hall.

When it opened, 55 Broadway was the highest secular building in the capital.



Tube improvement plan – post weekend update



District and Circle lines: Around 290 metres of track was replaced between High Street Kensington and Bayswater. Improvement work was also carried out on platforms 1 and 2 at Paddington station.

Jubilee line: Services started later on Sunday morning between Waterloo and Finchley Road to

enable essential tunnel maintenance work to take place between Bond Street and Baker Street.

■ The introduction on Sunday of new timetables on the Central and Waterloo & City lines are now benefiting users of both lines, with faster and more frequent services

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