



ACOUSTIC IMPACT ON INNOVATIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS

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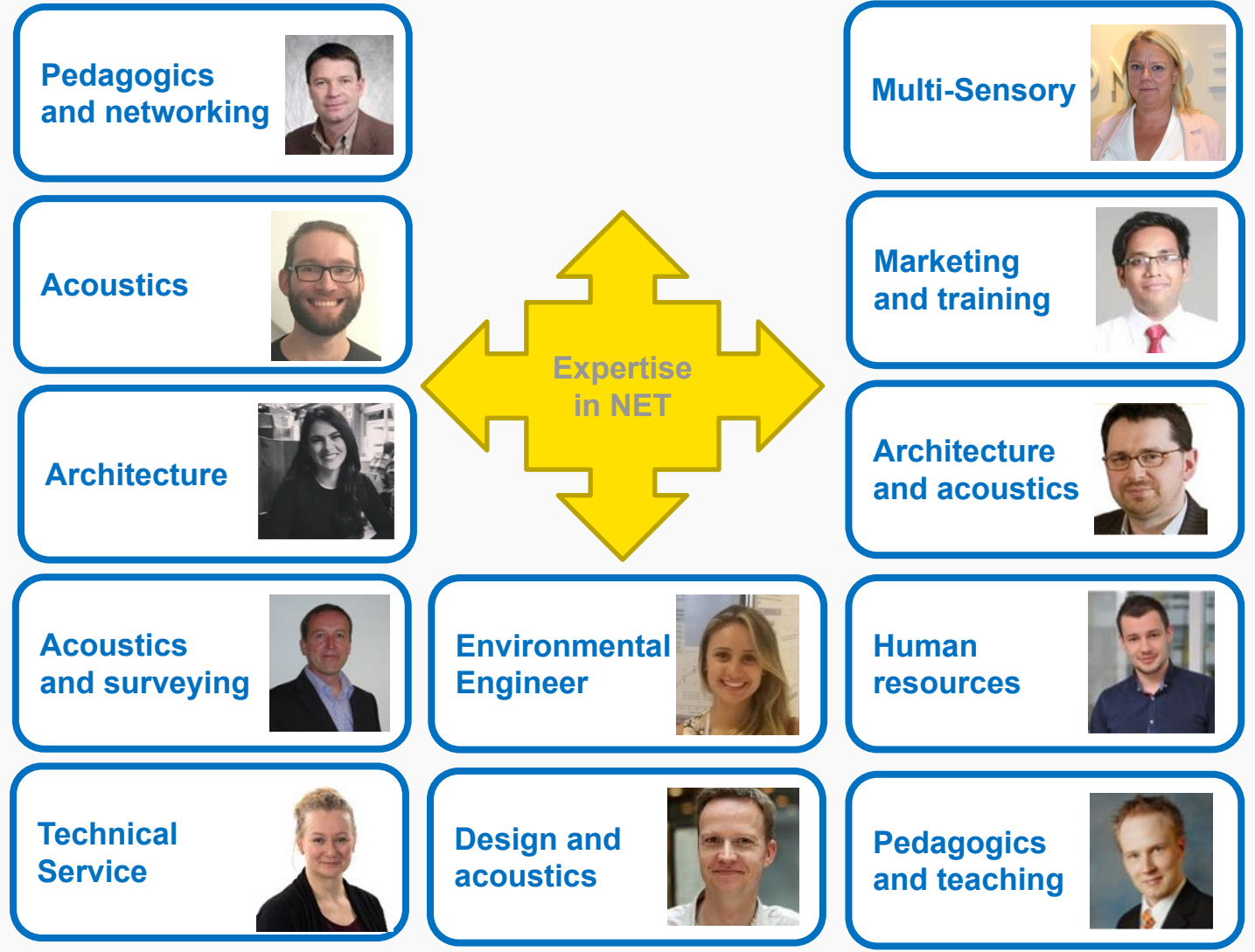
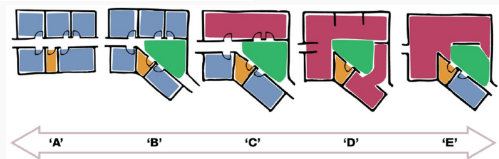
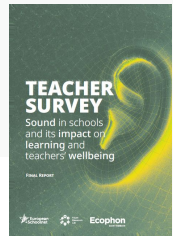
1. Importance of acoustics
2. Changes in Education and why
3. Research in schools - linking ILEs and deeper learning
4. Acoustic case studies – what good acoustics feels like and how it can influence behaviour
5. Takeaways – Organisation, culture, design & acoustic solutions



EDUNET – COLLABORATIVE INTERNATIONAL NETWORK

Education agencies, academia
Educators, architects & consultants

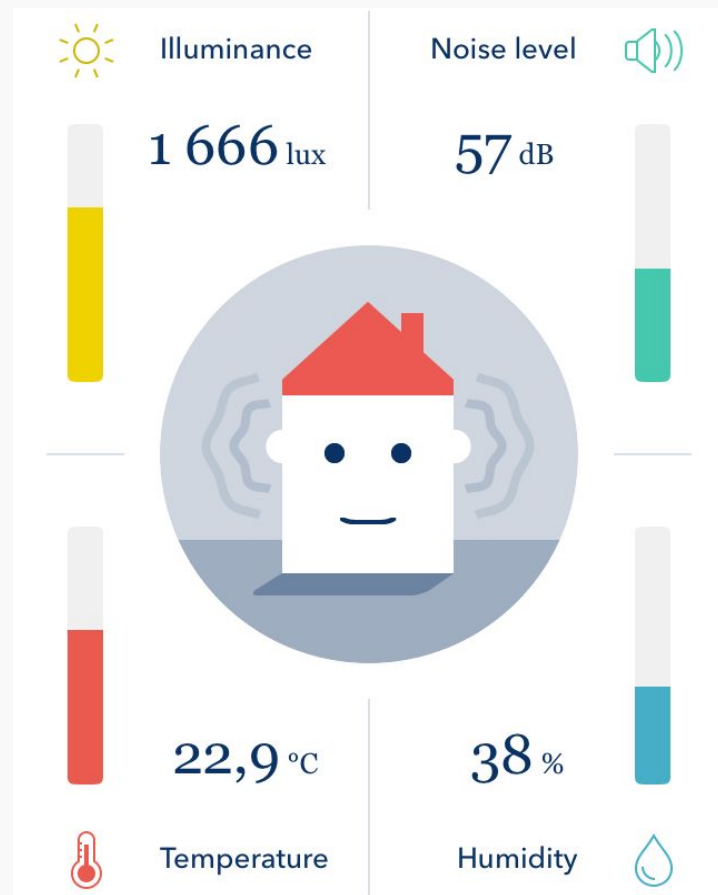
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INDOOR ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITIES

ACOUSTICS AS PART OF #IEQ INDOOR ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Building Management Systems (BMS) can control lighting, heating and air quality.....



Air pollution is most damaging to our health however...

Noise pollution is now 2nd most damaging to our health

SOUND INFLUENCES MANAGEMENT & BEHAVIOUR

**Sound is
wanted.**

BRINGING THE OUTDOORS, INDOORS

SPACES FOR LEARNING MINDSETS WHICH SUPPORT & ENHANCE WELL-BEING

Decreasing:

- Unwanted noise
- Late reflections
- stress

Increasing:

- Speech quality
- Listening quality
- Peace of mind



ACOUSTICS FOR COLLABORATIVE LEARNING SPACES

INNOVATIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT & TEACHER CHANGE RESEARCH

