BC Chapter A4LE Newsletter

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We hope you enjoyed your Summer! Since our last newsletter, the BC and Alaska Chapters of A4LE, co-hosted the **PNWR (Pacific Northwest Regional) Conference** in beautiful downtown Vancouver April 20 -23. The conference was well received by over 200 delegates from across the Pacific Northwest. Thanks to Donna Robinson, Alaska Chapter Board, and BC Chapter Members for exemplary conference planning and coordination.

Also, three BC Chapter Members (Anthea Ho, Georgia Fisher & Margarita Krivolutskaya) attended the **20 Under 40 conference** held in Calgary July 4-6. It's an educational & networking event for up to 20 PNWR members who are near or under 40 years of age. Check out their thoughts on the experience on page 2.

Your BC Chapter A4LE Board continue to work hard on planning events for the year ahead. Looking forward to connecting this Fall.

-Kerry Magnus, BC Chapter A4LE President





BCIT Health Sciences and Indian Residential School & Dialog Centre tours 2023 PNWR Conference



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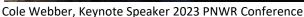
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20 Under 40 Event in Calgary: July 4-6, 2023

Anthea Ho writes:

I was so happy to be part of the 20 Under 40 in Calgary this year. It was very insightful to hear from my peers working on K-12 projects in other provinces and learning about their experiences and challenges. I enjoyed the discussions about the different provincial approaches to schools with each of the participants, learning a First Nations perspective from the Elder's Guidance Circle at the Calgary Public Library, and discussing design process and studio culture from everyone. In particular, I am very grateful to have gone through this experience with two other BC Chapter members and look forward to keeping in touch wherever our careers take us. Thank you to the A4LE BC chapter for their sponsorship and to the organizers in Calgary for sharing some great architecture in your city.

Margarita Krivolutskaya writes:

The 20U40 brought together a diverse group of professionals passionate about creating engaging and effective learning spaces. The insightful design charette, thought-provoking presentations and the chance to connect with like minded individuals made it a truly valuable experience. I walked away with new ideas and a network of contacts that I know will continue to inspire me well into the future.

Georgia Fisher writes:

I had a great time and appreciated having the opportunity to join this event! Thank you so much for you and your team's help organizing. My highlight of the event was definitely the trip to the Calgary Library; it is a gorgeous building and was inspiring to walk around. It was great to spend the day there and to see the ins and outs of the operation. Thanks again for the opportunity; it was a great learning opportunity as well as networking event. Everyone made some really good connections and I very much look forward to the next A4LE event!











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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- October 12-15, 2023 LearningSCAPES Chicago Illinois (see page 5)
- October 19-20, 2023 "Island Ingenuity" Mini Conference in the Greater Victoria area, including AGM, Sessions, and Tours of Pexsisen Elementary & Centre Mountain Lellum Middle Schools, SD62 (Sooke) plus more! (AGM and Education Sessions both in-person and online TBC).
 SAVE THE DATE! Registration out soon
- October 27, 2023 "Agile Learning Spaces" includes a tour of Urban Academy, New Westminster. Brought to you by VS America and CDI Spaces (see below). Check your email for registration info.
- November 17, 2023 "Happy Hour" Lower Mainland School Tour & Social (TBC)
- December 5, 2023 Winter Social (TBC)
- Spring 2024 Pacific Northwest Regional Conference in Hawaii (TBC)







1st Place (\$5,500): Mt. Sentinel Secondary

Kootenay Lake SD#8

Creative Classroom Spaces



2nd Place (\$3,000): CABE Secondary

Coquitlam SD#43

Zen Den



3rd Place (\$1,500): Hubland Park Elementary

Comox SD#71 Sensory Path



A4LE BC Chapter LEE Grant

(Learning Environment Enhancement)

The BC Chapter of A4LE is delighted to announce the recipients of this year's Learning Environments Enhancement (LEE) Grant. Our annual grant program provides a unique opportunity for our chapter to support goals, needs, and visions aimed at elevating learning environments and activities in K-12 schools across the province. Each year, we are inspired by the creativity displayed by the applicants. This time, we had the privilege of reviewing 20 applications representing 17 school districts. Looking ahead, the LEE committee aspires to amplify the impact of this initiative by seeking sponsorships to increase the prize money for the next year. If you are interested in contributing to this program, please get in touch.

Ayme Sharma, LEE Grant Chair asharma@franclarchitecture.com

2023 LEE Grant Winners:

First Place - \$5,500 Mt. Sentinel Secondary School Kootenay Lake SD#8 Creative Classroom Spaces

Second Place - \$3,000 **CABE Secondary** Coquitlam SD #43 Zen Den

Third Place - \$1,500 **Hubland Park Elementary** Comox SD#71 Sensory Path

To view all winning submissions click on: British Columbia (a4le.org)



Conference Theme: The Art and Science Driving the Transformation of Learning Environments

Every day, real things happen in our world that profoundly transform the experience of our students, teachers, and communities and have a direct and immediate impact on the planning, design, and construction of learning environments.

As stakeholders in the design and operation of learning spaces, we must respond to these 'real things' in the most effective ways possible, ensuring that learning environments support everyday experiences and normal day-to-day intentions, as well as more extraordinary life events.

The Art and Science Driving the Transformation of Learning

Environments theme explores the tracks of Research, Response, and Resiliency through the lenses of Art and Science. It provides a framework for describing the values, attitudes, knowledge, and skills required for effective collaboration among key constituents to improve the planning, design, and construction of school facilities.

Art describes a process that is intuitive, imprecise, subjective, and reflects skills developed through practice and imagination. Science involves a process that includes research and measurement and strives to be objective. A series of school tours and workshops organized by track explores this theme.





For further information, conference program and registration, please visit <u>LearningSCAPES 2023 Conference (a4le.org)</u>