

Building a better future

FREE VIRTUAL EVENT

8th - 9th July 2009



Education Now programme

Below is an overview of the live events due to take place at Education Now.

8 July - Day One

Chats in the Lounge:

- **Open chat**
Discussion area open all day for visitors to meet and greet, share experiences, data and links as well as discuss latest events and issues in the education field.
- **11AM - The future of education funding?**
A debate on the prospects of spending on new schools, universities and colleges. Will the tap be turned off after the next General Election? Or will successive Governments maintain commitment to renewing our education funding?
- **3PM - Primary schools programme**
An opportunity to raise questions on the upcoming £1.6bn capital programme for modernising and rebuilding primary schools.

Webinars (playing in the auditorium)

- **12 Noon - Acoustics in Education**
It appears that only a small proportion of new schools to be built will meet acoustic standards. This webinar will look at why this is the case and why getting acoustics right in new schools is so important. We will also focus on technical and design considerations for project teams.

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- **11AM - Timed chat Education and sustainability**
How are teams coping with the need to achieve ambitious sustainable standards for new projects against the speed need to deliver projects and pressures on resources and budgets?
- **3PM - Timed chat ICT in Construction**
What part is, and can, ICT play in new education projects? What is the practical experience of people working in this field in the Building Schools for the Future programme? Are there lessons for future projects?

On-demand exclusive videos

Education Now will feature two exclusive videos specially commissioned for the event:

- **Danish Design**
Government proposals in the schools white paper put local communities at the heart of school design. Architect 3XN has done exactly that in their design for Orestad College in Copenhagen. Partner and principal architect Kim Herforth Nielsen explains how his dynamic design broke down the barriers between pupils, teachers and the local community. Herforth Nielsen was speaking at the Learning from Denmark conference for Danish school design that took place in London last month.
- **Shipping containers into schools**
A report into how shipping containers were converted into a sports hall at the Dunraven School in Streatham, South London. It's both low cost and sustainable, offering inspiration for new schools design across the UK.