Moving from a monologue to supporting a dialogue

Agile spaces embracing learner-centric approaches

Spatial typologies approach

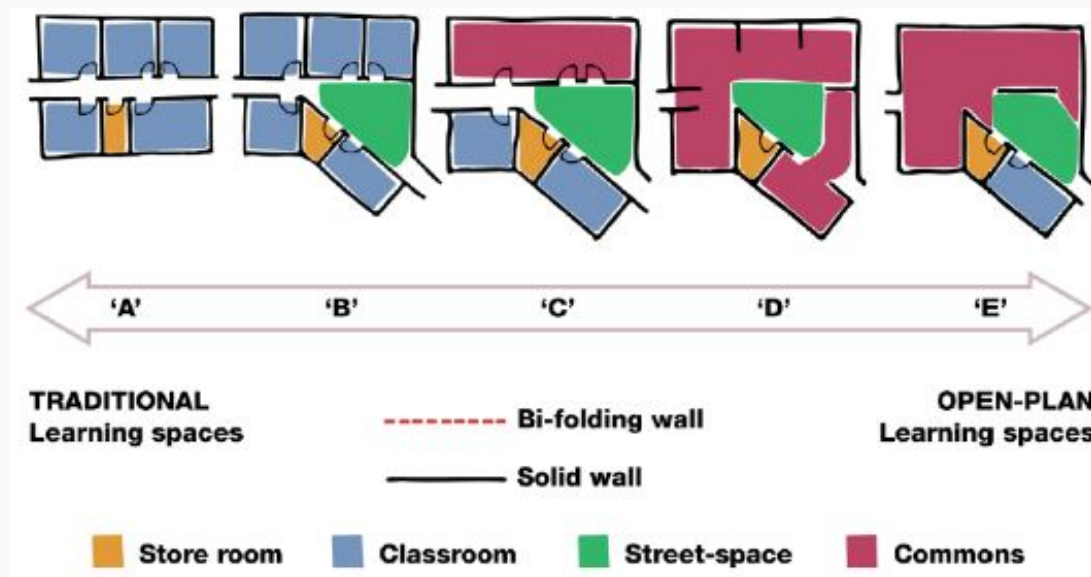


Figure 1. Dovey and Fisher's learning space typologies (2014), adapted by Soccio & Cleveland, 2015



INNOVATIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS TYPOLOGIES

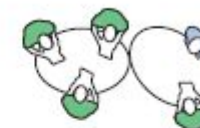
SPATIAL, T&L ACTIVITIES, FURNITURE



1: Teacher facilitated presentation, direct instruction or large group discussion.



2: Teacher facilitated small group discussion or instruction.



3: Team teacher facilitated presentation, direct instruction or large group discussion.



4: Collaborative/shared learning, supported by teachers as needed.



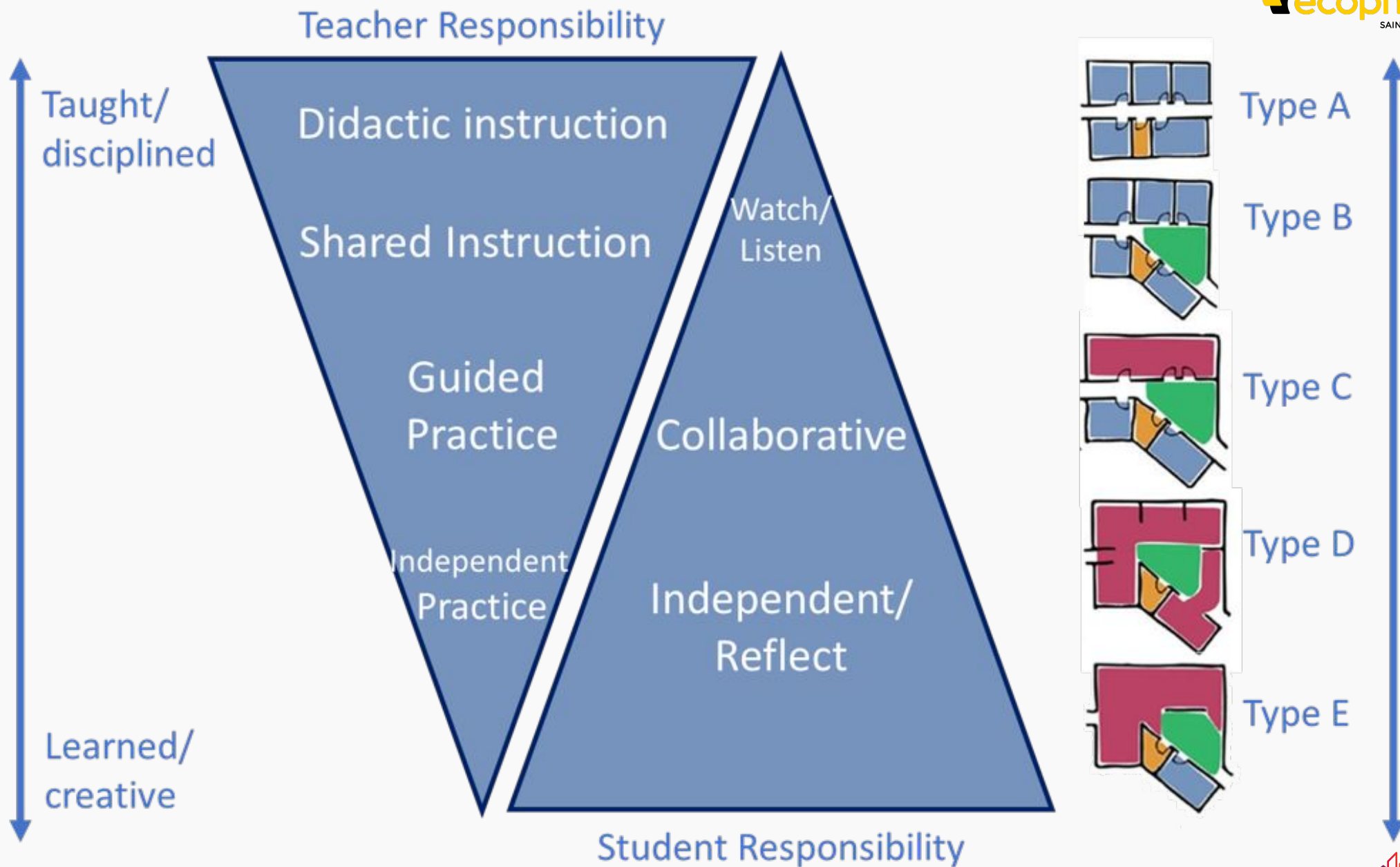
5: One-on-one instruction.



6: Individual learning.



Figure 2: Typology of teaching approaches.



Ref: LOOP.bz

STUDENT AGENCY



THEY BECOME
PROBLEM-SOLVERS



THEY CULTIVATE COOL,
GEEKY INTERESTS



THEY VIEW MISTAKES
AS LEARNING
OPPORTUNITIES



THEY DEVELOP A
GROWTH MINDSET



THEY ARE MORE
CREATIVE

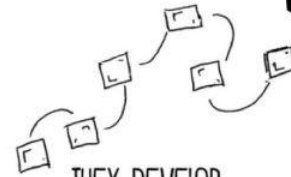


THEY LEARN
PROJECT
MANAGEMENT

WHAT HAPPENS
WHEN STUDENTS
OWN THEIR
LEARNING?



