

Pre-Show Press Release

Education Estates® - Shaping the future of learning environments **17-18 October 2023 | Manchester Central**

The annual Education Estates® Exhibition, Conference and Awards will take place on 17-18 October at Manchester Central. Held in partnership with the Department for Education, Education Estates® is the leading event in the UK, focusing on learning environments, giving a peek into the future and discussing the key challenges. It is now in its 11th year and promises to be bigger and better than ever, with over 130 exhibitors. The organisers expect 2700+ attendees over two days, looking to discover solutions to their own specific challenges, whether that is a brand new building, a refurbishment or new initiatives that enhance an existing facility.

The event is targeted at those who influence, design, build and deliver learning environments, bringing together policy makers, architects, contractors, consultants, suppliers, directors of estates and head teachers. All share the common goal of maximising the potential of our young people through innovative design and imaginative solutions.

This year's conference programme promises to be truly inspiring, with a Department for Education briefing on policy and design, and sessions that address unlocking efficiency, net zero, sustainability, safety, inclusion, digital future and enhancing the learner's experience. In total, over 120 experts will be speaking, sharing their insights and lessons learned.

All the leading names will be represented at the exhibition, with a wide range of products and services on display, all designed to elevate learning environments and create inspiring spaces for students and educators. Big names include: AtkinsRéalis, Arcadis, Britmet, Flamco UK, Gerflor, Galliford Try, Dulux Trade, TG Escapes modular eco-buildings, Cundall, ISG, Apteriors, Reds10, Kier Construction, Morgan Sindall Construction, Lawray Architects, IKO, Algeco, LocatED, Kawneer, Energys Group, Portakabin, Salix Finance, iAM Compliant, Bouygues, Fusion21, Rider Levett Bucknall, Gleeds and McAvoy.

Attendees will be drawn to product launches by Kickstart Signs and Zeco Energy Limited, and demonstrations by Civica Ltd, Energy Sparks, Solar-Shield Exterior Shading Solutions, Astor Bannerman and Aalberts Hydronic Flow Control.

The exhibition is always evolving and, this year, many will be taking part in the EduFringe programme, a series of events that will boost the attendees' experience and give exhibitors the chance to place their latest brands in the spotlight. Highlights include the Opening Party, Exhibitor Networking Lunch, EduFest (sponsored by CIOB) and the TG Escapes Relax & Reboot Lounge. Furthermore, the organisers have introduced a new 'Developing Future Talent' initiative, inviting final-year students and new starters at some of the main firms involved in learning environments to learn from the experts, be inspired by some of the fantastic projects on the horizon and engage with the educational community.

The Awards Dinner is always a sell-out event, where the education sector celebrates excellence and achievement, and attendees can network in a more informal setting.

Event Director, James Lee, commented, "This year's event will be our biggest and best ever! We have more exhibitors than ever, a stellar conference programme thanks to our expert advisory group, and the awards ceremony has once again sold out. Our exhibitors are incredibly proactive this year – I'm particularly looking forward to seeing the new products that will be launched at the event and seeing our education professionals try to 'beat the buzzer' on the MPBA stand, 'Spin the Wheel' with AtkinsRéalis and hunt for 'treasure' with Kickstart Signs & Displays! The

Awards will be a great opportunity to see some familiar faces and celebrate the excellent work that's happening in the education sphere."

Education Estates® is supported by the Royal Institute of British Architects, The Trust Network, The Chartered Institute of Building, Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, LocatED, University Design Forum and the Modular and Portable Building Association.

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Education Estates® takes place on 17-18 October 2023 at Manchester Central. The exhibition is free for all to attend. Attendance at the conference is free for those directly employed in schools, colleges, universities, government and local authorities. A delegate fee applies for private sector delegates.

For more information or to register your place, please go to www.educationestates.com.

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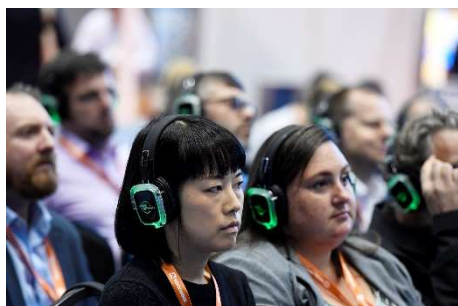
Attendees at registration



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