



**PRESS RELEASE**

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**NEXT at the  
A+DEN Architecture and  
Design Education Network Conference  
October 27–28**



October 19 -- The first A+DEN Architecture and Design Education Network Conference will be held October 27 and 28 at the Chicago Architecture Foundation ArchiCenter, located at 224 S. Michigan Avenue. Presenting on the panel, between 10:30 and 11:30am on October 27, will be SAIC faculty member and NEX.T co-director Linda Keane, who with partner Mark Keane has developed [www.NEX.T.cc](http://www.NEX.T.cc), a K–12 website-initiated exploration of art+design+environment, developed to connect children to their community through the free world of wonder available on the Internet.

Inspired by Powers of Ten, Brainpop, and the National Science Foundation sponsored Jason Project, NEX.T has been created to reach children in school, after school, in libraries, museums, and at home. NEX.T connects off-line learning opportunities with those on-line, accessing institutions, museums, artists, designers, and interactive sites—introducing children to the consilience of creativity and the importance of design thinking at an early age. NEX.T combines traditional science, art, math, social studies, and language art activities with information about the earth, water, energy, changing climate, and well being.

Supported to date by the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, the University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee, and the Graham Foundation, NEXT will be presented as part of the A+DEN conference panel "Pioneers + Innovators: New Perspectives on Architecture+Design Education," along with the Cooper Hewitt Design Museum, the Chicago Architecture Foundation, the National Building Museum, and the Architectural Foundation of San Francisco.

**A+DEN Architecture & Design Education Network Conference October 27–28**  
**Chicago Architecture Foundation ArchiCenter, 224 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago**  
**Friday, October 27, 2006**

08:00 am - 08:45 am            Breakfast  
09:00 am - 09:15 am            Welcome + Introduction  
09:15 am - 10:15 am            Keynote I + Discussion  
   Meredith Davis - "Learning by Design"  
**10:30 am - 11:30 am            Panel I + Discussion [Part I]**  
**Architectural Foundation of San Francisco, Chicago Architecture Foundation,**  
**Cooper-Hewitt, National Building Museum, NEXT - "Pioneers + Innovators: New**  
**Perspectives on Architecture+Design Education"**  
11:30 am - 11:45 am            Break  
11:45 am - 12:45 pm            Panel I + Discussion [Part II]  
12:45 pm - 01:45 pm            Lunch  
02:00 pm - 03:00 pm            Panel II + Discussion  
   Architecture Centre Network, MADE - "Snapshots of Architecture+Design Education  
   in the UK"  
03:00 pm - 05:00 pm            Expo  
05:00 pm - 07:00 pm            Wine + Cheese Reception

**Saturday, October 28, 2006**

08:00 am - 08:45 am            Breakfast  
09:00 am - 09:15 am            Review + Introduction  
09:15 am - 10:15 am            Keynote II + Discussion  
   Anna Slafer - "Discovering Your 'D' Spot: Straight Talk about Design Education"  
10:30 am - 12:00 pm            Panel III + Discussion  
   Edward Lifson [Moderator], Oak Park School District, Carnegie Mellon University,  
   Learning By Design: MA - "Architecture+Design Education in Schools: Partnerships  
   in Progress"  
12:00 pm - 01:00 pm            Lunch  
01:15 pm - 02:15 pm            Keynote III + Discussion  
   Fred Dust - "Extra Spatial"  
02:30 pm - 04:00 pm            Panel IV + Discussion  
   Edward Lifson [Moderator] - "Where Do We Go from Here?"

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A leader in educating artists and designers for 140 years, the School of the Art Institute of Chicago ([www.saic.edu](http://www.saic.edu)) offers undergraduate and graduate programs to over 2,600 students from around the world. In addition to the time-honored study of painting, sculpture, printmaking, and fashion design, SAIC embraces film and new media, electronic and sound arts, designed objects and architecture, and visual and critical studies. Located in the heart of Chicago, SAIC hosts exhibitions, lectures, screenings and other public programs through venues such as the Gene Siskel Film Center, Betty Rymer Gallery, Gallery 2, Video Data Bank, the Division of Continuing Studies, and in conjunction with the Poetry Center.

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