

The 9<sup>th</sup> International Conference on **Engineering & Product Design Education**

# *Shaping the Future?*

**Northumbria University, Newcastle upon Tyne, UK  
13 and 14 September 2007**



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The 9th International Conference on Engineering and Product Design Education Conference will be organised by the School of Design at Northumbria University, Newcastle upon Tyne in participation with the Design Education Special Interest Group (DESIG) of the Design Society, the Institution of Engineering Designers (IED), in collaboration with the British-HCI Group and endorsed by the Design Research Society (DRS).

## Conference Aim

The EPDE conference will bring together representatives from education and industry who have an interest in shaping the future of design education. The conference will provide a forum for educators and researchers from product development, engineering and industrial design, together with industry and government representatives to discuss current educational issues and the nature of design education in the future. This year's conference theme 'Shaping the Future?', will provide the opportunity for participants to exchange ideas and build collaborative relationships.

While 'Shaping the Future?' may be understood in multiple ways, and we encourage varied interpretations of the theme, questions that might be explored include: What are the possibilities for design education?, What and whose concerns are shaping design education at present?, How are educators shaping future designers?, How does design shape the future? Potential futures for design research? These questions will be explored in the following conference topics:

- Design and local community
- Design and government
- Teaching tools and techniques
- Developing links with industry
- Design curriculum development
- Philosophies of design education
- Professional development in design
- Cross-disciplinary projects
- Work-based learning
- Future industry needs
- Learning environments
- Industry based student projects
- Assessment
- Professional doctorates
- 'New' knowledges for design
- Design manifestos

In keeping with the inclusive ethos of the E&PDE conference other stream proposals are welcomed. It is also envisaged that participation in the conference may take a number of forms:

- Paper and poster presentations
- Roundtable discussions
- Exhibition
- Workshops



## Deadlines

Submission of Abstracts (max 500 words) – **12 January 2007**  
Submit Abstracts to: [ied@ied.org.uk](mailto:ied@ied.org.uk)  
Notification of Successful Abstracts – 2 February 2007  
Submission of Full Papers – **16 March 2007**  
Notification of Accepted Papers – 10 May 2007  
Deadline for Author Earlybird Registration and Inclusion in Proceedings – 15 June 2007  
Conference – **13 and 14 September 2007**

## Conference Organising Committee

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