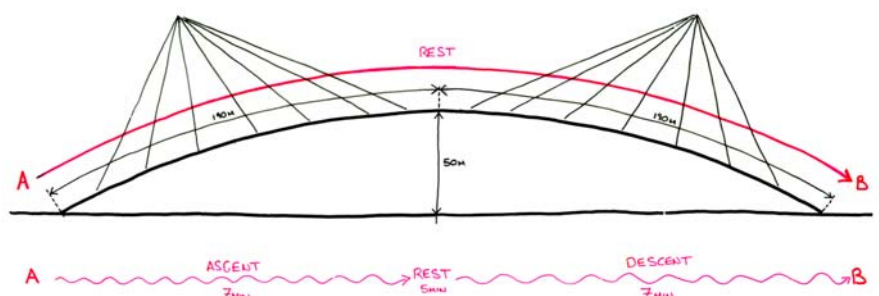




# Up at The O2

London





**Place**  
London, UK

**Date**  
2007 - 2012

**Client**  
AEG

**Concept Architect**  
Rogers Stirk Harbour +  
Partners

**Design Architect**  
Bblur

**Engineer**  
Buro Happold

**Main Contractor**  
ISG

**Specialist Fabric  
Consultant**  
Base Structures

**Award**

New London Awards, Commended  
2012

Rogers Stirk Harbour + Partners (RSHP) has provided the outline design for the new roofwalk which extends across and over the O2. The walk provides participants with an exciting challenge while remaining sympathetic to the original structure. A combination of fabric and cables under tension creates an experience that mimics the roof of the O2, so visitors feel as if they are walking on the roof itself. A viewing platform stands at the apex of the walk (53m above ground level) providing unique views of London, with a particularly excellent vantage point over the Olympic site, the Emirates Air Line Cable Car and into the heart of Canary Wharf.

AEG approached RSHP, as the architects of the Millennium Dome, as well as other original team members including Buro Happold. Therefore the brief was handled by a team with a clear understanding of the structure and a strong desire to avoid impacting on the quality of the existing building. A local Greenwich based access group were consulted throughout the design period, ensuring that the experience could be accessible to all, including wheelchair users.

“The walk is very exciting and feels like a real challenge to climb up it. We have managed to make something sculptural out of a thrill.” Louise Palomba, Associate Partner, Rogers Stirk Harbour + Partners

**Up at the O2 is a unique experience  
which millions of people will enjoy.  
It is both an exciting challenge and  
a truly special view of London**

Mike Davies, Senior Partner,  
Rogers Stirk Harbour + Partners