Join the AJ for breakfast at O’Donnell + Tuomey’s student centre at the LSE, writes Hattie Hartman

With the intensity of Ecobuild behind us, the next major event on the green calendar is Open-City’s Green Sky Thinking week from 28 April 28 to 2 May. Green Sky Thinking is Open-City’s annual showcase of London’s most innovative sustainability initiatives. More than 50 informal seminars are presented by practitioners for practitioners – more than half on location in the latest green venues. Its purpose is knowledge-sharing and moving the sustainability agenda forward.

Now in its fourth consecutive year, Green Sky Thinking continues to showcase London’s leading sustainable design innovators. The week will launch at City Hall, which is an encouraging show of support from the GLA. The Green Sky launch always demonstrates Open-City’s superlative ability to gather a broad audience of built environment professionals.

The week-long event is a fantastic opportunity to network with a wide range continuum of players from the built environment spectrum. A good number of architects participate, but no silos here. Clients, the public sector, designers and suppliers are all out to share best practice in informal settings where it is easy to meet, ask tough questions or delve into technical detail. Open-City’s cross-disciplinary reach shines through in numerous partnership-hosted events this year. Make, Mace and British Land will host a discussion on responsible sourcing through procurement.

The AJ is delighted to partner with the London School of Economics on a breakfast event which will be held in the sixth floor café of O’Donnell + Tuomey Architect’s BREEAM Outstanding Saw Swee Hock Student Centre (pictured). LSE director of estates Julian Robinson will share insights on how a client selects an architect who can deliver a high environmental brief, and a panel of four architects from differently sized practices – Paul Hinkin of Black Architecture, Yeoryia Manolopoulou of AY Architects, Alan Shingler of Sheppard Robson and Sarah Wigglesworth of Sarah Wigglesworth Architects – will discuss how to ensure that initial high sustainability aspirations are delivered.

Another highlight will be Thinking Green 20 x 20,