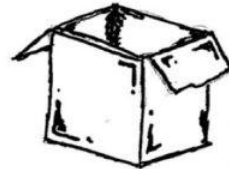
THEY LEARN
TO EXPERIMENT



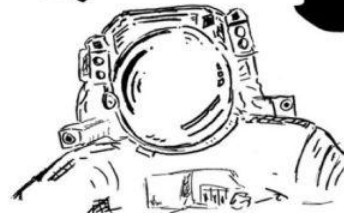
THEY DEVELOP
ITERATIVE
THINKING



THEY ARE READY
FOR THE GLOBAL
CREATIVE ECONOMY



THEY LEARN TO
THINK OUTSIDE
THE BOX



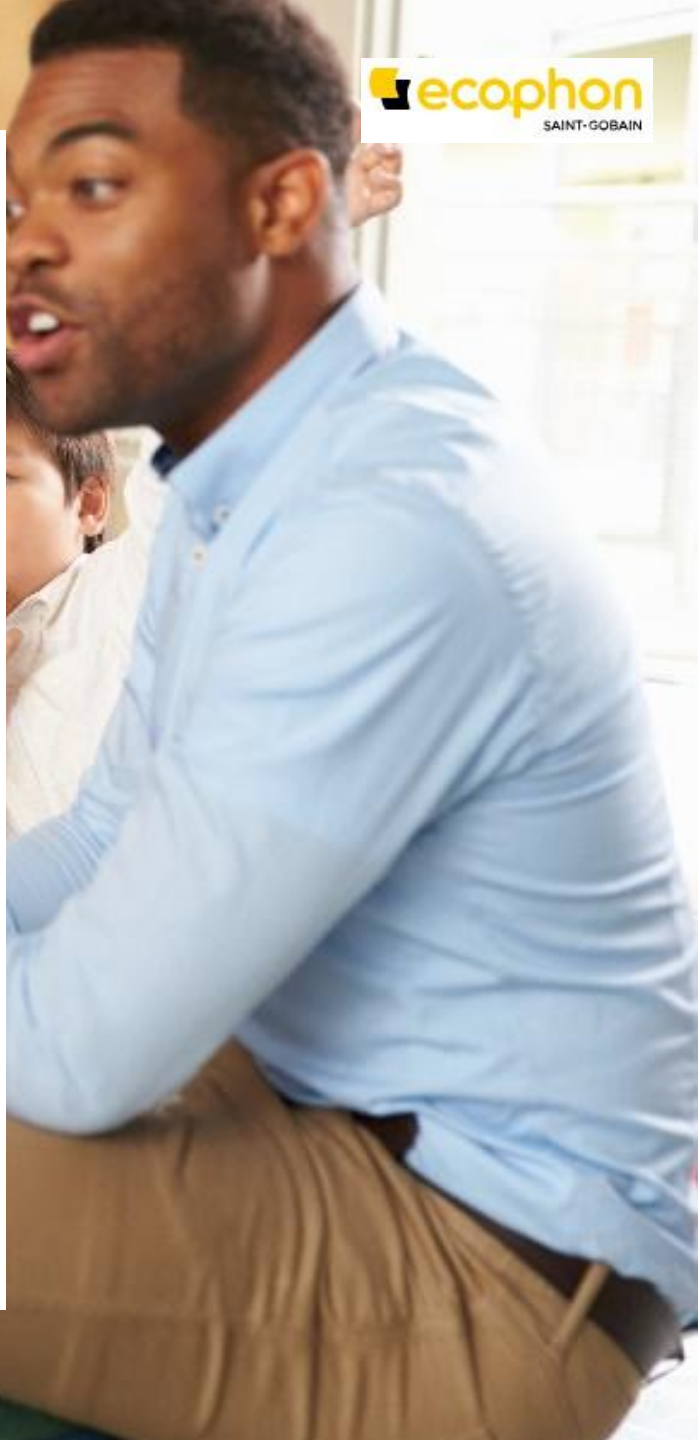
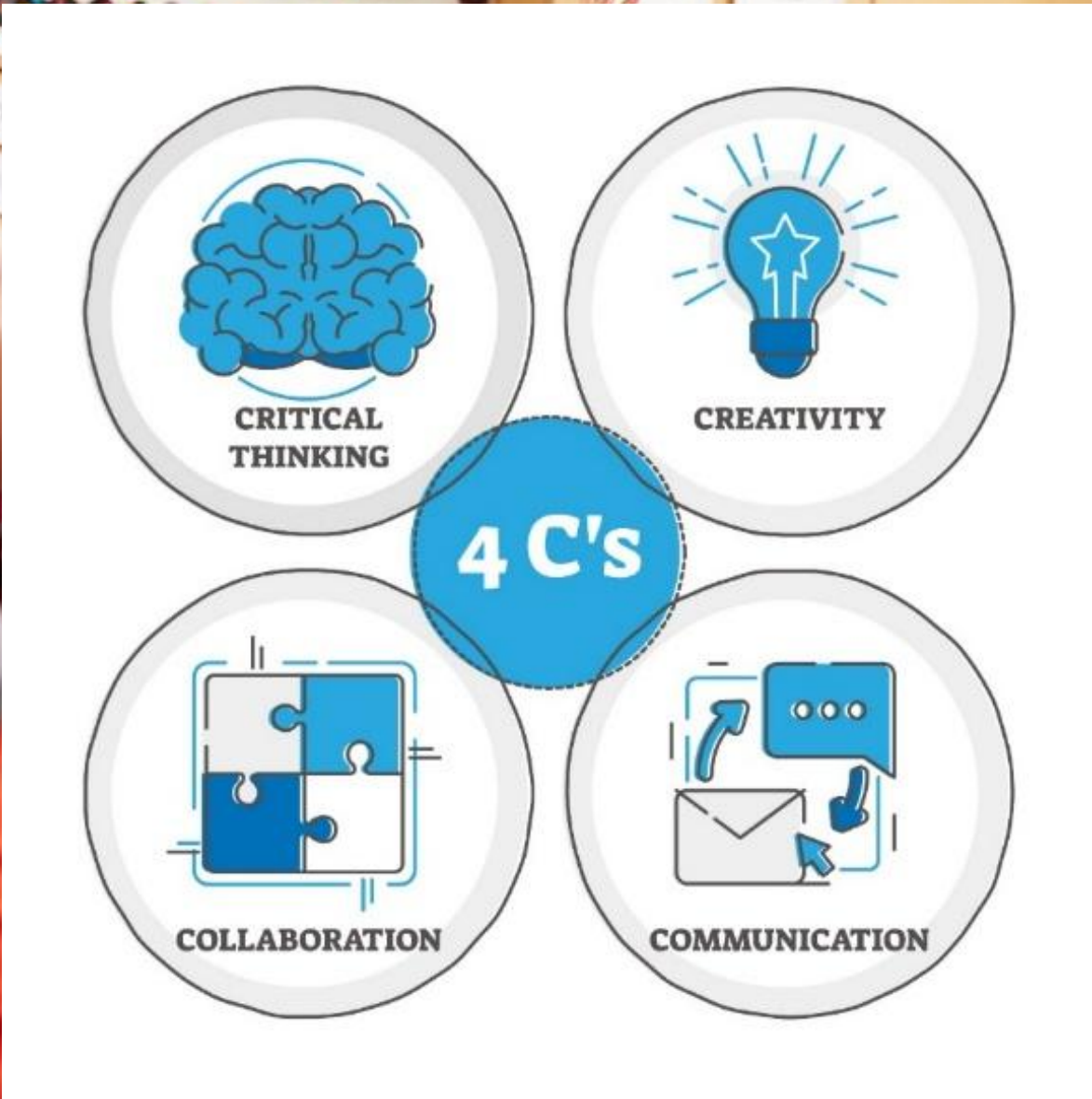
THEY BECOME
EXPLORERS



THEY BECOME
SYSTEMS THINKERS



THEY ARE
SELF-DIRECTED



WE *HEAR* WITH OUR EARS BUT WE *LISTEN* WITH OUR BRAINS



WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM

FUTURE OF JOBS

Type of skill

- Problem-solving
- Self-management
- Working with people
- Technology use and development



Reskilling needs

50%

of all employees will need reskilling by 2025.

Source: Future of Jobs Report 2020, World Economic Forum.

-  Analytical thinking and innovation
-  Active learning and learning strategies
-  Complex problem-solving
-  Critical thinking and analysis
-  Creativity, originality and initiative
-  Leadership and social influence
-  Technology use, monitoring and control
-  Technology design and programming
-  Resilience, stress tolerance and flexibility
-  Reasoning, problem-solving and ideation

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ACTIVITY BASED ACOUSTIC DESIGN

1 Activity

- **What will people be doing?**
Lectures? Homework? Deep learning? Noisy/quiet activities?

2 People






- **Who is performing the activity?**
Many or few? Age? Special needs?
Hearing impairments, ASD, ADHD etc.

3 Space

- **What kind of space is it?**
Big or small? Where in the building? Materials used?
Quiet or noisy (fans, alarms)?

ACTIVITY BASED APPROACH AND SPEECH COMMUNICATION

Learning Typologies

| Name | Symbol | Meaning |
|---|--|--|
| Campfire (Focused, scaffolded input) |  | A place for learners to come together, listen to experts and learn from each other. A sharing space for problem-creating, goal setting and curriculum-making. |
| Cave (Independent, reflective learning) |  | A safe, reflective space to be alone and to reflect or to work independently, without interruption or distraction from others. |
| Watering Hole (Collaborative learning) |  | A more informal space to gather for learning from peers, exchanging ideas in small groups. A good place to get help and advice when we get 'stuck' or need inspiration. A problem-solving space . |
| Fields (Experiential learning) |  | Practice, specialist, and creative spaces. Places where we actively try out ideas, test things out, applying our knowledge and skills in the wider world, life spaces. A 'doing' and moving space . |
| Journey to the Mountain Top (Celebratory, shared learning) |  | A place to celebrate and share learning with others. A place to feel proud. A wellbeing and 'feeling good' space. |

To support a mix of communication:

