

a major international conference with architects and researchers from
Italy, Norway, Spain, Finland, New Zealand and the UK

Making space

architecture and design for young children

8 and 9 December 2005, Edinburgh, Scotland

Chaired by journalist and broadcaster Kirsty Wark

French interpretation

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The expansion in services for young children means that more of them are spending time in organised childcare of some kind. At the same time, we are witnessing a decline in access to safe public space, such as town squares or open countryside. With less freedom to roam and more time spent in organised space it is vitally important to listen to young children and consider their needs fully.

Day one of this two-day international conference will offer delegates the chance to see buildings and spaces created for young children in Scotland.

On **day two**, architects, academics and practitioners will consider what makes the ideal space for young children, discuss how they have approached design, and how they have involved children in the process.

Delegates will be able to view entries from 17 countries to the architecture and design for young children international award 2005, sponsored by Lend Lease.



Programme - Thursday 8 December

French translation available on request*

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| 9am - 10am | Registration at the Sheraton Hotel, Festival Square, Lothian Road, Edinburgh. |
| 10am - 4pm** | Delegates will be taken by coach to Edinburgh, Stirling or Glasgow, to visit a number of building/parks designed for young children. Visits will include lunch and a presentation/seminar. Delegates will be sent details of these visits in September and will be asked to choose which visit they would prefer. |
| 7pm** | Drinks reception and dinner at the new award-winning Scottish Parliament. |

* subject to numbers.

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Who should come

Architects, furniture and interior designers, local authority planners, policymakers, academics, students of childcare, education or architecture, education directors, childcare partnership staff, Sure Start staff, those working in family centres, nursery and primary schools, anyone involved in commissioning space for young children or whose work involves creating or using space for children under ten including those in social work, leisure and recreation, health and housing as well as local authority elected members.

Programme – Friday 9 December

Simultaneous French interpretation

- 8.30 Registration at the Sheraton Hotel, Festival Square, Lothian Road, Edinburgh
- 9.15 **Welcome from Chair, Kirsty Wark, journalist and broadcaster**
- 9.20 **Welcome from the Scottish Executive**
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- 9.30 **Film: Children’s voices: part one**
- 9.35 **The best environment for brain development**
Matti Bergstrom, emeritus professor neurophysiology, University of Helsinki
- 10.00 **“Possibility” worlds of light and shade**
Pihla Meskanen, architect and director of Arkki, School of Architecture for Children and Youth, Helsinki
- 10.20 Questions
- 10.30 Coffee
- 10.50 **Design that nurtures the senses**
Michele Zini, architect and designer with ZPZ Partners and Reggio Children, Italy
- 11.10 **Play time for children and adults**
Benedetta Tagliabue, architect, embt architects, Barcelona
- 11.35 Questions
- 11.45 **Translating vision into reality**
Raymond Young, chair of Architecture and Design Scotland
- 12.00 **Presentation to the winner of the architecture award, sponsored by Lend Lease**
- 12.15 Lunch
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- 1.30 **Film: Children’s voices: part two**
- 1.35 **Consulting with young children**
Alison Clark, researcher at Thomas Coram Research Unit, University of London
- 1.55 **Involving communities**
Mark Dudek, architect and researcher, Mark Dudek Associates Education Design
- 2.15 **Responding to educational and environmental reform**
Karin Buvik, architectural researcher at the Foundation for Scientific and Industrial Research at the Norwegian Institute of Technology
- 2.35 Questions
- 2.45 Tea/coffee
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- 3.00 **Beyond Europe**
Richard Yelland, head of the programme of educational building at the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development and **Anne Meade**, co-ordinator, Early Childhood Education Centres of Innovation, New Zealand
- 3.45 **Designing for the future: panel discussion**
Bronwen Cohen, chief executive, Children in Scotland and guest editor of issue 8 of Children in Europe, **Peter Moss**, professor of early childhood provision at the Institute of Education, University of London and editor of Children in Europe, and **Sebastian Tombs**, chief executive, Architecture and Design Scotland and formerly chief executive of the Royal Incorporation of Architects in Scotland
- 4.15 Conference close



All delegates will receive a free copy of **Children in Europe** issue 8 on architecture and design for young children, which includes contributions from conference speakers.

Children IN EUROPE

Children in Europe is an indispensable international resource for keeping up to date with the latest policy, research and good practice that is shaping young lives across Europe. This twice-yearly magazine is a collaboration between a network of national publications from eight European countries. It is invaluable for those working with children aged from birth to ten and their families, and for students of childcare or European studies who want to exchange ideas, practice and information.

Reggio



Issue 6 celebrates 40 years of Reggio Emilia

European Union



Issue 7 examines the European Union's role in providing services

curriculum and assessment



Issue 9 compares European approaches to curriculum and assessment methods

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The speakers

Matti Bergström has published over 200 scientific publications on topics that include the development of the central nervous system, the analysis of problems concerning the education of children and theoretical models on the mind-brain problem.

Karin Buvik specialises in public buildings in local communities. She was commissioned by the Norwegian Ministry of Education and Research, and EcoBuild, a national development programme for the building sector, to write guidelines on energy and environmentally friendly buildings.

Alison Clark's research interests include young children's participation, children's experiences of place and the development of participatory research methods. Alison has led a pilot study exploring young children's participation in the outdoor environment which was conducted in collaboration with Learning through Landscapes.

Bronwen Cohen is chief executive of Children in Scotland and visiting professor at the Institute of Education, University of London. She guest edited Children in Europe issue 8 on architecture and design.

