

A young girl with dark hair, wearing a red polo shirt, is focused on working with a complex network of white fiber optic cables. She is leaning over a table, with her hands carefully manipulating the fibers. The background is blurred, showing other people in a classroom or workshop setting. The overall scene conveys a sense of learning and technical skill development.

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Who We Are

Our live BUILD projects are transformational for all those directly involved, but a true shift can happen only on a much bigger scale. Our goal is to change more young lives, so we train others to develop their own BUILD projects with young people. We call this process LEARN.

LEARN gives you the skills, knowledge and confidence to design and deliver your own BUILD project with, for and made by young people. It can inspire you with innovative ideas and viewpoints. It can make your programming or workstream more creative and diverse, and your teaching and practice more accessible and meaningful.

Since 2016 we have worked with leading community and cultural organisations, universities and schools to create nearly 30 buildings and installations, collaborating with more than 3,000 young people and almost 200 volunteers across the UK. Our LEARN strand will ultimately reach thousands more.

Find out here why our work is needed, how LEARN works, what it achieves, and how it can help you.

Our achievements so far in numbers:

 **3017** children + young people

 **4646** engagements

 **194** volunteers

 **29** buildings + installations

Why Our Work Is Needed

We improve the quality of the built environment and creative education for young people, particularly those from under-represented backgrounds in the design industries.

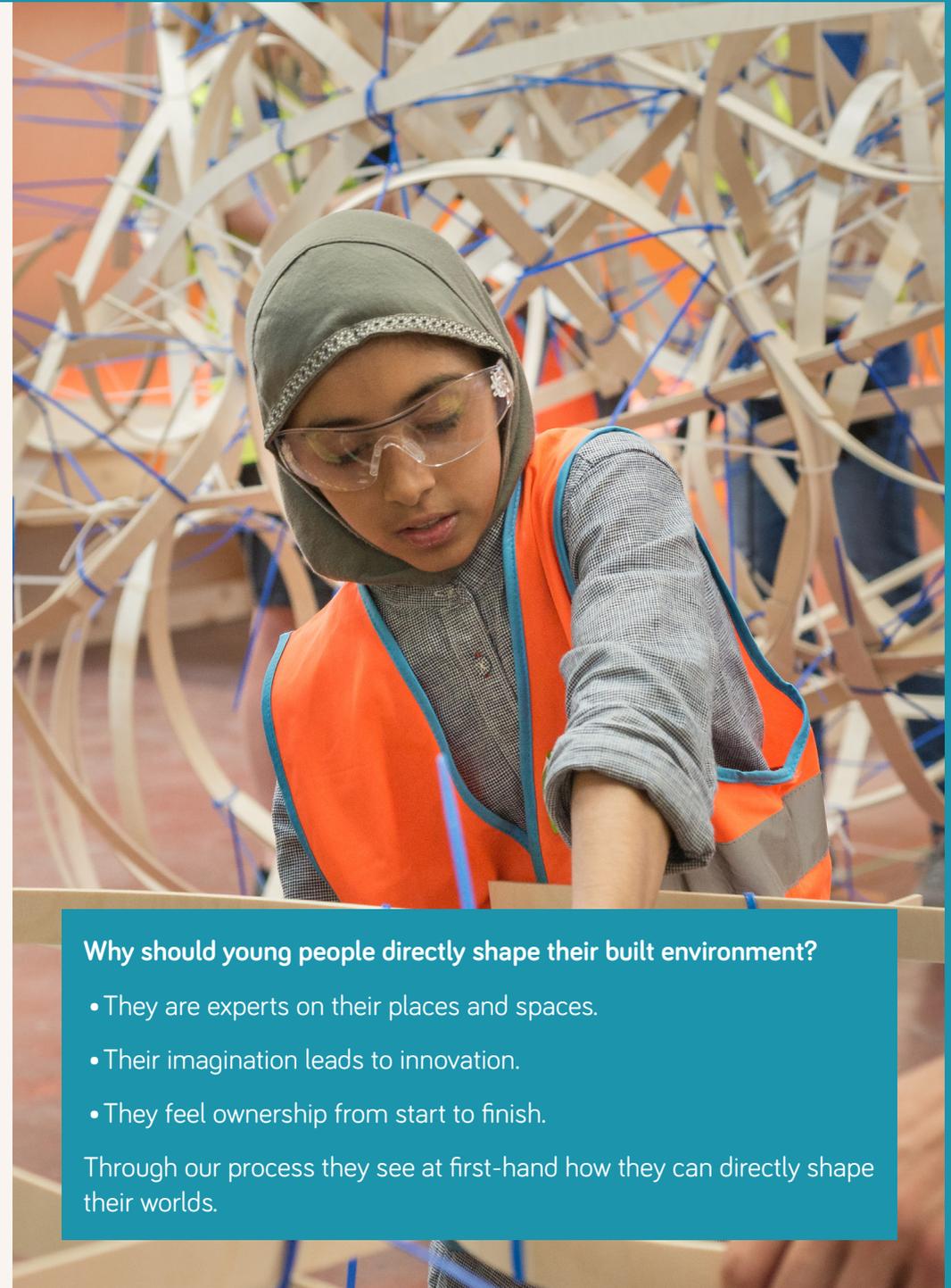
Children and young people will inherit the spaces we create. But too often they have no voice in shaping these.

When people are asked in surveys if they are able to bring about change in the places around them, they often say they feel disillusioned and powerless. Young people, especially those who are marginalised, feel this lack of influence even more strongly.

