

LONDON DESIGN BIENNALE 2016

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Dear Andres and Tomas,

I am delighted to present the summary report of the first London Design Biennale, which was a truly international celebration of design. The Biennale transformed public perceptions of what design can achieve – how innovation can create universal solutions to problems that concern us all, as well as inspire, challenge and stimulate debate.

We want to thank you for your invaluable contribution, which made our inaugural event such a success. The Biennale team were thrilled by its enthusiastic reception, by the media's positive response, and by the number of visitors who came to visit us at Somerset House.

The Biennale was a fantastic forum for talks, workshops and discussion about the role of design in our collective futures. It has certainly established itself as an important highlight in the international design calendar, and expectations are very high for the next edition which will take place from the 4-23 September 2018.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming you to Somerset House then. Applications will open in January 2017 and we welcome suggestions and ideas for potential national representatives, so please don't hesitate to make suggestions.

We will be announcing the new theme shortly, and are already imagining the engaging installations that will come together in 2018 to create a global portrait of the power of design.

With best wishes,



Christopher Turner
Director