Mark Dudek has written and broadcast on many aspects of school and pre-school architecture. Mark sits on a number of committees including the RIBA Schools Client Forum, the BBC Future Schools think tank, and the Shape Committee evaluating Sure Start. He is an external examiner at Liverpool John

Moore's University Architecture Department and a research fellow at the School of Architecture, University of Sheffield.

Anne Meade has been a primary school teacher, researcher and university lecturer, with several secondments to the New Zealand Ministry of Education. She co-ordinates the Early Childhood Education Centres of Innovation for the New Zealand Government, where services with innovative programmes can apply for research and development grants for three years.

Pihla Meskanen is an architect and one of the founding members and a director of Arkki, School of Architecture for Children and Youth in Helsinki, Finland. She is also a board member of the Finnish Architectural Association SAFA and a member of its education committee. Pihla has been involved in developing the national curriculum for architecture education in the Ministry of Education.

Peter Moss is professor of early childhood provision at the Institute of Education, University of London. His research interests include services for children, the workforce in these services, and the relationship between employment and care with a particular interest in leave arrangements. He is editor of Children in Europe.

Benedetta Tagliabue graduated in Venice in 1989 from the Istituto Universitario di Architettura di Venezia, with a thesis about Central Park which won first prize in the

"Biennale Joves de Barcelona" in 1991. Benedetta worked in Barcelona in Espinet-Ubach Studio from 1990-91, then joined the studio of Enric Miralles, who designed the award-winning Scottish Parliament. She now leads EMBT architects.

Sebastian Tombs is a chartered architect whose experience includes working in private practice, a community housing association, the Housing Corporation and Edinburgh District Council Housing Department. Until taking up his post as chief executive of Architecture and Design Scotland in 2005, he was chief executive of the Royal Incorporation of Architects in Scotland, where he has worked since 1986.

Richard Yelland has been head of the Programme of Educational Building at the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development since 1989. He joined the OECD in 1986 from the then Department of Education and Science in the United Kingdom.

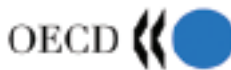
Raymond Young is the chairman of Architecture and Design Scotland. He is an architect by training and was one of the founder members of ASSIST, the community architecture practice in Govan that pioneered both tenement rehabilitation and community based housing associations in the city.

Michele Zini is an architect and designer with ZPZ Partners in Italy. He teaches at the Design Faculty at the Milan Polytechnic Institute and works with Reggio Children and the Domus Academy Research Centre (DARC).

The partners



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The **Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development** has 30 member countries and works with over 70 countries worldwide. Its PEBS Bulletin (Programme on Educational Buildings) is widely read and respected.

www.oecd.org

The **Scottish Executive** is the devolved government for Scotland. It is responsible for most of the issues of day-to-day concern to the people of Scotland, including health, education, justice, rural affairs, and transport.

www.scotland.gov.uk

Children in Europe is a network of eight magazines, (Children in Scotland produces the English language version) in Spain, Italy, France, Germany, Denmark, Belgium and the Netherlands, reaching workers in childcare and education, policymakers and academics.

www.childrenineurope.org

The **Royal Incorporation of Architects in Scotland** represents some 3,000 architects working in public and private sectors in Scotland.

www.rias.org

Children in Scotland represents more than 350 statutory and voluntary organisations and professionals working with children and their families across Scotland. It works to identify and promote the interests of children, young people and their families and to enable them to contribute to the development of policies and services.

www.childreninscotland.org.uk

The venue



Edinburgh is home to the award-winning new **Scottish Parliament** (left), and boasts a rich architectural heritage. An architectural tour of the city would range from the historical **New Town**, the largest area of Georgian architecture in Europe, to the new **Museum of Scotland**, the inspiration for which comes from national building traditions with exterior walls clad in golden Clashach sandstone from Morayshire.



The Sheraton Grand Hotel and Spa, Edinburgh

The Sheraton Grand Hotel and Spa is a short walk from Princes Street in the heart of Edinburgh. The hotel has three restaurants, a swimming pool and fitness facilities. Spa treatment is available at an extra cost.

A residential booking includes one-night's accommodation only. If you would like to stay at the Sheraton Hotel for additional nights, please contact the hotel directly and state that you are a delegate to get a special rate.

Alternative accommodation can be booked through the Edinburgh Convention Bureau. Visit www.childreninscotland.org.uk/eur for more information.

The exhibition

Early in 2005, Children in Scotland and partners organised an international award for architecture and design that attracted entries from all over the world including Japan, Australia, Colombia, the USA and India. An exhibition of the entries from 17 countries will be on display at the conference.

Exhibition opportunities

Exhibition and display space is available to organisations, companies and individuals. Please contact Moira Cameron for details: 0131 222 2410, mcameron@childreninscotland.org.uk or visit www.childreninscotland.org.uk/eur

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Registration fees

Members	*residential	non-residential	one-day
Small voluntary organisations/individuals	£355	£195	£150
Statutory bodies/large voluntary organisations	£405	£244	£194
Non-members			
Small voluntary organisations/individuals	£409	£249	£199
Statutory bodies/large voluntary organisations	£475	£315	£255

*Includes one night bed and breakfast accommodation at the Sheraton Hotel on Thursday 8 December 2005. Please book early as accommodation is limited. Dinner is not provided. If you are making your own dining arrangements you are advised to book a restaurant early. Visit www.childreninscotland.org.uk/eur for information on alternative accommodation.

Booking

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I would like to reserve a place at dinner at the **Scottish Parliament** (8 December 2005) at an additional cost of £45. Numbers are limited and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Vegetarian food will be provided. If you have any other special dietary requirements or require disabled access, please tick here and let Children in Scotland know the details three weeks before the event.

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