

The Pacific Rim Community Design Network

Global Classroom Workshop: Call for Proposals

The Pacific Rim Community Design Network is evolving! Founded in 1998, the biennial conferences have been the primary activity of the network that brings together practitioners, educators, and students who are interested in democratic design and planning in the region. In our first 20 years, with the help of many local hosts, we have had 11 conferences starting with 20 people in 1998 to now over 200 in 2018. As the network has grown, we are pleased to welcome many new participants from a wide range of locations now including Southeast Asia, Australia, and New Zealand. However, as the conference size grows, it is also increasingly challenging to have in-depth engagement and exchange which were the initial goals of forming the network.

With the growing interest in community design in the region, we have seen an increasing number of workshops and exchanges organized by many of our members. These events provide important opportunities for learning and engagement and offered tangible benefits for the local communities and participants including professionals, educators, and students. We are inspired by these local efforts and see them as models for supporting collaboration and engagement in the network. With this in mind, we would like to invite individuals and institutions in the network to propose the "Global Classroom Workshop" as a more nimble and flexible form of networking and learning beside our regular conferences which will continue.

In keeping with the spirit of experimentation, we welcome any format and arrangement for the workshops. They can last from one day to one week or even more, and engage a variety of participants and stakeholders, including both participants locally and from abroad. This can be an opportunity to invite professionals to share experiences and help with extended advocacy, for students to participate in a design/build project, or simply for the local group to showcase their work. This can also be an opportunity to reach a wider audience for an existing event. The only requirement is to provide opportunities for collaborative learning through the workshop.

The workshop participants can be expected to pay a fee to offset the cost of organizing. As a volunteer-only organization, the network does not provide funding support or collect fees. However, we can be partners in applying for grants to support the activities. The network can also be a resource for circulating the announcement and inviting participants.

For those interested in proposing a workshop, please submit a written proposal with the following information to Jeff Hou, jhou@uw.edu.

1. Title, location, and proposed date(s) of the workshop
2. Anticipated participants: including background, level of expertise, the approximate number of participants, etc.
3. A preliminary description of proposed activities.
4. A list of learning objectives
5. Name and contact information of the organizer(s).