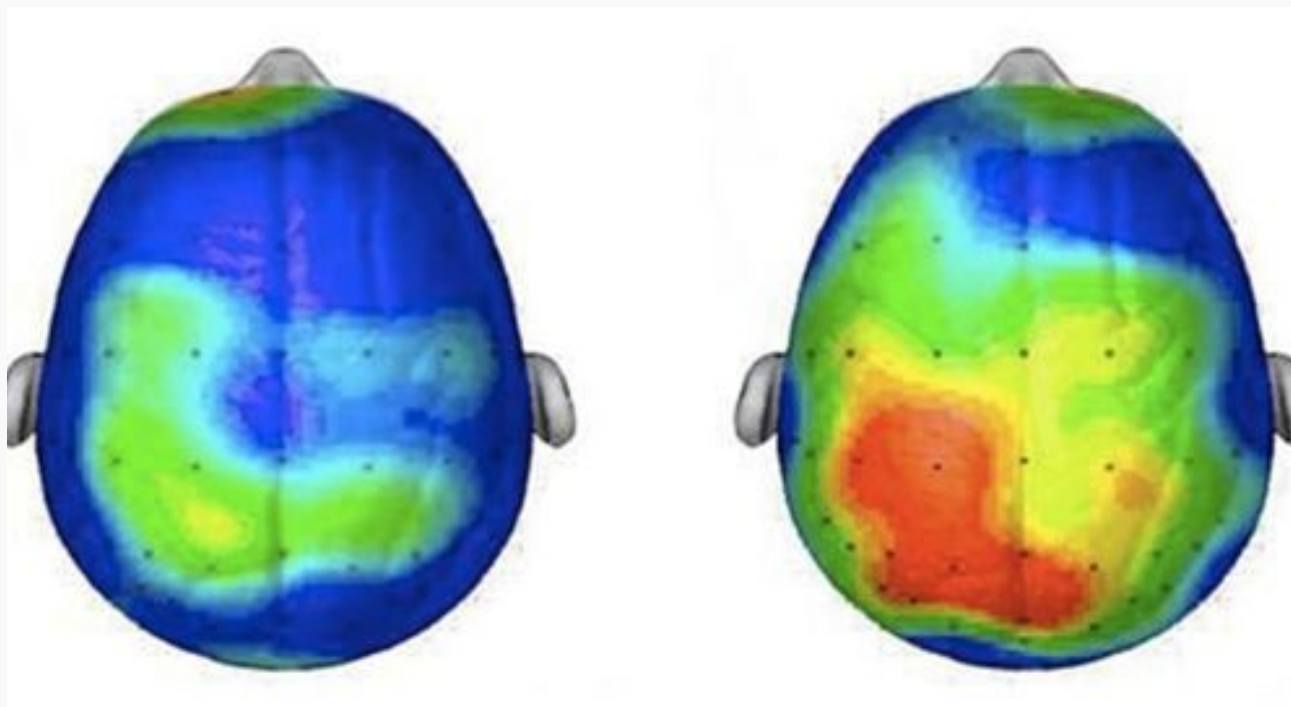
Gather & focus

Collaborate & explore

Talk & reflect

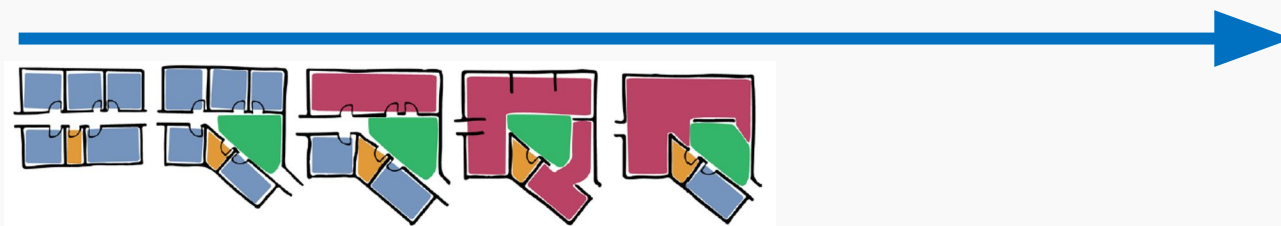
ENCOURAGING PARTICIPATION, ENGAGEMENT AND MOVEMENT

Benefits of activity
and moving into
different spaces



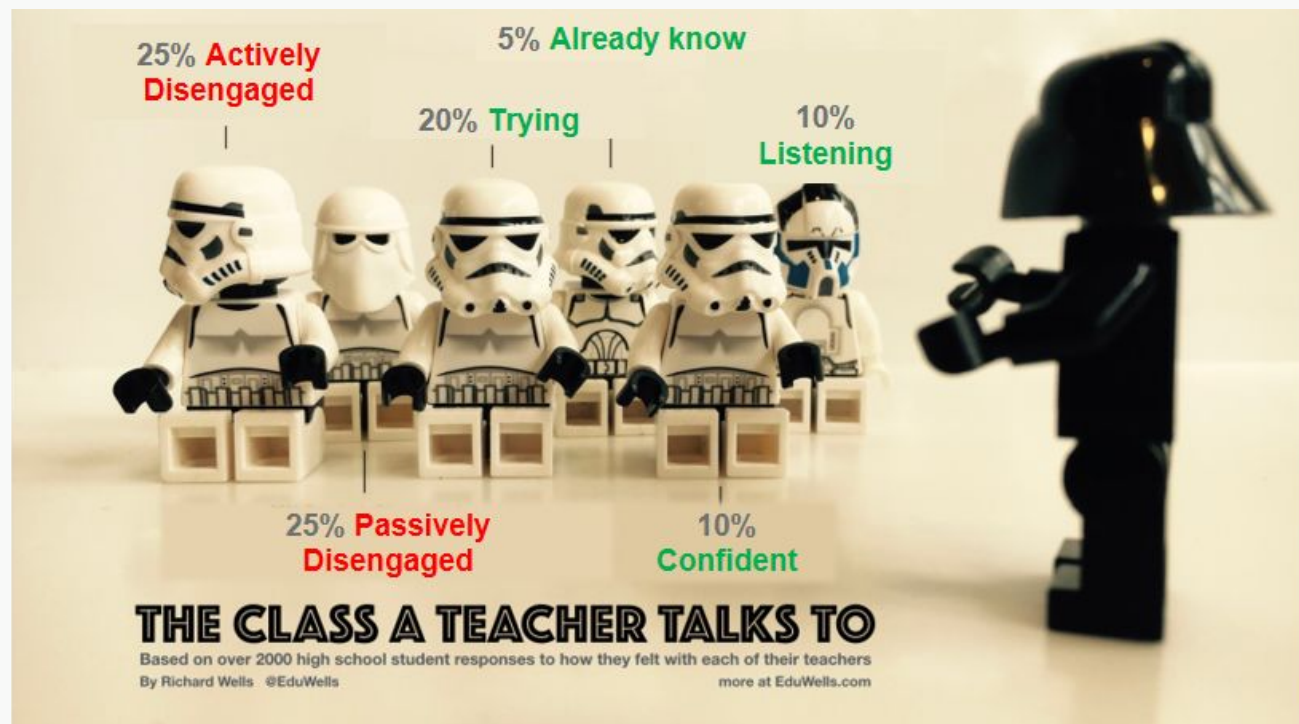
Passive student

Active student



FROM TEACHER TO STUDENT-CENTRIC

SPACES FOR DIALOGUE NOT JUST A TEACHER MONOLOGUE



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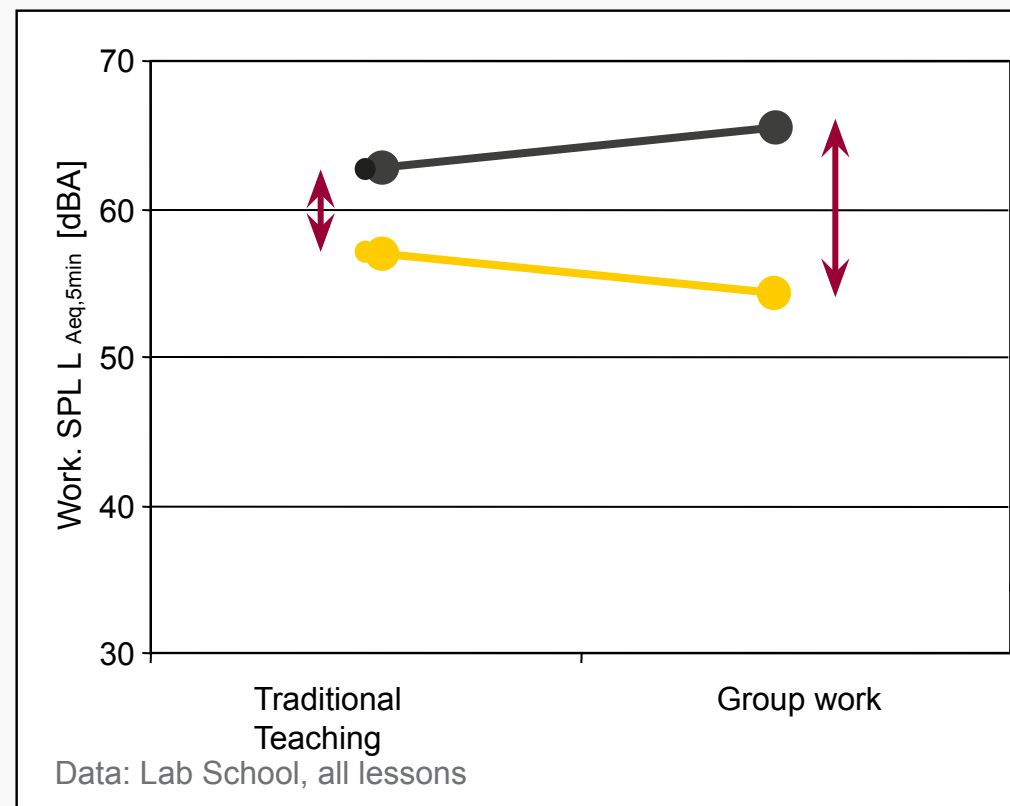
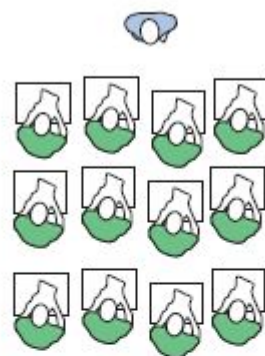
TEACHING STYLES AND SOUND LEVEL DIFFERENCES

