



**Special Visit to new Shell HQ,
Canary Wharf, London E14**

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One of CoreNet UK's more active committees, the Workplace Group, which meets regularly to learn, discuss, question and network, aims to keep up with the latest in workplace thinking. Composed of a good mix of occupiers, consultants and service providers, the committee collectively can be said to truly have its finger on the pulse of current real estate thinking. To this end, as well as organising events for the wider Chapter membership, the committee arranges special visits for small groups of its members.

The most recent of these visits took place on Monday, 11th March 2013, to Shell's new Canary Wharf site.

While Shell's south bank site at Waterloo is being redeveloped, the company has taken 200,000 sq ft at 40 Bank Street to accommodate up to c.1500 of its staff.



Our guides were Jane Muir-Sands and Jack Finney, between them responsible for design and construction standards for all Shell's offices globally and real estate services for Shell in the London area. Muir-Sands explained that this is the first of three Pathfinder projects for the Connect Programme - the others being in Houston and Kuala Lumpur.



Shell embarked on its Connect Programme about two years ago with a cross-functional team and top-down support from its Executive board. Connect links People, Place and Technology to create a vibrant, energetic, engaging and productive work environment - making Shell a great place to work.



Alongside cutting edge technology and collaboration tools and settings, telepresence and high end video conference studios which enable face-to-face working around the globe, the project also includes a gym, a wellness centre, a meditation and reflection suite and a cafeteria with views across London.

The next Chapter event to be organised by the Workplace Group is 'More than just a workplace - supporting business effectiveness' on 27 June 2013.



If you want to join the group and get involved contact [Robert McLean](mailto:Robert.McLean@uk.pwc.com) at PricewaterhouseCoopers on robert.mclean@uk.pwc.com .

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