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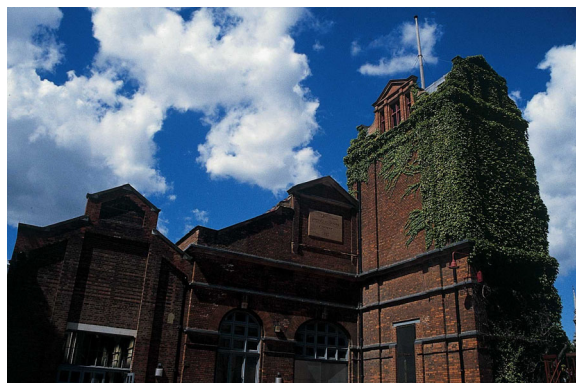
CASE STUDY

South East England

For 25 years the Architectural Heritage Fund has helped voluntary organisations regenerate historic buildings, creating community and education facilities, workspace and homes. This has often been a catalyst for further regeneration. We have supported relevant voluntary groups with grants, loans and advice on more than 700 projects to date. This is an example.

Arts and cultural venue: Wapping Hydraulic Power Station, East London

Since its opening in October 2000, this former hydraulic power station has been transformed into a successful cultural amenity that has attracted international interest and has been compared favourably with the nearby Tate Modern. Built by the London Hydraulic Power Company in 1892 to supply hydraulic power for lifts and industrial uses throughout London, it was finally closed in 1976. The London Docklands



Development Corporation was unable to find a suitable use that retained the original pumping equipment until the building's purchase in 1998 by the Women's Playhouse Trust. It now houses a restaurant, bar and exhibition space, and substantially enriches this formerly overlooked part of London. HRH the Prince of Wales and Arts Minister Baroness Blackstone had an opportunity to look over the facilities when they attended the Architectural Heritage Fund's *Revive to Regenerate* campaign launch here on 9 July 2002.



Organisation: Women's Playhouse Trust

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Grade II* listed, in Wapping Wall Conservation Area

Architectural Heritage Fund assistance: £250,000 loan in 1999

The Architectural Heritage Fund – Registered Charity No 266780

We provide grants, loans and advice to voluntary organisations regenerating historic buildings.

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