Working Sound Pressure levels ($L_{Aeq,5min}$) before and after refurbishment

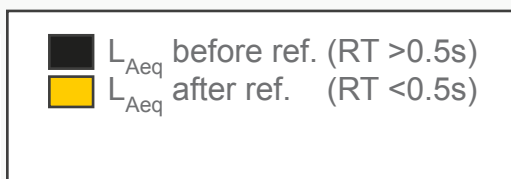


13 dB: 3dB predicted
10dB behavioural
"Buy 3dB – get 10dB for free!" G.Tiesler

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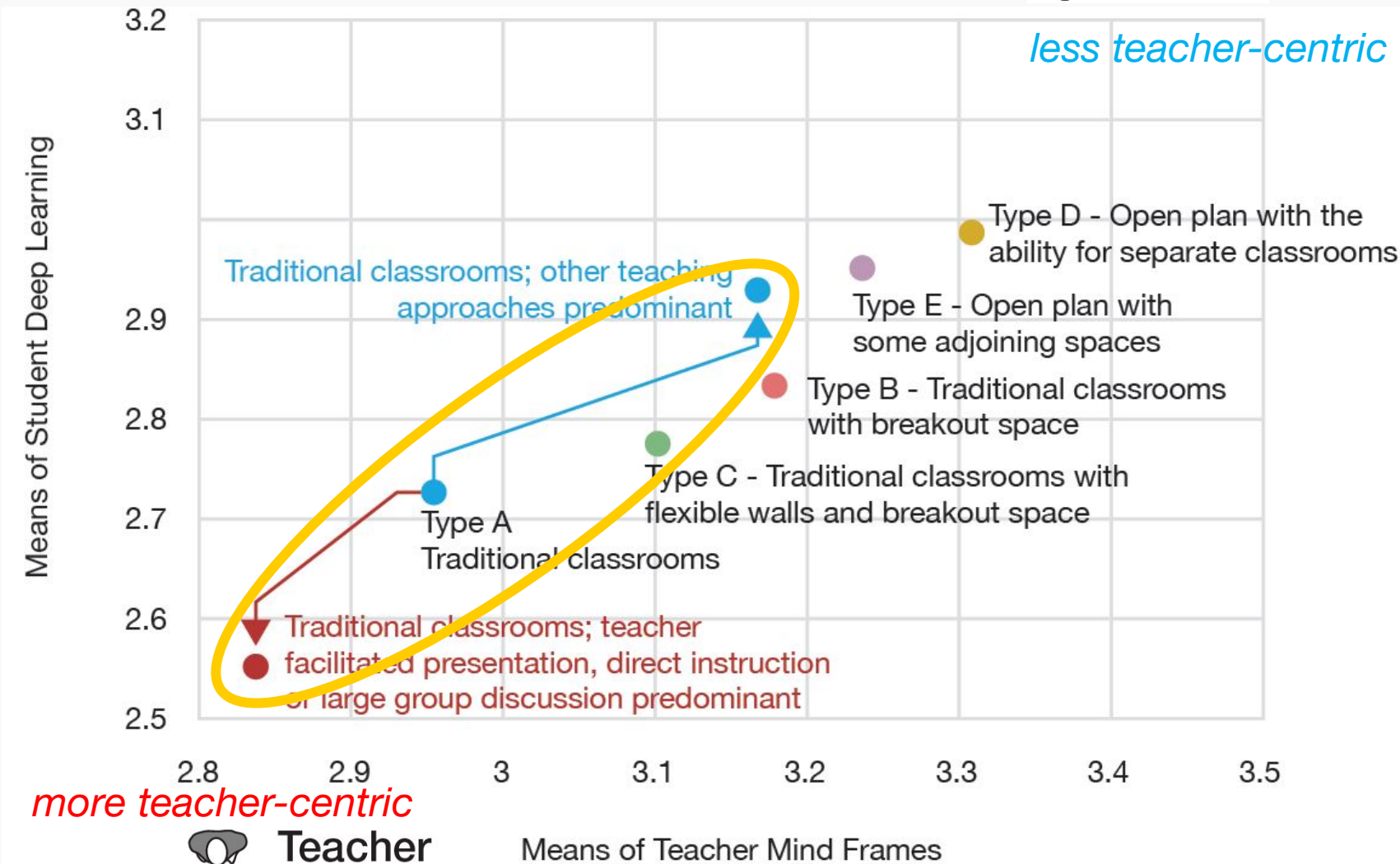
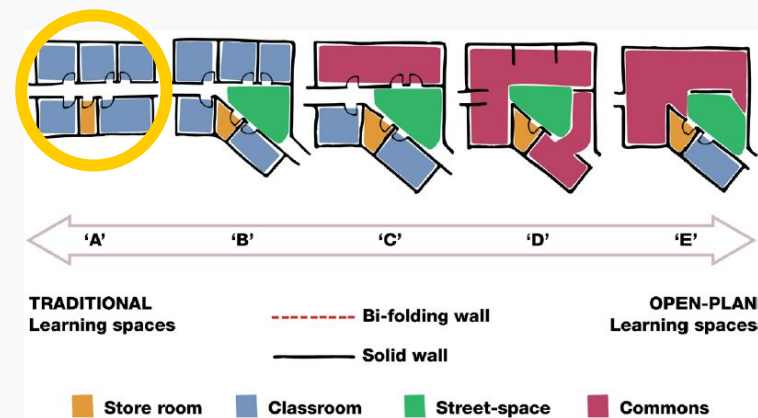


