

Bauhaus Dessau

Press release

Festival School Fundamental

From 20 to 24 March 2019 the Bauhaus Building becomes a platform for Bauhaus inspired learning experiments

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What would a Bauhaus school look like today? To find out, students, designers and interested people will meet from 20 to 24 March as part of the Festival School Fundamental. The Bauhaus Building in Dessau will be a temporary school for all.

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20 – 24 March 2019: the Bauhaus as a platform for learning experiments

What would a Bauhaus school look like today? How would it face the challenge of designing the lived environment in a globalised society? What sorts of experiments might it embark on and how would it organise learning? And how might such a school propose new politics of social design?

The historic Bauhaus was active in Dessau for six years. Yet its influence on the training of modern designers continues to this day. The Bauhaus Building remains a reflection of Bauhaus pedagogy and of its curriculum – it embodies the built conviction, in glass and stone, that schools can plant the germs of change for future ways of living together.

For the Festival *School Fundamental* from 20 to 24 March, this historic learning environment turns into a temporary school. It becomes a platform for the search for a design education that can meet the social, ecological, and technological challenges of the present.

„Our initial question is: How can design education be reinterpreted in the sense of a social practice beyond the formalized training canon?“, explains Regina Bittner, head of the Academy of the Bauhaus Dessau Foundation and curator of the festival. „There are experiments on this all over the world – and we invited them to Dessau to engage with the Bauhaus Building as a blueprint for alternative practices and critical discussions.“

Contributors include, among others:

- Dennis Atkinson, London
- Ruangrupa/Gudskul, Jakarta
- Tim Ingold, Aberdeen
- Alison J. Clarke, Vienna

During the festival, scientists, design students, curators, and interested people come together to study, experiment, and learn in a dialogue with the iconic school building – in workshops, performances, parliaments, inspections and lectures.

Everyone is invited to participate. Admission is free.

School Fundamental is the first of the three Bauhaus Festivals Dessau in the context of the centenary of the founding of the Bauhaus: Festivals [School Fundamental](#), [Architecture Radical](#) and [Stage Total](#) deal with pedagogical, architectural and performative concepts of the Bauhaus from today's point of view in very different ways.

The detailed programme can be found [here](#).

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