

# WESTGATE TEA-ASSEMBLE



## "Tea speaks a thousand languages and solves a million problems"

Westgate Tea-Assemble provides an experience unique in Newcastle, reviving a long neglected grade II\* listed building in a diverse multi-cultural area of the city centre. The sympathetic design preserves and draws on the building's rich history of previous use and alterations over the years. It includes original ornate plasterwork and grand stairwell beneath a highdomed ceiling. Visitors to Westgate Tea-Assemble will appreciate this in a re-purposed vibrant space. Tea is an ancient beverage, drunk by millions

of people all over the world every day. But it is so much more than a drink; it is a ritual. Westgate Tea Assemble is a holistic tea experience, offering social, reflective and intimate spaces. Enjoy a quick cuppa on the go or a leisurely afternoon tea experience. Discover all about this fascinating product or bask in the serene atmosphere and surroundings. Shop for your favourite teas and accessories. Even create a oneof-a-kind blend. Westgate Tea-Assemble welcomes and unites everyone in the communi-tea.







Spatial strategy



Environmental strategy



Ethnographic investigations of Westgate Road



### Amy Roberts





#### Cosmopolitans Multicultural metropolitans Constrained city dwellers

- Ethnicity central
- Suburbanites
- Urbanites
- Hard-pressed living











User journeys



engineered vanilla oak -

herringbone





First floor plan





shoji paper



laminate faced MDF -Formica cassis



birch plywood



tiles



Domus biscuit tile -Dune DFZK 02







Third floor plan

21. tea tasting bar 22. seating around top of dome 23. staff break out room 24. WC 25. changing space 26. staff office

15. tea blending and community workshop

16. tea history with artefacts and rolling

video of tea making

17. tea history with

dried botanicals for

19. void over grand

18. balcony over indoor

touch and smell

space

process

garden

stairwell

20. WC



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Second floor plan





Internal perspective - Indoor garden



Internal perspective - Japanese style tea room



Internal perspective - Tea bar



Internal perspective - Tea blending and community workshop

#### BRINGING THE COMMUNI-TEA TOGETHER



Westgate Tea-Assemble

Central hub of activi-tea



Pop-up Pavilion

*Relax - Connect - Reflect* Spend time within the pavilion, inspired by Westgate Tea-assemble



Tea Postcards

Send to a friend or neighbour; check in and arrange to get together over a cup of tea











Concept massing model for pavilion design, casted with cement



Concept collages, drawing inspiration from geometry and form within the Westgate Tea-Assemble design scheme







Pop-up pavilion design, to be erected within a public park in Newcastle





Positivi-tea themed postcards with visuals from Westgate Tea-Assemble. Visitors are encouraged to take one