



# MARKS BARFIELD



## WHO ARE MARKS BARFIELD?

Marks Barfield is an architectural partnership formed by husband and wife, David Marks and Julia Barfield. David Marks was born on 15 December 1952 in Stockholm, Sweden, and Julia Barfield was born on 23 July 1953 in London, England. Together, they became well-known architects who designed some incredible buildings and structures.

## THE LONDON EYE

One of their most famous creations is the London Eye. This giant observation wheel, standing on the South Bank of the River Thames, is one of the most popular tourist attractions in London. It was opened to the public in 2000 to celebrate the new millennium. The London Eye has 32 capsules, each representing one of London's boroughs, and offers breathtaking views of the city.

## AN IDEA FOR THE COMMUNITY

David and Julia believed in creating designs that everyone could enjoy. The London Eye was not just about creating something beautiful; it was also about bringing people together and giving them a new way to experience London. This focus on community was at the heart of many of their projects

## OTHER PROJECTS

Marks Barfield designed many other buildings and structures around the world. One example is the i360 in Brighton, a tall observation tower by the sea. The tower has a glass pod that takes visitors up and down, offering stunning views of the coastline. This design shows how they loved creating exciting experiences for people.

## A LEGACY OF CREATIVITY

David Marks sadly passed away in 2017, but the partnership's work continues to inspire architects and people everywhere. Their designs are not just buildings; they are ideas that bring joy, connection, and beauty to cities and communities.

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EXAMPLE QUESTIONS:

1. Where was David Marks born, and when was he born?
2. What is the name of the famous observation wheel designed by Marks Barfield?
3. Why was the London Eye built, and what does each capsule represent?
4. What is the i360 in Brighton, and what makes it special?
5. What values were important to David Marks and Julia Barfield in their designs?