

# **LRUG London Revit User Group**

## **Inaugural Meeting 17<sup>th</sup> March 2010**

**Introduction by**

**Alan Wooldridge** Scott White and Hookins

- Welcome.....Thank you all for attending!
- Thank you to Carl Collins and Arups for providing the venue for this meeting.
- Housekeeping..... In the event of a fire

## Agenda

- 5.30 Registration
- 6.00 Introduction to the User Group ~ *Alan Wooldridge*
- Discussions ~ Various topics
- 6.40 Known Bugs ~ *Alan Wooldridge*
- 7.15 Tips and Tricks ~ *David Light*
- 7.45 The Geeky Side of Revit ~ *Carl Collins*
- 8.15 Any Other Business
- 8.30 Close

## UK Revit Register



- The idea of the UK Revit Register is to enable users and companies using Autodesk Revit Architecture, Structure and MEP to find other users and companies also using Revit based products in their region so that they can collaborate with them on schemes using a common program.

It's hoped that the register might promote some regional banding of individuals that may want to meet down the local public house or visit each others offices when they found out that they are not *the only Revit user in the village.*

You never know, if enough people respond, perhaps Regional User Groups may form around the UK.

### Australian User Groups

Revit User Group Sydney  
Revit user Group Victoria  
South Australian Revit Users Group

### British User Groups

UK Revit Register - Linked-In Group  
London Revit User Group

### Canadian User Groups

Ontario Association of Architecture  
The Royal Architectural Institute of Canada


### New Zealand User Groups



Auckland Revit User Group  
Christchurch Revit User Group  
Manawatu Revit User group  
Wellington Revit User Group

### Rest of the World

Singapore Revit User Group  
Malaysia Revit User Group

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## LinkedIn UK Revit Register Group

The UK Revit Register Group was created to provide UK Revit users with a **Discussion Area** or **Forum**, somewhere where they can post **News Items** and the facility to advertise **Jobs** directly to Revit Users or Companies that use Revit.

You can subscribe to a weekly or daily email re activity on the group, or follow a **discussion**.

It was a discussion thread in this Group which has spawned the **LRUG**

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## Revit / BIM User Groups in the UK

- A North BIM / Revit Group is forming!
- A Glasgow User Group is forming and has its own group on linked-in (Members of the UK Revit Register Group)
- **LRUG** will align itself with these groups

## The Formation of a Committee

- Alan Wooldridge ~ Chair (RST)
- David Light ~ Treasurer (RAC)
- Carl Collins ~ Secretary (RAC/ MEP)
- Stephen Blowers ~ RAC Representative
- Shaun Farrell ~ RAC Representative
- Thomas Taggart ~ MEP Representative
- 2 x AN Other ~ RST Representative
- 2 x AN Other ~ MEP Representative
- 2 x AN Other ~ BIM / Contracting / Industry / Representative

## Funding

**LRUG** is a non profit making organisation, funds generated will be used to finance meetings and events for it's members.

Due to the need for two signatures on the Clubs and Societies Account and the close proximity in which they work, David Light and Carl Collins have agreed to be Treasurer and Secretary

In the event of **LRUG** folding, any monies still in the account will be given to charity.

## Funding

- Non Profit Making Organisation (Agreed)
- Individual Membership (Consider / Cost?)
- Company Membership
- Voluntary Contribution
- Compulsory Contribution
- Raffles at meeting with selection of prizes donated by Members and from sponsors

## Sponsorship

- AUGluk
- Autodesk
- Companies (SWH are sponsoring the web site)
- Solution Providers & Resellers

**LRUG** is not a replacement for any particular resellers user group and wants to stay reseller neutral

## Aims and Objectives

- The forming committee discussed what the goals of the group would be. Whilst this has yet to be fully determined by the Members it was agreed that we start with:-
- Networking
- Learning
- Sharing Best Practice

For Discussion Later

# What Do You Want to Get Out of the LRUG?

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For Discussion Later

# Future Topics and Presentations by LRUG?

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# You Will Only Get Out Of The Group What You Put Into it!

