



Dear Colleague,

Please find attached an invitation to our **FREE!** seminar for designers and those interested in creating new schools for the future, hosted by Dott 07 (Designs of the time 2007).

Dott 07 is the first in a ten year programme of design promotion by the Design Council and sets out to improve aspects of daily life in our region, focusing on welcomes, schools, health, energy, food and movement.

There will be a **FREE!** Dott 07 Festival taking place on the NewcastleGateshead Quayside from the 16th -28th October 2007; we are delighted to offer you a chance to participate in the OurNewSchool seminar at the Festival, in the OurNewSchool zone.

The OurNewSchool zone engages with the **Building Schools for the Future (BSF)** programme and offers you the chance to work with designers and other professionals who are involved in the educational system.

The BSF programme is part of the Government's drive to raise standards in schools and offers a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to contribute to the educational direction of your schools and communities for decades to come.

We are involving pupils, parents, the schools workforce, head teachers, school governors, local authorities, voluntary aided sector schools, private sector companies, as well as the wider community in order to explore the how to make better schools for the future.

For more information on the 'Building Schools for the Future' scheme please visit:

<http://www.bsf.gov.uk/>. To find out more about Dott 07 please go to:
<http://www.dott07.com/go/school/ournewschool> or <http://www.dott07.com>.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any queries or for any additional information on: 0782 456 9741.

Kind regards,

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Get to grips with the Building Schools for the Future programme at the FREE! **Dott 07** Festival!



What is **Dott 07**?

Dott 07 (Designs of the time 2007) is a year of community projects, events and exhibitions based in North East England that explore what life in a sustainable region could be like - and how design can help us get there.

Dott 07 projects set out to improve six aspects of daily life in practical ways. They deal with welcomes, schools, health, energy, food and movement.

The year culminates in a twelve day Festival in Baltic Square on the NewcastleGateshead Quayside in October 2007.

Dott 07 is the first year in a 10-year programme of design promotion by the Design Council, and is being delivered through a partnership with regional development agency, One NorthEast.

Activities & Workshops at the **Dott 07** Festival

The Festival will take place in Baltic Square on the 16 - 28 October and has six zones, Welcome, Schools, Health, Energy, Food and Movement. Each zone will be jam-packed with ideas on how we can all do our bit to help the environment, making ways to live healthier, happier and more sustainable lives.

The Schools Zone is serious about giving you the chance to really get involved in the design process of new BSF schools. We are offering school staff and pupils, designers and the wider school community, the chance to come up with new and exciting ways to improve everyone's experiences of being at school in the OurNewSchool area of the Festival.

OurNewSchool

Seminar session for designers: Building Schools for the Future and how you can help

Here's your chance to find out more about the government's Building Schools for the Future Programme. The evening seminar session introduces the opportunities and challenges of the government's BSF investment programme, featuring insights into how schools work and how you can help the process.

A range of speakers from the design industry, education and beyond will introduce **OurNewSchool** as a service design-based 'tool for a school' and a school-led response to the BSF opportunity. The project will be illustrated using the first prototype school, Walker Technology College, with a Q & A session to allow local designers, students and others interested in the project to gain more information from those involved. Thursday 25 October 4:00pm - 8:00pm on the festival site.



Sebastian Conran on a design visit to Lord Lawson School

Sustainability, Schools, and Schooling

One group above all others has a stake in the transition to sustainability: today's school students. Are we giving them enough leeway to shape the world they will live in?

Within this Dott 07 debate, you can find out more about the OurNewSchool story. Designers and members of staff working at the prototype school in Walker, Newcastle will tell you more about the OurNewSchool process. You will find out about the opportunities available when planning for the BSF process, Walker's reaction to the developments and see new perspectives on the future of learning. Tuesday 23 October 3:00pm-5:30pm at the Baltic Centre for Contemporary Art.

All events and activities are FREE! but booking is essential and places are allocated on a first come first served basis. For more information please visit: <http://www.bsf.gov.uk>, <http://www.dott07.com/go/school/ournewschool>, or <http://www.OurNewSchool.org>. To make a booking for the event please go to: <http://www.dott07.com/go/dottdebates>.

