

ARCHITECTURE AT THE EDGE





WHERE / Galway, Ireland

WHEN / April-June & September 2021

PAID POSITION More information on enquiry

**DEADLINE FOR APPLICANTS** Midday Monday 1 March Group interview to be held week beginning 8th March

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Join Architecture at the Edge and MATT+FIONA this spring for...

# **DESIGN LAB!**

Join this exciting initiative to empower the next generation to develop their ideas for the future of the local area.

Through Design Lab, you will enable them to develop ideas for a 'Space for Belonging' - with AATE and MATT+FIONA's support. The initiative will involve training, facilitating creative workshops and joining an ambitious 'Proto-Build'.



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## **DESIGN LAB: A SPACE FOR BELONGING**

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WORKSHOPS

The context of COVID-19 and lockdown means that for many of us, whatever our age, we are reflecting on our purpose and values, and what we want to do with our lives. Many people are also re-imagining - often just in their minds, but occasionally physically - the type of environments they want to spend time in. Daily exercise means we are all getting to know our local environments in new ways and re-imagine through storytelling, alternative ways of experiencing them both literally and imaginatively.

These themes of belonging, well-being, imagination, purpose & meaning will be our starting point for the collaborative brief.

#### Job title: Design Ambassador

- Creative background
- Interest in working with young people (vetting process will be required)
- Attending one 2 hour training session
- Leading 3 workshops, online or in school with fellow facilitator (with periodic MATT+FIONA support inbetween online sessions)
- Co-facilitating the final Proto-Build day-long session with MATT+FIONA
- Encouraging young people's ideas and visions
- Helping the young people to build and make real the ideas in their imaginations

EXPERIENCE/



InVision Collaborative drawing

#### Training Session:

MATT+FIONA and AATE will provide a 2 hour introduction and training session so you are fully prepared to lead the following 3 workshops, and to support the 'Proto-Build'. You will be partnered with one of the three schools taking part in the project, plus paired with another Design Ambassador.

#### Workshop 1: Introduction to project and site visit the schools

You will introduce the project brief to the class with your partner Design Ambassador. You will then take the young people on a tour of virtual site visits around Ireland and the world, to hopefully inspire them as to what might be possible. Preferably, these online workshops will happen live.

#### Workshop 2: Space for belonging // somewhere familiar in your home

Responding to the brief set, you will encourage the young people to draw, recreate or reflect on a space that is familiar to them, in particular somewhere they feel they belong, a safe place. This could be a space at home or outside. Again this will likely be an online session, but you may deliver this face to face in school if by this point it is safe to do so.

#### Workshop 3: Positive place moving forward

Working collaboratively, this workshop will build on the previous ideas, to enable the young people to create a place for well-being and belonging in Galway - as a model. Each individual school group will work with their peers through multiple model-making exercises to explore what they would like to see in their local area. This space will reflect themes of re-imagining, purpose, storytelling and belonging.

#### Proto-Build

The young people will be given the tools and materials to test their vision for a *Space for Belonging* in 3D and at large scale. The session will be led by the MATT+FIONA team but you will be fully involved in supporting the session, and seeing the young people's ideas come to life.

Whether the workshops take place online or in-school will depend on evolving public health guidelines and the particular school's Covid-19 policy. Each workshop will be arranged independently between each Design Ambassador and their assigned school.

