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Theme

Learning Environment Evaluation: What Works?
Talking Spaces 6 explores the question: 'What works?' Via a series of workshops and seminars, the event will interrogate the theory, practice and use of 'learning environment evaluation'. With the rapid development of new learning spaces and technologies the need to **collect evidence** that can **inform decisions** about how best to design and use the spaces where people learn has never been greater.

A mix of concurrent and streamed sessions will address the issues concerning the evaluation of learning environments in **a) schools and universities** and **b) medical education contexts**.

Date/time/location

Wednesday 6 August

9:00-6:00	**Woodward Conference Centre, University of Melbourne**
	10th floor, 185 Pelham Street, Carlton

Thursday 7 August

9:00-2:00	Site Visits
2:00-5:00	**University House @ Woodward**

Streams

A.   **School learning environment evaluation**
B.   **Medical learning environment evaluation**

How to Register

To register for this event visit: http://ecommerce.abp.unimelb.edu.au/categories.asp?cID=8
For further information email Heather Mitcheltree: mhd@unimelb.edu.au, or visit: www.e21le.com
Cost: $350/person for two days

Guest Speakers Include:

Prof Susan Savage	Director, Learning Futures, Queensland University of Technology
A/Prof Janet Clinton	Director, Centre for Program Evaluation, Melbourne Graduate School of Education
A/Prof Stephen Lew	Director, Medical Student Education, Western Clinical School
Prof Geoff McColl	Director, Medical Education Unit, Melbourne Medical School
Jonathan Walter	Principal, Woodleigh School
Prof Alan Pert	Director, Melbourne School of Design

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Program

Wednesday 6 August
Introductory Sessions

9:00-9:30	**Registration & Coffee**
9:30-9:45	**Welcome**
	Tom Kvan, Dean, Faculty of Architecture, Building and Planning, the University of Melbourne
9:45-10:15	**'Evaluation: Theory, Practice & Use'**
	Keynote: A/Prof Janet Clinton – Director, Centre for Program Evaluation Melbourne Graduate School of Education
10:15-10:45	**'A Brief History of Learning Environment Evaluation'**
	Dr Ben Cleveland, LEaRN and A/Prof Kenn Fisher, LEaRN

Morning Tea - 10:45-11:15

11:15-11:30	**'E21LE - Protocol Paper'**
	Dr Wesley Imms, Lead Chief Investigator, Evaluating 21st Century Learning Environments ARC Linkage Project
11:30-12:30	**'Learning on the Run: Prototyping for Success'**
	Keynote: Prof Susan Savage – Director, Learning Futures Queensland University of Technology

Lunch - 12:30-1:20

School Stream

1:20-2:20	**'Snapshot Presentations'** (A, B, C – see below)
2:30-3:30	**'Workshops A, B, C'** (Delegates to choose one)

Workshop A: **'Assessing Indoor Environment Quality: Acoustics'**
Philippa Soccio, PhD Candidate, ABP &
Leanne Rose-Munroe, Graduate Researcher,
MGSE, University of Melbourne

Workshop B: **'Learning from Learning Environment Evaluations: Woodleigh School'**
Jonathan Walter, Principal, Woodleigh School
Sandy Law, Director, Law Architects

Workshop C: **'Prototyping for Success: Caulfield Grammar School'**
Richard Leonard, Director, Hayball
Andrew Syme, Principal, Caulfield Grammar School

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Medical Stream

1:20-2:20	**'Snapshot Presentations'** (A, B, C – see below)
2:30-3:30	**'How can we Improve Sites and Modes of Informal Medical Education? A Design and Pedagogy Provocation'** Hosted by Professor Geoff McColl, Director Medical Education Unit, Melbourne Medical School

Snapshot A: **'The Future of Medical Education'**
Professor Geoff McColl

Snapshot B: **'Informal Learning in Hospital Corridors'**
Dr Ben Cleveland and A/Prof Clare Newton, LEaRN

Snapshot C: **'Healthcare without Corridors'**
Professor Alan Pert, Director, Melbourne School of Design

Afternoon Tea - 3:30-4:00

General Session

4:00-4:50	**'Approaching Learning Environment Evaluation Across Borders: Lessons from the OECD'** Hosted by A/Prof Kenn Fisher

Drinks - 4:50-6:00

"The pressure to develop and provide learning spaces for the 21st Century is such that we must work out a means of research and evaluation that fits around and emerges from our activities. Only then, will we be able to truly discuss the complex interactions of space, learning and pedagogy."

Tom Kvan, LEaRN Director

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Thursday 7 August

School Stream Site Visits

9:00   Depart for site visits by bus
- **Urwin Centre for Learning, Brighton Grammar School**
  Hosted by Andrew Burnell, Head of Middle School
- **St Columba's Primary School, Elwood**
  Hosted by Caroline Morrison, Principal
  Commentary from Fergus Chisholm, Manager,
  Infrastructure and Capital Funding, CEOM

1:40   Return from site visits

Medical Stream Site Visits

9:00   Depart for site visits by bus
- **Western Centre for Health Research and Education, Sunshine Hospital**
  Hosted by A/Prof Stephen Lew, Director of Medical Student Education,
  Western Clinical School
- **Peter Doherty Institute**

1:40   Return from site visits

Refreshments - 1:40-2:00

School Stream Workshop:

2:00-3:30   **'Powering-Up Contemporary Learning Spaces'**
Hosted by Dr Ken Woodman, Director, No. 42 Architects & Dr Wesley Imms

Medical Stream Workshop:

2:00-3:30   **'Where to Now with Medical Learning Environment Evaluation?'**
Hosted by A/Prof Kenn Fisher & Prof Tom Kvan

Plenary

3:30-4:15   **'Facilitated Whole Conference Discussion'**
Hosted by Dr Wesley Imms & A/Prof Kenn Fisher

Drinks - 4:15-5:00

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