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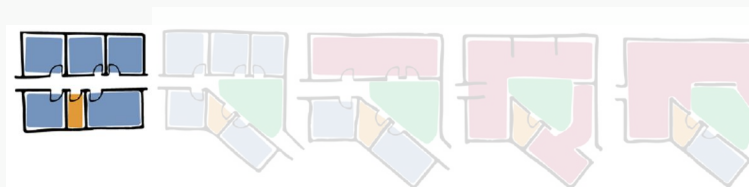
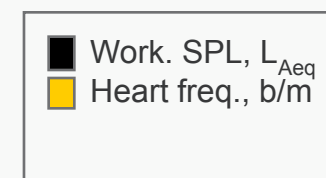
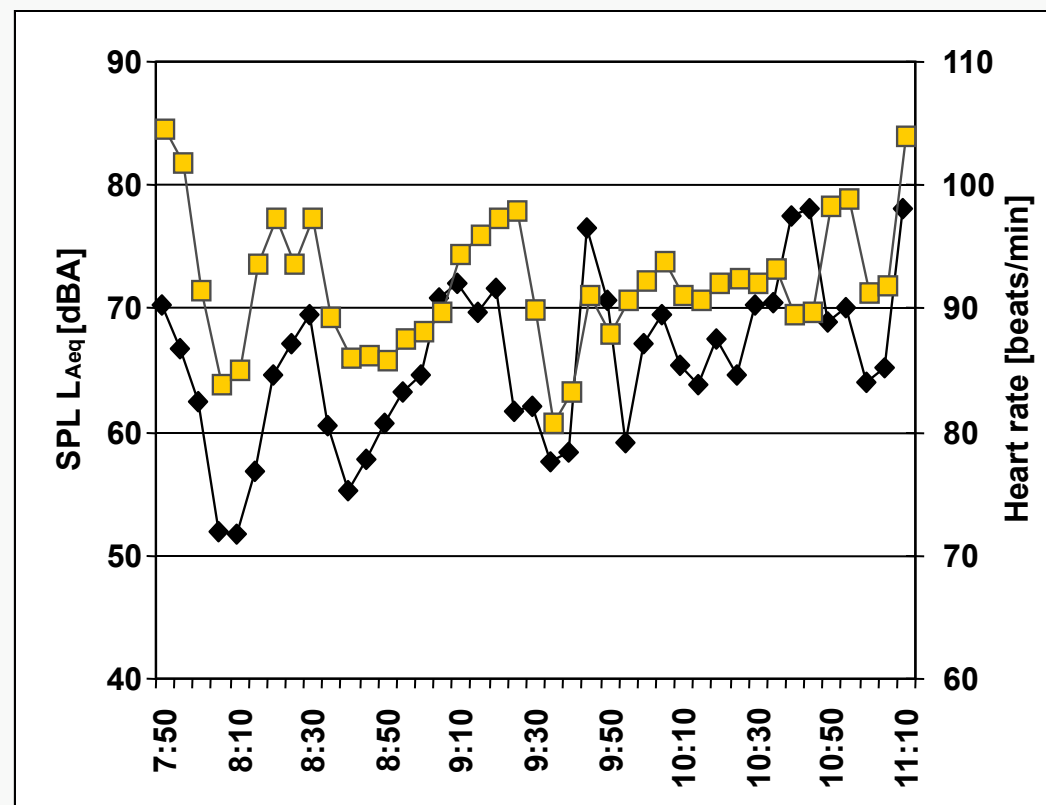
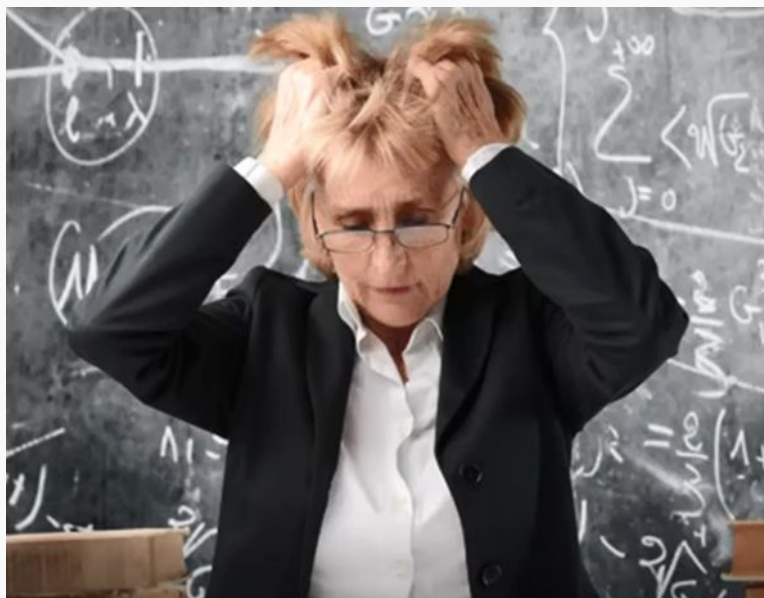
ILETC RESEARCH ABOUT DEEPER LEARNING

 Student



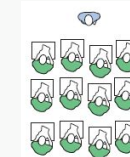
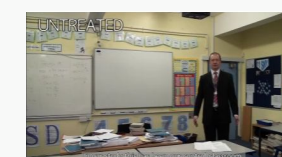
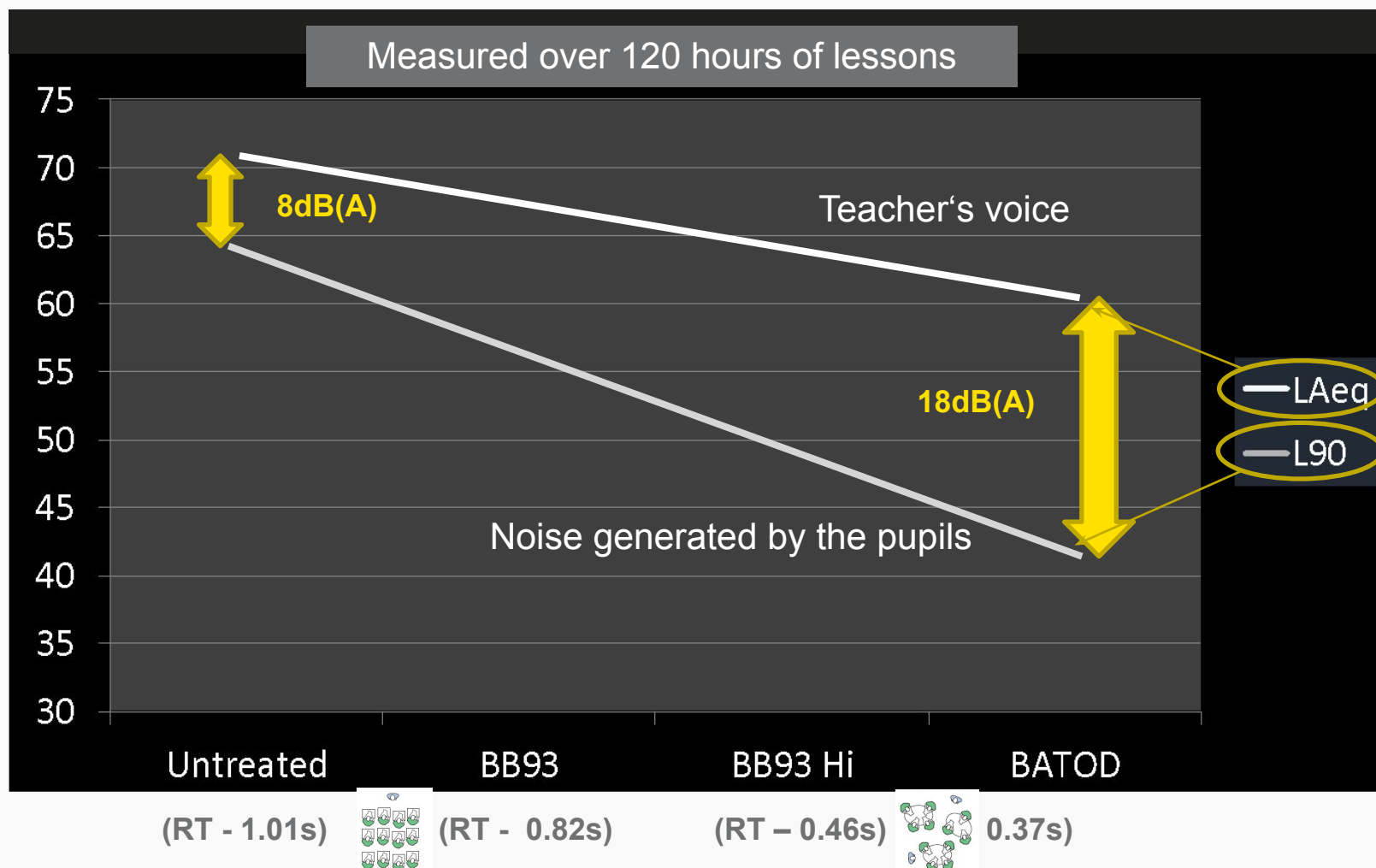
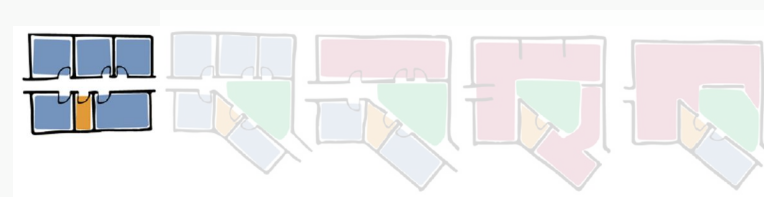
BREMEN STUDY

WORKING SPL AND AVERAGE HEART RATE_{5MIN} OF THE TEACHER

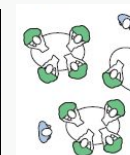


ESSEX STUDY

SOUND LEVELS (SNR) – "REVERSE LOMBARD"



