## HUMANITARIAN AID MEMORIAL

KENWOOD HOUSE LANDSCAPE FORUM MONDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2019

## THE CONCEPT

- Steering committee of eminent humanitarians established in 2015
- Goal to establish a permanent memorial to humanitarian aid workers – the first such memorial internationally
- A commemoration of lives lost and sacrifices made helping others in desperate need
- A celebration of the spirit of humanity and the dedication of those who continue to help people affected by conflict and disasters
- · A location to host an annual World Humanitarian Day event

## THE PROCESS

- A fundraising campaign succeeded in raising £400k in less than 12 months
- Michael Landy RA an internationally celebrated 'Young British Artist' (Break down, 2001; Art bin, 2010; Acts of Kindness for TFL, 2011) - commissioned to design the memorial
- Criteria for the site agreed accessible, sizeable, prominent, atmospheric
- A 2-year search identified Stable Field, in the grounds of Kenwood House, as the most suitable site for the memorial

## THE DESIGN

- Landy's design is innovative, interactive, accessible and educational:
  - Innovative A visual representation of the spirit of *humanity*
  - Interactive A sculptural space to walk around, through and become a part of
  - Accessible An open, public space for contemplation
  - Educational Telling the human stories behind humanitarian aid













