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International design conference will celebrate space for young people

Scotland's role in promoting architectural advancement will be spotlighted at an international conference in Edinburgh later this year; part of Children in Scotland's year-long 'Making Space 2010' programme, championing innovative architecture and the creation of inspiring spaces for young people.

The conference, which can be booked now, to be held on 7-8 October 2010, in Edinburgh, will bring together a range of international experts who will examine issues related to children and space from aspects of how children and young people relate to their environment and its impact on their development to what makes a good learning environment and what we need to focus on in the future.

Chaired by Seona Reid, Director, Glasgow School of Art, the two-day event will also hear from Scottish architects including Sam Cassels, Design Advisor (Schools), Architecture+Design Scotland, alongside other UK and international design experts. There will also be the opportunity for both delegates and invited young people to examine the priorities for the future of schools building programmes, during a panel discussion involving representatives from the Children's Parliament, and including Gillian Tee, Director of Children and Families, City of Edinburgh Council, and Richard Yelland, Head of Programme of Education Building for the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

As well as plenary sessions, delegates will be invited to join one of three study tours visiting inspiring and innovative new buildings and projects in Central Scotland and hearing from those directly involved in their design and planning.

The 'Making Space 2010' programme, which also includes an international award and children's art competition, aims to promote and support innovation, creativity and sustainability in design for children and young people from birth to 18, and to acknowledge the involvement of children and young people themselves in these processes.

The Making Space 2010 Architecture Award winners will be announced and presented with their trophies by Michael Russell MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning at the conference dinner.

Notes for Editors

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