

Sustainable and Social Architecture Summer 2018

Topic

Critical Concrete, not-for-profit association, focuses on the refurbishment of socially-relevant spaces – affordable housing, cultural centres, and public spaces – through educational programmes. Therefore we are organising for the third time an **intensive 3 week summer course in Porto**.

After the success of our past summer schools in [2016](#) and [2017](#) we are happy to invite all interested participants to our next course in 2018. Throughout the Summer School, students will explore current issues of urban, community life by participating in the sustainable refurbishment of socially relevant spaces in the city of Porto.

Furthermore, we are proud to introduce our Research Lab, in whose agenda we constantly try to improve the work on our self-paced subjects of discussion - namely alternative heating and insulation solutions. You can follow the Research Lab activities in our [blog](#). Currently we start prototyping alternative insulating panels and looking forward to incorporate all advances into our next Summer School.

Learning Goal/Output

From the course, students will gain a mix of practical work, monitored by international and local mentors, and theoretical input. The participants will learn how to collectively design and build social architecture. Students will develop high quality furnitures and architecture with a small budget and restricted time. Therefore, Critical Concrete and their partners research innovative techniques to offer the students new skills and techniques in community engagement and building strategies. Supporting the refurbishment process we offer workshops in alternative heating systems as the rocket stove and currently do research on cardboard insulation panels.

Last but not least, participants will be accompanied by a network of international collectives which support the future projects and promotion of the students as much as its opens new professional perspectives.

Target group

Architecture and design professionals, graduates, students and PhD-students, engineers, makers, DIYers, builders and artists in their respective fields as much as people who want to get a first experience in building with a theoretical input.

Certificate

After successful completion of this course the participants will receive a certificate of participation by the FBAUP, Fine Art School of the University of Porto. The accreditation by universities is not guaranteed, nonetheless, our alumni got 2 ECTS when claiming convalidation to their respective universities.

You can find further informations of the last summer schools, our association, details of the programme 2018 and a pdf of the poster in the attached file. We are continuously looking for interesting students to participate and raise the impact of the program. Therefore it is much appreciated if you could share these informations with your students and network.

At the same time we are looking for partnerships with universities that would be interested in adding practical extracurricular activities to their courses, or have us in their courses either conducting a workshop or presenting the project.

If you are interested in any kind of partnership and participation, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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WHEN/WHERE

The open call for early birds is open until March 4th, 2018 latest.

Summer school will take place from July, 30th till 19th of August 2018 in Porto, Portugal.

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