Editorial

- Centre for Effective Learning Environments
From January 2009 the Programme on Educational Building became the Centre for Effective Learning Environments. However, this is more than just a change of name. It reflects our mission to support and promote the creation of effective learning environments ...

What's new: CELE and OECD activities

- A new era for international collaboration on educational facilities
The OECD Council approved last month the transformation of the Programme on Educational Building (PEB) into the Centre for Effective Learning Environments (CELE) ...

- CELE and EIB study investments in school buildings
CELE and the European Investment Bank launch a joint project on strategic investment planning for educational infrastructure ...

- CELE will hold a conference on sustainability
CELE and the Ministry of Education and Sport of the Republic of Slovenia will hold an international conference on sustainable school buildings on 1-2 October 2009, in Ljubljana ...

- OECD experts on evaluation hold their first meeting
The OECD Group of National Experts on Education Facilities Evaluation will meet for the first time at the OECD Headquarters in Paris on 30-31 March 2009 ...

- CELE plans a school safety conference
CELE and the UK Department for Schools, Children and Families are teaming up for an international conference on “Safer Schools, Safer Communities” ...

Articles

- Including Pupils with Special Educational Needs in Schools in Ireland
The Department of Education and Science in Ireland has recently drawn up a set of planning and design guidelines for learning spaces for pupils with special educational needs in mainstream primary and post primary schools ...

- Campania Region’s Educational Quality Facilities Project
Italy’s Campania Region has undertaken a project to provide quality facilities to all of its communities, basing new spaces on the “Flexible Learning Module” ...
• **An Australian Approach to School Design**
  Designing a successful educational facility is predicated on ensuring the project is thoroughly understood during the critical briefing and design phases. A selection of contemporary school buildings in Perth illustrate exemplary designs ... 

• **San Diego’s Capital Planning Process**
  As part of its capital planning process, the San Diego Unified School District (California, United States) has developed a systematic analysis of functional quality at each of its school sites. Functional quality is a critical criterion in educational facility planning and a necessary complement to building condition assessment ... 

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**Other news**

• **Mexico hosted international congress on educational spaces**
  On 12-14 November 2008, the City of Guanajuato, Mexico, welcomed local and international experts to exchange knowledge and experience on the development of school buildings ... 

• **Scotland invests in the “architecture of hope”**
  Architecture and Design Scotland is carrying out a three-year programme to support good school design ... 

• **Rethinking the infrastructure of secondary schools in Luxembourg**
  This article presents reflections on proposals for innovations to the infrastructure of secondary schools in Luxembourg ... 

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**Publications**

• **Measuring Improvements in Learning Outcomes: Best Practices to Assess the Value-Added of Schools**, OECD 
• **Tertiary Education for the Knowledge Society: Volume 1: Special Features: Governance, Funding, Quality - Volume 2: Special Features: Equity, Innovation, Labour Market, Internationalisation**, OECD 
• **Sustainable Development: Linking Economy, Society, Environment**, **OECD Insights** series, OECD 
• **Reimagining Outdoor Learning Spaces: Primary Capital, Co-design and Educational Transformation**, Futurelab 

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**Events**

• 27-29 September 2009 – 86th Annual CEFPI World Conference & Expo  
  Council of Educational Facility Planners International, in Washington, DC 

• 1-2 October 2009 – International conference on sustainable school buildings, CELE and Slovenia’s Ministry of Education and Sport, in Ljubljana, contact alastair.blyth@oecd.org 

• November 2009 – "VIII International Congress on the Development of Educational Spaces", in Mexico, contact Carlos Bocanegra: congreso@capfce.gob.mx 

• 18-19 January 2010 – "Safer Schools, Safer Communities: Ensuring Safe and Secure Learning Environments for Children and Young People" conference, CELE and UK Department for Schools, Children and Families, contact hannah.vonahlefeld@oecd.org 

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