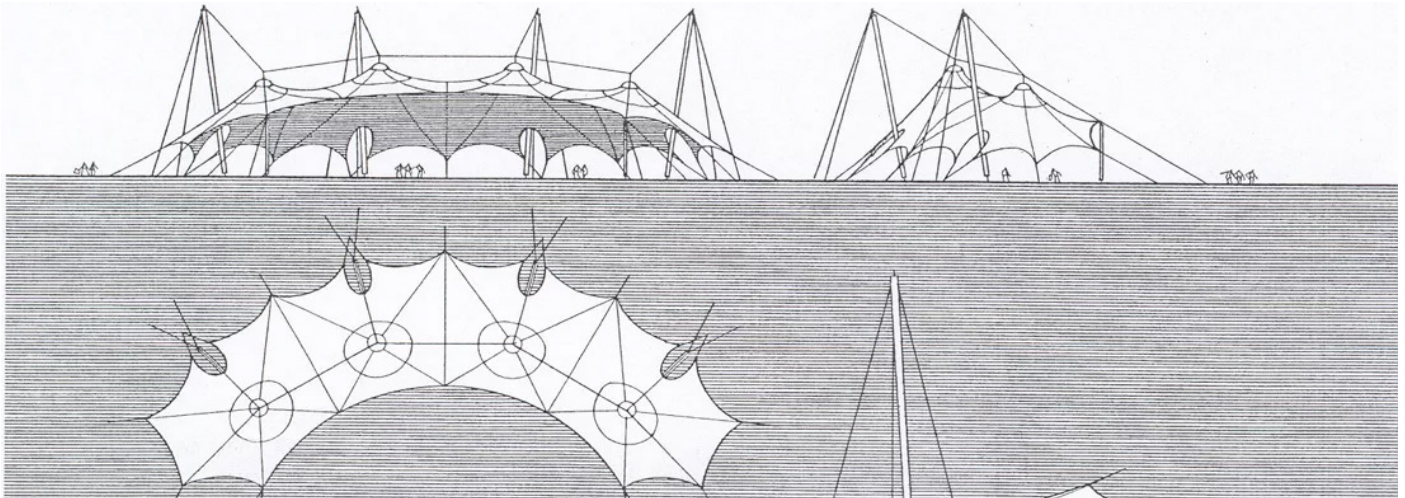


THORNTON EDUCATIONAL TRUST



Thornton Education Trust (TET) is a new charity, established in 2021, that aims to make the lives of children and young people better by unlocking opportunities of the creative power of learning through architecture and urban design.

Our vision is a society where architecture is an inspiring and positive force improving the lives of current and future generations. A well-designed, green and sustainable physical environment has a huge impact on our health and wellbeing, and our relationship with place is fundamental to our day-to-day cultural experience, shaping our sense of identity and our attitude to our environment and ourselves.

Architecture affects everyone's daily lives, yet it is the one subject that is not embedded in our education system. Creative subjects are greatly reduced within the school curriculum, whilst young people's voices are often excluded from discussions and decisions on urban design - with few opportunities to develop their creative design skills and knowledge to contribute to the debate. Further, there is evidence that children and young people's health benefits considerably from creative learning and engagement in that it helps them express themselves and develops their capacity and skills for teamwork, motivation, critical thinking and problem-solving.

Covid-19 has also had a disproportionate impact on children and young people. It has been a reminder that buildings and places – from homes, housing and schools to public space and play-space – should be designed in ways that are inclusive, healthy, child-friendly, sustainable and green-planted, and with child and community wellbeing at heart.

We want to build professional capacity to improve children and young people's experience and understanding of their environment, and support their wellbeing.



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