For Discussion Later  
CALL for Volunteers

## Frequency of LRUG Meetings

- To have LRUG meetings at regular intervals at a frequency determined by membership.
- Suggested Quarterly, Bi-monthly 5-6 per year  
January, March, May, July, September, October
- Monthly
- Depends upon getting speakers for the meeting on subjects that the membership will want to attend.
- Type of Meetings Semi Formal or Pub Social?



## Size of Meetings

- The attendees list is currently being restricted to Revit users who have expressed an interest in attending such an event and becoming members of a **L**ondon based **R**evit **U**ser **G**roup.
- Attendance is by invitation only, as we need to arrange security passes for the venue and we are trying to keep the numbers small for the first couple of meetings.

## Size of Meetings

- We could fill the room with staff from just one large user alone, so we have currently limited each company to one user of RST, RAC and MEP for the first meeting. We are also trying to get a balance across the Revit platforms at the first few meetings where we are looking to form a core of dedicated members and a committee for the group.
- The plan is to extend invites to future meetings to more members who have expressed interest when the group is really up and running and we have gained the funding to hold larger events in bigger venues.

# LRUG Resources

- **ARUP** have kindly offered to host the first event
- David Light (HOK) and Stephen Blowers (Dyers) have said that they could host future meetings.
- Members
- AUGluk
- **LRUG** Web Site

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The screenshot shows the homepage of the LRUG London Revit User Group website. At the top, there is a navigation menu with links: About LRUG, Committee, Meetings, Revit News, Absolute Beginners, Revit Geeks, Tips & Tricks, and Registration. Below the menu is the LRUG logo and a search bar. The main content area features a large image of a building's structural framework. Below the image is a 'Home' section with the heading 'Welcome to the Frontpage' and a sub-heading 'What is the UK Revit Register'. The text describes the register's purpose and provides contact information for alan@cadalot.co.uk. To the right, there is a 'Main Menu' sidebar with links to Home, Revit User Groups World Wide, Current Revit Builds & Updates, Autodesk Official Support, AUG Forums, UK Blogs, Revit Recruitment, Links, FAQ, and RUG Reports. Below the menu is a 'Sponsors' section for Scott White and Hookins Services, and a 'Login Form' with fields for Username and Password. At the bottom, there is a footer with the website URL and the LRUG logo.

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## Items for Discussion

- Aims and Objectives of the Group
- What Do You Want to Get out of LRUG?
- What Do You Want to get out of the Meetings?
- Subject Areas and Topics for Presentations
- Speakers (Volunteers / Subject Area)
- Committee Members (Active) Volunteers required

## Aims and Objectives

- To promote peer to peer support and networking for current and potential Revit users.
- To have LRUG meetings at regular intervals at a frequency determined by membership.
- To have presentations based on subjects chosen by the members.
- To be a voice for UK London Revit Users.
- To build a dedicated UK wish-list and become more than a lone UK voice in the wind.
- To share UK families and content.
- To share "Best Practice"
- To encourage UK manufacturers to produce Revit families and content.
- To providing educational opportunities, and the sharing information with members.
- To provide support for new London based Revit users.
- To provide tips and tricks at basic and geek levels!
- To report known bugs to members.
  
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## Are members happy with the format of the meetings?

- Networking
- Start Meeting Introduction
- Basic Presentation
- Tips and Tricks
- Geeky Presentation
- Bug Watch
- Discussion

## Topics for Presentations

- User Showcases.
  - Show us your template demonstrations
  - Show and Tell
- Discussions.
  - Suggestions of topic areas
- Presentations
  - Suggestions of possible subjects

## Topics for Presentations

- Presentations, possible subjects (Starter for 10)
  - How do you know what Revit can't do?
  - How can you get Revit to do what it can't do?
  - What are the definite NO Nos, DO NOT DOs, or common mistakes in AR, ST and MEP Revit?
  - Making the most of Extensions
  - Reinforcing in Revit
  - A demonstration of shared co-ordinates, acquire co-ordinates, project north, true north in 2010
  - Ask the expert opportunities

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