

# Strathclyde Architecture International School



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## OVERVIEW OF THE STRATHCLYDE ARCHITECTURE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

The Strathclyde Architecture International School (SAIS) will bring together international students of Architecture and practicing Architects, for a 10 day initiative exploring the related themes of THE CITY and THE LAND.

The SAIS will be delivered by the Department of Architecture at the University of Strathclyde in collaboration with industry professionals, an approach that seeks to better connect architectural thinking between the University and the profession.

Week One will explore the City of Glasgow from the studios of the Department of Architecture and will call on participants to investigate, record and speculate, as they are guided through a series of lectures, walking tours, seminars and provocations. At the weekend, participants will go on a voyage of discovery “doon the watter”, sailing down the River Clyde, exploring some of Scotland’s beautiful scenery, national parks and rural architecture.

These tours will serve as the stepping off point for the SAIS in terms of moving from THE CITY to THE LAND and from ‘academia’ to ‘professional practice’ as participants find out more about the Scenic Routes Competition, a Government initiative to promote and celebrate young, emerging architectural talent in Scotland.

In Week Two, the SAIS will travel into rural Scotland for a four day workshop residency, staying at Wiston Lodge country estate ([www.wistonlodge.co.uk](http://www.wistonlodge.co.uk)).

Participants will tackle exploration of the land through intensive “thinking by doing” workshops on sensory experience, producing a series of built interventions for Wiston Lodge’s programme for autistic children in Scotland.

Students of architecture will be invited from across the globe, bringing a truly diverse and multicultural experience for all involved.

## INDUSTRY PARTICIPATION

Strathclyde Architecture International Schools build on existing relationships between the Department of Architecture and renowned design practices within industry.

Many of the workshops contained within the SAIS are delivered in collaboration with award winning architectural practices, design agencies and other members of the visual arts community of Glasgow and Scotland. These include; McGinlay Bell, Patricia Fleming Projects, Dress for the Weather, Factory Architecture and Hoskins Architects.

The structure of the SAIS allows participants to experience a range of design and architectural projects which will explore the impact of social, political and cultural changes on our built environment.

Each SAIS can be tailored to suit participant interest as we pick from a menu of workshops including intensive design projects, live build and community projects.

## LOCATIONS

Strathclyde Architecture International Schools are based within the Department of Architecture at the University of Strathclyde. Participants will have access to all our facilities including the design studios, seminar spaces and Department Library and will have full use of our digital printing equipment.

Our city centre campus location allows us to use the Department as the launch pad to explore Glasgow. Several of the workshops delivered will task participants with city wide activities, utilising our existing relationships with The Lighthouse - Scotland's national centre for design and architecture, and The Glue Factory - an independent arts venue and workspace, in the north of the city.

Glasgow is ideally placed to allow us to venture out into the city's hinterlands of Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park, and rural South Lanarkshire, encouraging our participants to enjoy both THE CITY and THE LAND.



## PREVIOUS PARTICIPANTS

The SAIS has welcomed students from; San Jose, Costa Rica; Hohhot, Inner Mongolia University of Technology; Barcelona, Spain; Hanahan, South Carolina and Miami, Florida, USA.

The Strathclyde Architecture International School (SAIS) has kindly received academic input from staff from; Veritas Universidad in San Jose Costa Rica, the Inner Mongolia University of Technology in Hohhot Inner Mongolia and the Institute for Architecture within Berlin Technical University.



"The SAIS was a very enjoyable experience, and allowed us to enjoy many new ways of working within the architecture studio."

"It was a fantastic opportunity to experience a different culture while working within a new city context."

"The various workshops within the SAIS were very creative, exploring different themes every day."

"Glasgow was a wonderful city to host the SAIS with many interesting - and different - buildings to study and visit."

"I feel very lucky to have been fortunate to experience Scotland through the SAIS."



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