Architecture and Resilience on a Human Scale

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An international conference organised by the Sheffield School of Architecture with the Urban Institute, University of Sheffield, UK

Call for Disruptive Workshops
Sheffield School of Architecture (SSoA) are hosting an international conference on Architecture and Resilience on a Human Scale.

Resilience of ecology, society, cities and infrastructure is the subject of many research projects and debates. In contrast, a research focus on the resilience of the built environment at a neighbourhood scale has barely begun, yet it is at this scale that change is most tangible to us.

A lot of work has been done on mitigation but less so on adaptation and resilience to future shocks such as extreme weather events, food shortages, blackouts, influx of environmental refuges and many other challenges.

On Friday 11 September we are looking to include in the programme six 90 minute Disruptive Workshops. By ‘disruptive’ we mean ideas that bring challenging new perspectives on how to achieve resilience on a human scale. These can come from other disciplines or from other ways of making places. They can address issues of governance, new uses of technology, new ways of designing, building, learning and teaching, new economic systems, new ways of understanding the past and the future, or, indeed new ways of just understanding. The potential for disruptive thinking on architecture and resilience is wide open restricted only by the bounds of human creativity.

The format is also open - it is likely that there will be approximately 20 people attending each workshop and that the workshop proposers would open up the discussion with a 30 minute disruptive paper/event. This can be done by a group of disruptors working together. The format of the workshop is to be determined by the proposers.

We invite you to submit a 200 word proposal that includes:

- The title of the Disruption
- The name and institution of the proposer(s)
- The proposed Disruptive idea
- An outline of how the workshop will be run

The deadline for the proposals is 31 March.

For more information about the conference please visit our website www.sheffield.ac.uk/architecture/latest/events/resilienceconference

Submissions and further queries can be made to resilience_ssoa@sheffield.ac.uk

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