

## Event: Sharing the City – Lecture by C. Knevitt

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### International Public Figure in Malta for World Architecture Day

'*Time for Architecture*' is Malta's contribution to World Architecture Day, an international celebration of activities concerned with architecture, held yearly since 1985. Its main aim is to celebrate, through its Member Sections, the quality of architecture and town planning. This day of festivities and activities coincides with the United Nations World Habitat Day, an event that aims to focus attention on the Habitat agenda which is essentially concerned with improving shelter for everyone in the world. The organisers of '*Time for Architecture*', KTP (Kamra tal-Periti) and SACES (Society of Architecture and Civil Engineering Students) aim to draw the interest of Maltese society towards the architectural contributions of local architects, and to raise awareness of the importance of such quality architecture in our lives. Events such as these bring to light the flourishing of local architectural talent in recent years, and help to boost architecture to a level of national importance. This shall be achieved by an attractive program of events spanning 19 days running until the 16<sup>th</sup> of September, in which the public is encouraged to participate.

Addressing the public on the theme '*Sharing the City*' will be Charles Knevitt from the UK, whose speech is considered to be the highlight of the event. This talk will concern the sharing of all aspects of the city: sharing its values, its culture, and its heritage; sharing its liveability and quality; sharing utility and excellence; sharing with the less privileged and the homeless; sharing its resources for a sustainable environment; and sharing its technology for humanity.

Knevitt, an international figure, is director of the RIBA (Royal Institute of British Architects) Trust, which manages the cultural assets of the RIBA, founded in 1834 for the 'advancement of architecture'. Before joining the Trust last year, Mr Knevitt was an award-winning journalist, author and broadcaster. He was Architecture Correspondent of the *Sunday Telegraph* (1980-84) and *The Times* (1984-91); and the author of a dozen books including *Community Architecture* (Penguin, 1986, with Nick Wates); and *Shelter: Human habitats from around the World* (Polymath, 1994 and Pomegranate, USA, 1996). He has also worked for Thames Television, Granada Television, and was consultant on the Anglia Television series for Channel 4, 'Space on Earth'.

Knevitt will deliver his talk at the Mediterranean Conference Centre on the evening of 3<sup>rd</sup> October.

Other events in Time for Architecture during October include a Projects Exhibition at Auberge d'Italie running until the 7th; a talk by internationally acclaimed critic, writer and architect Dennis Sharp entitled 'Men from Mars' being held at Capua Palace on the 5th; the launch of 'Malta – War and Peace, An Architectural Chronicle 1800 – 2000', a book by Conrad Thake and Quentin Hughes, being held at Mediterranean Conference Centre on the 6th; a three-day conference entitled 'the Founding Myths of Architecture' organised by the local architectural firm AP and the French organization Rencontres Orient-Occident, being held at the Archeology Museum from the 7<sup>th</sup> to the 9<sup>th</sup>; and the annual SACES workshop.