



Welcome to our quarterly BH Newsletter, sent to you electronically in order to be both greener and speedier. Read it for a quick progress update as well as any community stories connected with the BH Project.



## PROGRESS UPDATE

### The final countdown

In less than 60 days, the first BBC staff will begin to move into Phase Two of the Broadcasting House development.

Fit-out contractors, Overbury continue to work on site to put the finishing touches to each floor; and last month, the installation of furniture began, transforming the space into a fit-for-purpose working environment, ready for occupation.

On the newsroom floor, the set and lighting for the BBC news channel and bulletins is under construction, in readiness for the first live news broadcasts later next year.



Furniture in new Broadcasting House



Meeting spaces

### BBC Vision on the move

In an exciting development, it has been announced that a large part of BBC Vision - which runs the BBC 1, 2, 3 and 4 television channels - is to move from its base in West London to floors in the newly developed Broadcasting House and other nearby buildings in the BBC's W1 estate.

For the first time, production teams from some of the BBC's best-loved factual, drama and comedy shows will

be co-sited with BBC news journalists and production staff from BBC Audio and Music, creating a truly creative hub in the heart of London.

Andy Griffie, W1 Programme Director said: "This is the last piece in the jigsaw to truly bring together all of the BBC's main output departments in one place and create an historic opportunity to deliver an even better service to our audiences."

The BBC's Global News operation will be among the first to move into W1. As they prepare to leave Bush House, we asked some of the journalists what excites them most about the move.

*"Finally we are out of the back, windowless room... When we move [to W1] we will be front and centre, right in the middle of the newsroom with everybody else."*

Andrew Roy, World News

*"[What excites me most about the move to W1 is] for the team to be able to work in a way which is much more flexible and more genuinely multimedia."*

Hilary Bishop, Americas Hub Editor

*"The World Service will be at the heart of the BBC News operation."* Andrew Whitehead, Editor BBC World Service News



## New voicepoints have landed

Strange white pods have started to appear on different floors of new BH. Visitors from another galaxy seeking to see what may be about to become the biggest live broadcasting facility in the world?

Not quite, but they can be expected to be well visited in years to come. They are called *voicepoints* and they will be used by staff and guests to contribute live to radio programmes across the UK and beyond, without the need to tie up more expensive studio facilities.

The acoustically treated pods have been jointly developed by the BBC and VPod Solutions and there will be eight of them across the building.

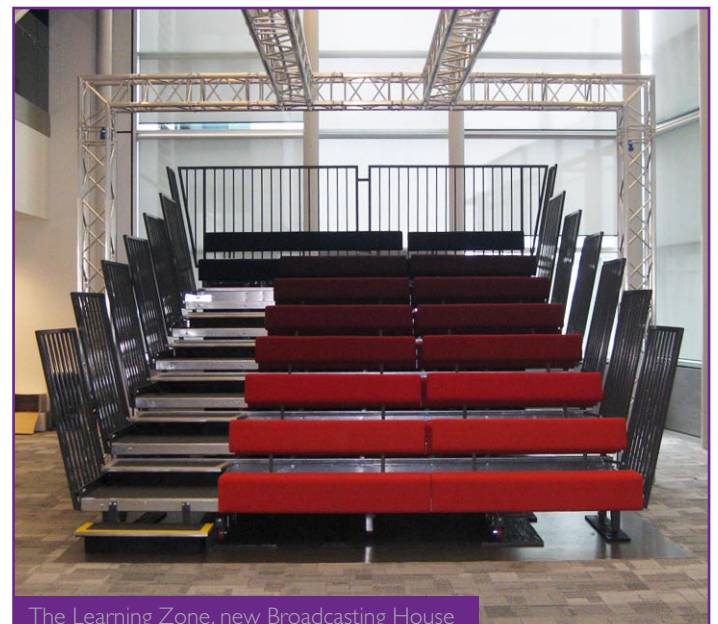
## Diamond Lecture Inaugurates Learning Zone

Earlier this month, BBC Radio 4's Today Programme held its inaugural Business Lecture in a new area of the Broadcasting House development known as the Learning Zone.

The Learning Zone has been designed as a flexible, mixed-use space. It provided the perfect venue for Bob Diamond, Chief Executive of Barclays to deliver

the first of these annual lectures to an invited audience of 200 guests, and provided the Today Programme with their first experience of broadcasting from what will soon be their new, permanent home.

The lecture was covered by BBC News and is available in full on the [Today website](#).



# COMMUNITY UPDATE



Regent Street lights up for Christmas

## Improving the neighbourhood - have your say

A draft report aiming to improve the quality and character of the public spaces around Fitzrovia/East Marylebone is currently out for consultation. Produced by ARUP at the request of the charity Westminster Tree Trust, the report is designed to facilitate local tree planting while creating a more unified and attractive urban design in the area following the guidelines of Westminster's Public Realm Strategy. To find out more and comment on the proposals, please visit: [www.wlwtrees.wordpress.com/2011/11/01/fitzrovia-forest/](http://www.wlwtrees.wordpress.com/2011/11/01/fitzrovia-forest/)



Tree-lined view up Great Portland Street

## Northern Lights

This Christmas, visitors to the West End will be treated to a new festive vista as they look north up Regent Street towards BBC Broadcasting House. For the first time, two further crossings of the seasonal lights have been added to illuminate the north end of Regent Street, complementing the permanent external lighting schemes for Broadcasting House and All Souls church facades. For more information visit:

[www.regentstreetonline.com](http://www.regentstreetonline.com)

## Christmas Shopping Date

The annual Shop West End VIP weekend, organised by the New West End Company, will this year be held over Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 December. For more information visit: [www.westendvip.com/weekend](http://www.westendvip.com/weekend)

## Locals find a voice

The Portland Village Association has been set up by local residents and businesses to promote the neighbourhood, improve local amenities and act as a voice for the area's community. Weymouth Street resident and association chairman Mark Gazaleh says he hopes the association will help to bring back a "village feel" to the area. For more information, visit:

[www.portlandvillage.co.uk/](http://www.portlandvillage.co.uk/)

## Get in touch

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