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As part of Architecture Week (June 16 – June 25), Children in Scotland will be launching a unique book on designing spaces for children.

Making Space: award winning designs for young children brings together the contributions of architects, planners, educators, psychologists, brain scientists and children on design and the use of space.

The publication, sponsored by Architecture and Design Scotland, celebrates the ideas and designs that came out of a unique international award and conference on architecture and design for young children. It also features a film conversation and art competition for the children themselves.

The architecture and design for young children, international award 2005, was run by Children in Scotland and the Royal Incorporation of Architects in Scotland, in association with the Organisation for

Economic Co-operation and Development and Children in Europe, with sponsorship from Lend Lease.

Over 60 entries from 17 countries around the world were received for the award. The winning entries were selected by a panel of judges led by Barbara Kelly OBE, and the award was presented at Children in Scotland's conference *Making space: architecture and design for young children*, held in December last year.

Barbara Kelly said: "We were pleased to receive a huge variety of entries, from large-scale museums and schools to a small outdoor shelter or toilet block for a summer camp. Creativity, community involvement and a commitment to create the very best environments for young people possible were evident throughout."

The book showcases these award-winning designs and contributions from architects and experts including Michele Zini of ZPZ Partners, Italy; Pihla Meskanen of Arkki School of Architecture for Children and Youth, Finland; English architect Mark Dudek; New Zealand researcher, Anne Meade; and renowned emeritus professor in neurophysiology, Matti Bergstrom.

Sebastian Tombs, chief executive of Architecture and Design Scotland, said: "The goal of the award and publication is to inspire those in Scotland who design spaces for children, and also showcase Scottish architecture to the world."

"The publication is aimed at clients and policymakers, to focus attention on the need for thoughtful and context-

sensitive design for the young. I hope it succeeds in its aim of stimulating better design for children; Architecture and Design Scotland is delighted to be able to support its publication.”

Bronwen Cohen, Chief Executive of Children in Scotland, said: “We can learn a great deal from innovative practice across the world, which this unique award and publication highlight. By celebrating excellence in design for the very young, we hope to inspire and encourage all those creating new buildings or spaces for children.”

The launch of *Making Space: award winning designs for young children* will be held on Monday 19 June, from 6pm to 8pm, at the offices of Architecture and Design Scotland, Bakehouse Close, 146 Canongate, Edinburgh EH8 8DD. Entrance is by invitation only. Please contact Lynn Gilmour for more information. Email: lgilmour@childreninscotland.org.uk / tel 0131 222 2443. Spaces are limited.

You can view all the entries to the architecture and design for young children, international award 2005 at <http://www.childreninscotland.org.uk/makingspace>

Notes for editors:

One of the runners up in the architecture and design for young children, international award 2005 was from

Scotland: **Darnley Park play area in Stirling**, designed by David Page, Page and Park Architects.

Kirsty Wark, journalist and broadcaster, who chaired last year's *Making space* conference, said: "Never has there been a better opportunity to create high quality spaces for children, and people must grasp that opportunity. Good architecture is as important for children as it is for adults. Giving children access to high quality spaces is part of giving them the best start in life."

Children in Scotland is the national agency for voluntary, statutory and professional organisations and individuals working with children and their families in Scotland. It exists to identify and promote the interests of children and their families and to ensure that relevant policies, services and provisions are of the best possible quality and able to meet the demands of a diverse society.

Children in Europe is a magazine for everyone working with and for children from 0-10 and those interested in children's issues. It is published simultaneously in eight languages by a network of national magazines. It aims to provide a forum for ideas, practice and information and contribute to the development of policy and practice at European and national levels. It is published in the UK by Children in Scotland, with the support of the Bernard van Leer Foundation.

Architecture and Design Scotland is a non-departmental public body established by the Scottish Executive in April 2005 as the national champion for good architecture, design and planning in the built environment.

A list of all the **Scottish entrants** to the award is also attached.

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