

A4LE Europe update: April 2021

Dear colleagues we have all found ourselves at the start of 2021 with many of the personal and professional challenges that we were all living with during 2020 continuing into the Spring of this year.

The leadership team for A4le Europe now feel we are in a position to define with your support a programme of events and activities for 2021.

REMINDER OF APRIL 14th EVENT. Further details available below:

<https://a4le.co.uk/april-14-15th-schools-as-center-of-community-a4le-deep-thinking-days/>

LEARNER-LED DESIGN ACROSS EUROPE.

We recognise learning is changing - propelled by some extraordinarily powerful new ubiquitous technologies and also our rapidly changing world. How do we engage young people and all those who work with them, in becoming the creators (not just the consumers) of the design of the spaces and places in which they learn? We developed these online conversations last year and they will continue across Europe through 2021.

One of these online sessions was originally made available to members and we are now making this openly available. For those that missed this visit to Agora you will find the link here <https://youtu.be/Ynm24cGkWXg> . If you would like to see more of the the school you will find more information here <https://youtu.be/aBZH7tcSsy0> .

Agora school was also featured in a recent UK BBC Radio 4 broadcast 'Positive Thinking, on the 24th March this year.

A4LE Europe. PLANNING LEARNING SPACES MAGAZINE.

We continue to work hard as an editorial team to ensure that we provide a wide-ranging magazine, three times a year, focused on planning learning spaces. All A4LE members receive printed copies to an address of your choice as our feedback says having printed copies is valued by all members.

Our latest edition 05 you can find online at <https://a4le.co.uk/planning-learning-spaces-magazine-jan-2021/> . This may not have reached you in printed form because of home working and COVID.

Our next edition is due out in May and we will send this and the 05 January edition together to you.



Visiting Agora School, Holland, with Rob Houben.

LOOKING THROUGH COVID TO FUTURE LEARNING.

Many colleagues will have contributed to our multi-disciplinary workshops towards the end of last year. This collaborative approach has been very successful and our focus last year was to explore the challenges in design thinking that we had all experienced through COVID. Just as important was the need to think to the future, looking through COVID to develop new approaches and strategies that would learn from the past but design for a new future.

We now have all the contributions from colleagues, many facing resource challenges, and are in a position to finalise what we believe will be an important contribution to this critical debate. We will be back in contact with all those who have contributed individually ready to publish our work in May of this year.

After consultation with colleagues, it is our intention to use the publication for a full online conference event in June of this year.

We will be sending out a proposed programme of activities after consultation at the start of May but wanted to send out an initial update at this stage.

Kind Regards, Terry White - Chair, Alastair Blythe, Lene Jensby Lange - Vice Chairs A4le Europe.