



Making Space 2016

Children in Scotland
every child - every childhood

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Innovative international spaces scoop Children in Scotland award

Making Space 2016, a major award celebrating great design for children and young people, has been won by innovative spaces in Ayrshire, Edinburgh, Beijing and London.

The international programme, run by national Children in Scotland, culminated earlier this week with a two-day conference (28 and 29 November) and awards ceremony.

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, across four categories, were:

Health: Camden Active Spaces, London (Wayward, Erect Architecture and LUC)

Home: The Ramp House, Portobello, Edinburgh (Chambers McMillan Architects)

Learning: Soyoo Joyful Growth Centre, Beijing (Crossboundaries)

Play: Adventure Cove @ Culzean Castle, Ayrshire (Cap.Co)

A fifth category, **Our Space**, was won by The Muirhouse Avenue Play Space and Tyre Amphitheatre (Centipede Project), a community collaboration between The Old Kirk & St Andrews Church with North Edinburgh Arts.

The conference took its cue from the belief that where young people learn plays a huge part in how they learn. It explored collaborative design, spaces that work for communities, and how to engage young people meaningfully with the design and planning process.

Highlights included a session from Professor Takaharu Tezuka, creator of the renowned Fuji Kindergarten in Tokyo, about making a truly inspiring space that enhances children's lives; discussion of affordably repurposing existing spaces; and practical study visits to innovative places for children across Scotland.

Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Tourism and External Affairs Fiona Hyslop, who presented one of the awards, said: "This year's Making Space 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 brought together a partnership that covered 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.”

An exhibition of the Making Space 2016 project, including the winning and shortlisted entries and work from the children and young people who worked on it throughout the year, will be at The Lighthouse, Glasgow during March 2017, with a follow-up seminar planned for later in the year.

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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 culminated on 28-29 November with a two-day conference and awards dinner in Glasgow.
- For more information: <http://www.childreninscotland.org.uk/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.childreninscotland.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.
- Making Space 2016 was conceived and managed by Children in Scotland, with the support of the Festival of Architecture, The Royal Incorporation of Architects in Scotland, Architecture and Design Scotland, Taylor Wimpey, the Scottish Government and Scottish Futures Trust.