

Manifesto for the Canadian Architecture Forums on Éducation

Architecture and the Spaces In-Between

Architecture has been a place for beings to dwell for Centuries but to create an effective use of space it is vital to understand how people, move, interact and occupy space. As we (Architects) think about the future, there needs to be a realization that architecture is an influencer of behavior and movement, directing society through new forms and urban conditions. This medium of architecture plays an important role in maintaining and promoting physical human relationships. A sense of place is created through the convergence of programs and pathways to interconnect spaces for community and activity. Mixed-use typologies are creating an architecture with new uses, blurring boundaries of public and private programs. Through questioning the role of ownership and property, can we create a sense of partnership and co-ownership? Pruitt Igoe on the other hand demonstrated a detached sense of ownership where when no one took ownership and pride of the place the architecture led to chaos and deterioration. Where does architecture draw the line of public and private boundaries in the 21st century? Can architecture question current roles, blur boundaries and activate in-between spaces as a way to promote movement and interaction amongst occupants and citizens.