



Children in Scotland
every child - every childhood

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**Building blocks for success:
public voting open for international architecture award**

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

This is the philosophy behind Making Space 2016, an international programme, run by Children in Scotland, celebrating excellence in the design of places and spaces for children, young people and communities.

As part of the programme, part of this year's prestigious Festival of Architecture in Scotland, 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 shortlists for the Making Space 2016 awards have just been announced, with the winners revealed in late November at a dinner in Glasgow, and the general public is being invited to participate, by voting for the winner of the 'Our Space' category.

Making Space 2016 – shortlists

Our Space, the winner of which will be chosen by public vote:

The Speech Language Company (SLCo)

Camden Active Spaces Project – Wayward, Erect Architecture and LUC

Brothick Bridge Dental Surgery – Voigt Partnership Limited

The Muirhouse Avenue play space and tyre amphitheatre (Centipede project) – The Old Kirk & St Andrews Church in partnership with North Edinburgh Arts

The Leaving Care Team office – Falkirk Council

And:

Health

Camden Active Spaces Project – Wayward, Erect Architecture and LUC

Brothick Bridge Dental Surgery – Voigt Partnership Limited

Windmill Community Campus – Fife Council

Learning

Soyoo Joyful Growth Centre – Crossboundaries, Beijing
Holding Innocence – Nelca Wan Chi Yuen, Hong Kong
Central Children’s Library – City of Edinburgh Council

Play

Lycée Français Charles de Gaulle de Londres – Wayward London Ltd.
Adventure Cove @ Culzean Castle – Cap.Co
Pollokshields Playhouse #TinkerTown – The City of Play
Between the port and the sea – Mio Designs, Anna Maraj

Home

Tymianek Family Café – mode:lina™ architekci, Poland
Bramble Cottages – Angus Council – Property Services and Children and Families Services
The Ramp House – Chambers McMillan Architects

The shortlists were chosen by a panel of expert judges, including Professor Gordon Murray, working with a panel of young people from St. John’s RC Academy in Perth. The young people were trained and supported by Stone Opera, an architecture company skilled in participative work with children.

Of the unique judging process, Gordon Murray said: “It has been a very interesting experiment and one that should be rolled out as a part of every curriculum. 1 in 50,000 may become architects but embedding a critical awareness of design and the built environment within the other 49,999 is a much more effective way of engendering positive change.

Some very smart and articulate students gave comfort that our future might be in better hands than ours.”

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 category, ‘Our Space’, the winner of which will be 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 (<http://charlieluxtondesign.com>), and attended by Cabinet Secretary Fiona Hyslop and world-renowned architect Prof. Takaharu Tezuka, who is also a keynote speaker at the conference. See his

TED Talk here -

https://www.ted.com/talks/takaharu_tezuka_the_best_kindergarten_you_ve_ever_seen?language=en

For more information see <http://www.childrenscotland.org.uk/makingspace2016>

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A range of project images, quotes, logos and partner logos are available on request.

Making Space 2016 shortlisted entries <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l9dWa2d4Y9E>

The Our Space vote <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/MakingSpaceOurSpace>

The panel of judges <http://www.childrenscotland.org.uk/makingspace2016/meet-the-judges>

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For more information about Stone Opera see <http://www.stone-opera.com>

For more information on the Festival of Architecture see <https://www.foa2016.com>

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