



Making Space 2016

Children in Scotland
every child - every childhood

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International architecture event celebrates innovation in design for children and young people

Where young people learn plays a huge part in how they learn.

That's the philosophy behind Making Space 2016, an international programme run by Children in Scotland that celebrates excellence in the design of places and spaces for children, young people and communities.

On Monday 28 and Tuesday 29 November the programme culminates with a two-day conference and awards ceremony. The event explores collaborative design, spaces that work for communities, and how to engage young people meaningfully with the design and planning process.

Speakers will include Professor Takaharu Tezuka, creator of the renowned Fuji Kindergarten in Tokyo, who will discuss 'the best kindergarten you've ever seen', based on his recent TED Talk about how to create a truly inspiring space that enhances children's lives.

The conference will also look at how to affordably repurpose existing spaces, and give delegates the chance to visit a range of innovative places and spaces across Scotland during practical study visits.

Making Space is a strand of this year's prestigious Festival of Architecture in Scotland. As part of the programme, submissions were sought for an international competition looking for examples of places and spaces designed for and with children and young people, which demonstrated innovation.

The awards were judged by a panel of architecture professionals and young people from St. John's RC Academy in Perth, supported by Stone Opera, an architecture company specialising in participative work with children.

The winners will be announced at an awards dinner on Monday 28 November, hosted by architect, writer and television presenter Charlie Luxton.

Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Tourism and External Affairs Fiona Hyslop, who will present one of the awards, said: "This year's Making Space Awards will focus on spaces that have been created following collaborations with young people and communities, those very people who will be using them.

"This is a clear representation of the vital role that architecture plays in all of our lives, from the everyday to the truly spectacular and uplifting. The event brings together a partnership that covers not only architecture but education, history, young people, art, music and landscape and many other subjects and not only within Scotland.

"Creating an inspiring space, one that is welcoming, is the first step in encouraging a child or young person to take an interest in what is going on there, and that gives us a huge opportunity with our architecture, design and planning."

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Notes for editors:

- Children in Scotland is the collective voice for children, young people and families in Scotland, and organisations and businesses that have a significant impact on children's lives in Scotland. It is an influencing and membership organisation, comprised of more than 500 representatives from the voluntary, public and private sectors.
- Making Space 2016 is a year-long international programme celebrating innovation and excellence in the design of places and spaces for children, young people and communities.

Part of the Scottish Government-designated Year of Innovation, Architecture and Design and a programme strand of the Festival of Architecture 2016, Making Space 2016 included an international architecture competition seeking submissions under the categories: Health, Learning, Play and Home as well as a further category, 'Our Space', the winner of which was voted for by the public.

- The Making Space 2016 programme culminates on 28-29 November with a two-day conference and awards dinner in Glasgow.

The dinner will be hosted by writer and presenter [Charlie Luxton](#) and attended by Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Europe & External Affairs Fiona Hyslop and world-renowned architect Professor Takaharu Tezuka, who is also a keynote speaker at the conference.

Watch Professor Tezuka's TED Talk [here](#):

- For more information: <http://www.childrenscotland.org.uk/makingspace2016>
- Join the conversation on social media using the hashtag #MakingSpace2016
- Making Space 2016 shortlisted entries: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I9dWa2d4Y9E>
- The Our Space vote: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/MakingSpaceOurSpace>
- The panel of judges: <http://www.childrenscotland.org.uk/makingspace2016/meet-the-judges>
- More information about Stone Opera: <http://www.stone-opera.com>
- More information on the Festival of Architecture: <https://www.foa2016.com>
- A range of project images, quotes, logos and partner logos are available on request.
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