1. Untreated "control" (RT - 1.01s) 2. BB93 Minimum (RT - 0.82s)



3. BB93 High (RT - 0.46s) 4. BATOD Maximised (RT - 0.37s)



Class Rules

- Listen
- Have all the necessary equipment
- No toilet break during lessons
- Try your best
- Take pride in your work
- Respect

James
Michael
Jack
Harry
Matt
James
Eliott

Untreated

times tables



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TRIANGLE NUMBERS



PRIME NUMBERS



TEACHER SURVEY – MOST NOISY AREAS IN SCHOOLS

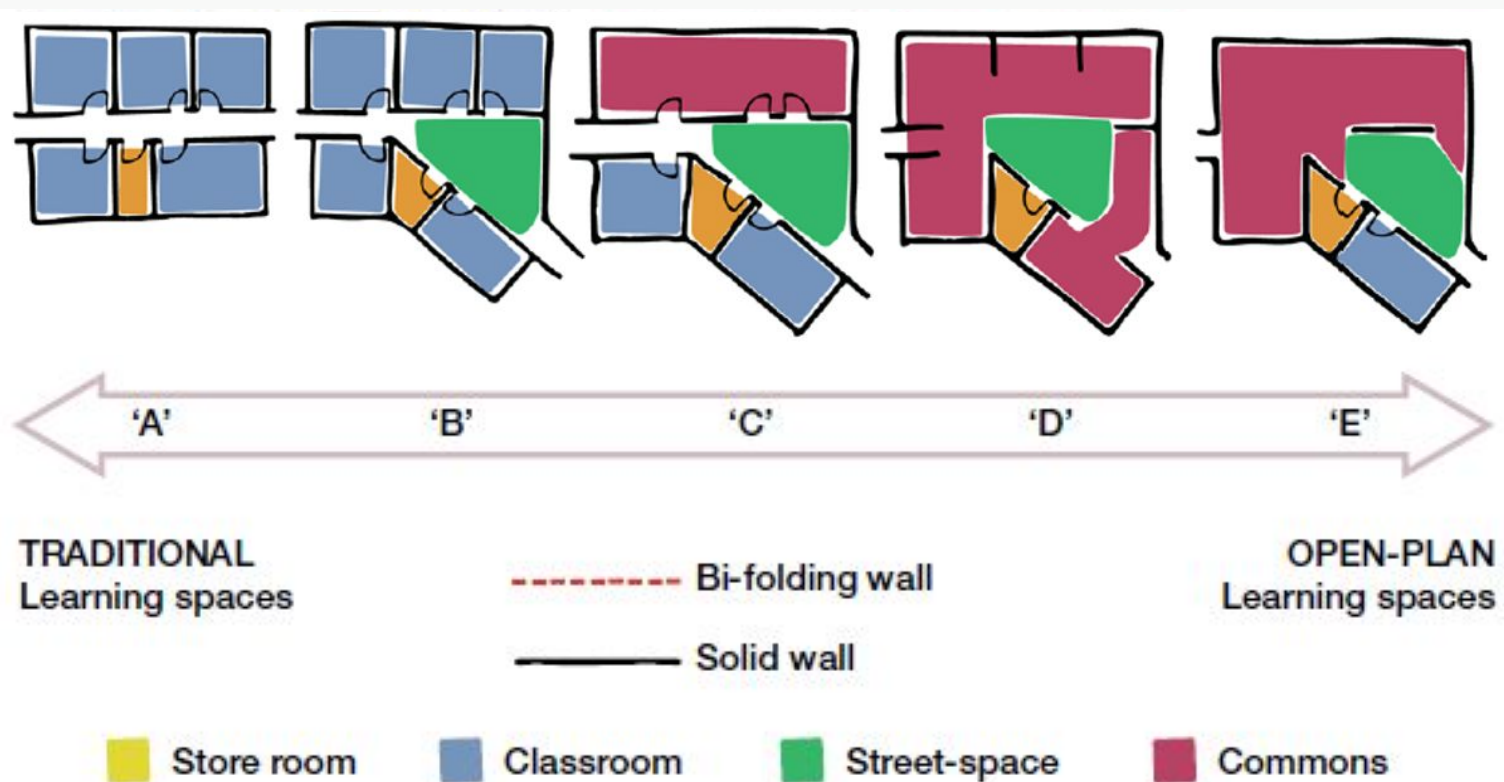
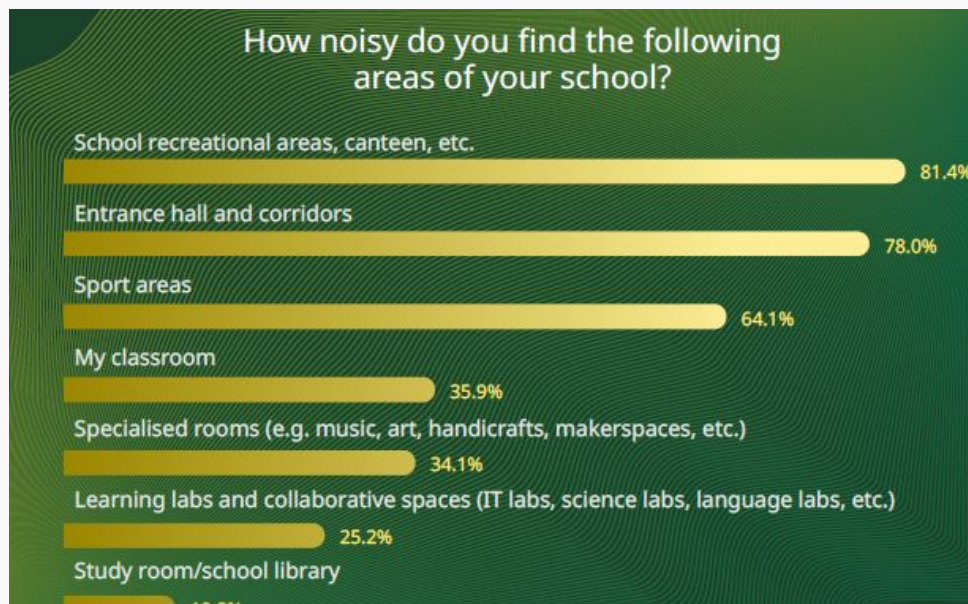
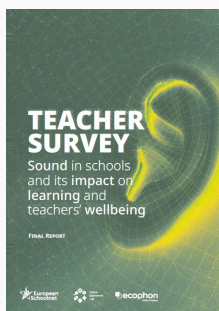
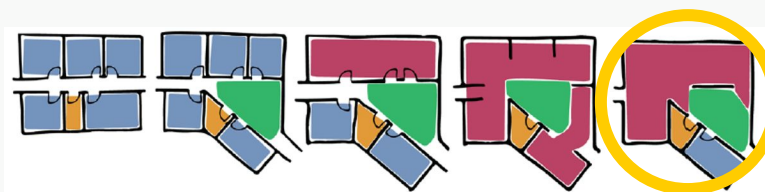


Figure 1: Dovey and Fisher's (2014) learning spaces types, as adapted in Imms, Cleveland, and Fisher (2016).



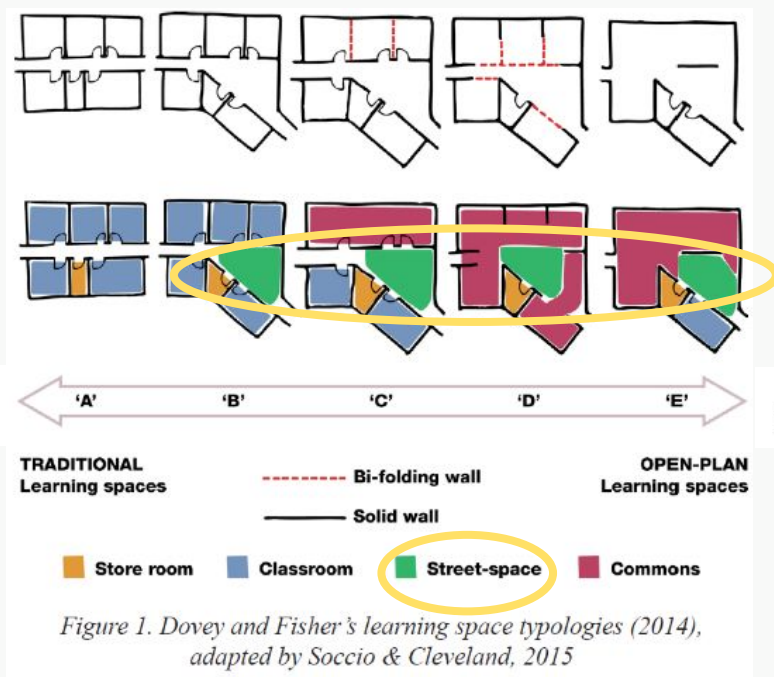
HAVING MORE OPEN SPACES LEARNING SPACES...