At the same time, not all young people 'fit the mould' set by the current UK school curriculum. Children and young people have fewer ways to explore a broader range of activities and interests, especially in creative fields such as art and design.

MATT+FIONA believes everyone should have the right to shape their built environment. We ask young people how their built environment could be improved and empower them to bring that vision to life.

Image: Mega Maker Lab, Institute of Imagination, 2019, Peter Savage



Why should young people directly shape their built environment?

- They are experts on their places and spaces.
- Their imagination leads to innovation.
- They feel ownership from start to finish.

Through our process they see at first-hand how they can directly shape their worlds.



“I have gone on to have the incredible opportunity to study Architecture at Cambridge University. The insight and advice received during the MATT+FIONA workshop has helped me so much over the past few years and will continue to guide me as I start to think about the next steps after university.”

- Rami, Year 13 student who participated in a collaborative workshop as part of the Royal Academy attRAct programme, 2019

“The Bartlett School, UCL, chose to partner with MATT+FIONA because of their unique approach to giving young people true agency... Through the project we are seeing the students’ confidence and design skills sets grow exponentially.”

- Oluwakemi Hassan, Bartlett Outreach Officer

Image: Mega Maker Lab, Institute of Imagination, 2019, Mark Mercer

The LEARN Process

MATT+FIONA: LEARN takes the principles of our open-ended and ambitious BUILD projects and extends their reach. It creates pathways into the built environment professions for young people who have been inspired to follow a career in this sector.

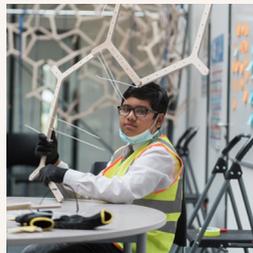
Our toolkits and resources give step-by-step instructions for teachers, youth workers and community leaders to collaborate with children and young people on projects that lead to temporary or permanent large-scale spaces.

We provide accredited training for teachers, students and universities in our tried-and-tested BUILD methodology, so you can put this into practice. As well as CPD and short courses, this training includes tailored support that continues along the journey of your project.

We partner with organisations to offer clear routes into exciting careers in the built environment sector, for example through apprenticeships, certification and bursaries.



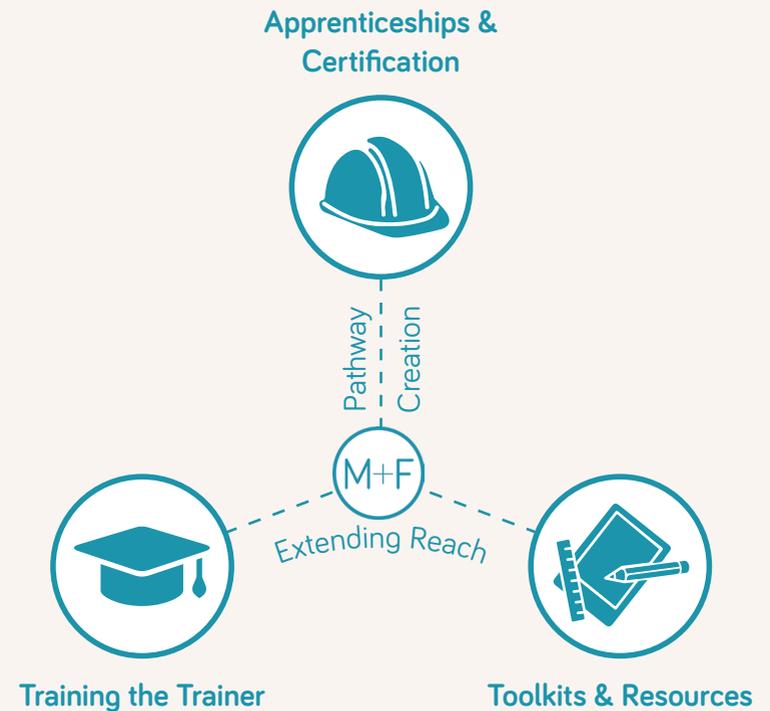
TRAINING THE TRAINER



TOOLKITS & RESOURCES



APPRENTICESHIPS & CERTIFICATION





How **LEARN** Can Benefit Your Work

Our partners and collaborators across the UK value the ambition of our projects at a time when risk-taking, creativity, problem-solving and real-world relevance are at odds with the curriculum, but are needed more than ever. Commissioning MATT+FIONA to deliver a LEARN programme can offer:

- **An accredited, comprehensive process** giving you the skills, confidence and knowledge to create and deliver an immersive, fun and intelligent BUILD project with young people
- **Inventive strategies** to bring a more diverse range of collaborators into your programming
- **An innovative form** of project-based learning that will enhance the curriculum, stretch and challenge young people, encourage teamwork and critical thinking, and build their confidence
- **Access to our expertise** gathered from working across the fields of architecture, culture and education at all levels, from primary schools to universities
- **Valuable, hands-on experience** of education and learning projects for you, your colleagues and students

Work With Us

Our Partner Organisations

Amsterdam International Community School,
Architecture at the Edge, Brixton House, Bywater Properties,
Clarion, Greater London Authority, Grosvenor,
Hull UK City of Culture, Institute of Imagination, Kew Gardens,
Lakeland Arts, London Festival of Architecture,
Museum of Architecture, National Maritime Museum,
National Saturday Club, Royal Academy of Arts,
RSPCA Mallydams, Sutton House, The Bartlett, UCL,
Turner Contemporary, U+I, Walthamstow Forest Council,
Whitechapel Gallery, Young V&A

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