

## Modern Art Oxford redesign

The West End home of Modern Art Oxford is to undergo a dramatic £250,000 facelift. Work is to begin in March 2010 on a major redesign that will create a new St Ebbes Street entrance and transform the interior yard into a new art and social space. Beyond the yard will be a glass-fronted double doorway into a new reception and shop area.

Modern Art Oxford director Michael Stanley says the redevelopment will create a more prominent and flexible ground-floor gallery, and allow for a permanent project space in the museum's basement for talks, music and other events.

“Creating stronger visibility on St Ebbes, improving access, extending opening hours and enhancing our evening programme with music, film and performance will reinforce Modern Art Oxford's role as the centre for contemporary culture in Oxford.”

Under the plan, the café will also become more “fully integrated with the life of the gallery”.

The cost of the work will be covered by a £630,000 grant the gallery was awarded in August 2011, as part of the Arts Council's Sustain programme. The project is expected to be completed on April 17.

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### NOTE TO EDITORS

Founded in 1965, **Modern Art Oxford** is a visual art gallery devoted to presenting exhibitions of modern and contemporary art in conjunction with community and education programmes. Modern Art Oxford is funded primarily by Arts Council England.

The **Oxford West End Partnership** was established in 2005 as the driving force behind the West End Renaissance, a long-term regeneration programme set to transform the currently under-exploited central western area of Oxford into a modern, vibrant and stylish city quarter.