COULD GIVE THE ULTIMATE IN FLEXIBILITY



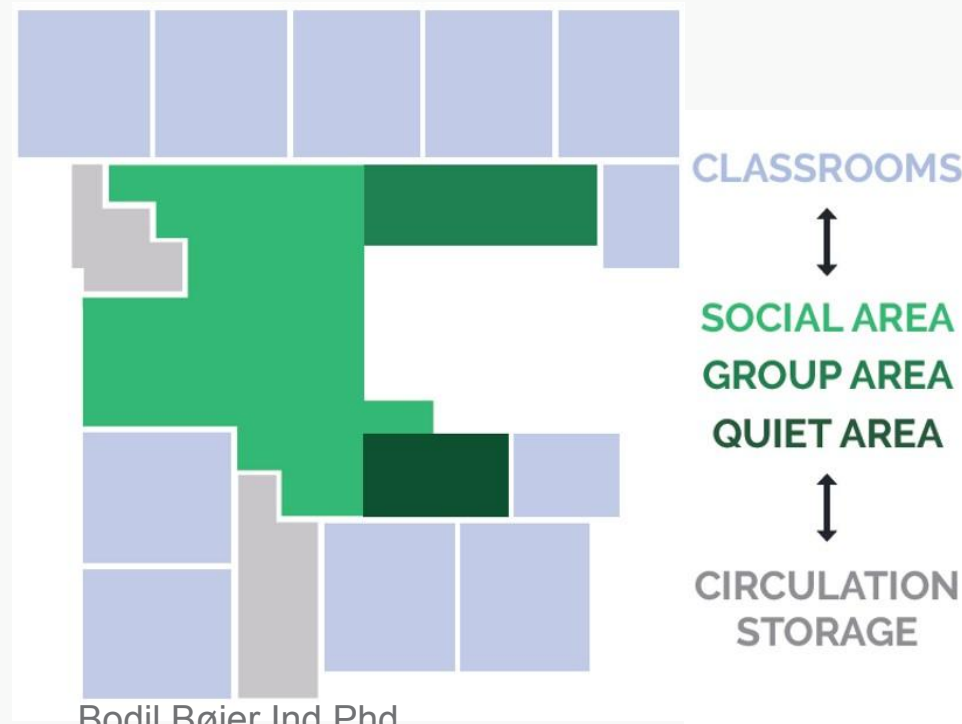
REMODELLING EXISTING SPACES AND STREET SPACES

INFORMAL LEARNING SPACES POTENTIAL

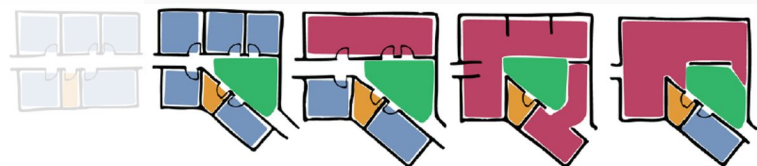


Student

Teacher

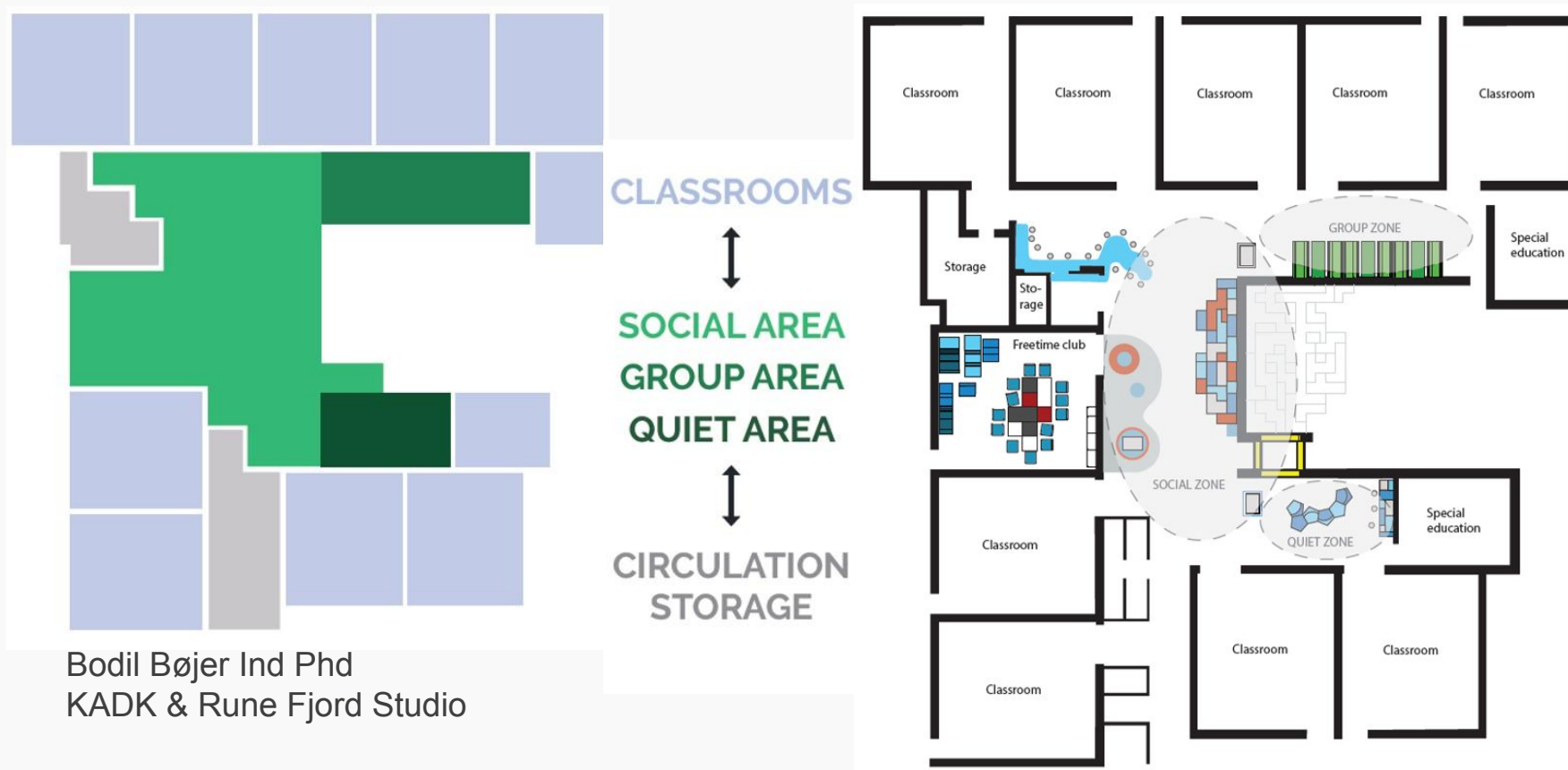


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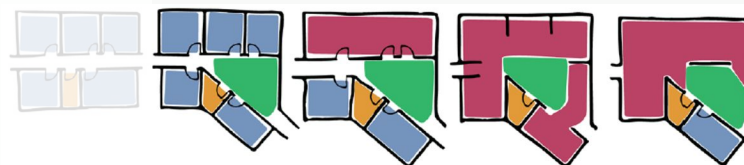


REMODELLING EXISTING CIRCULATION SPACES

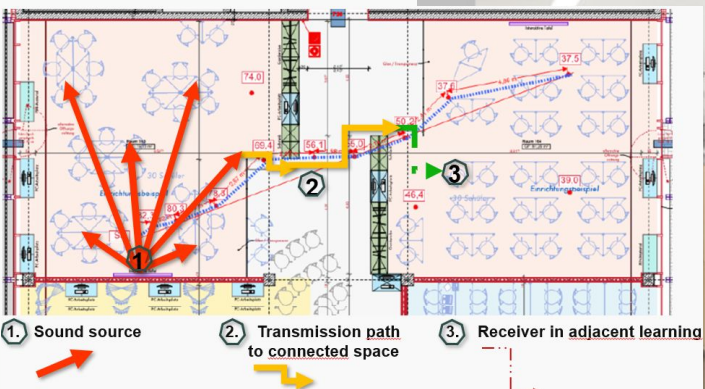
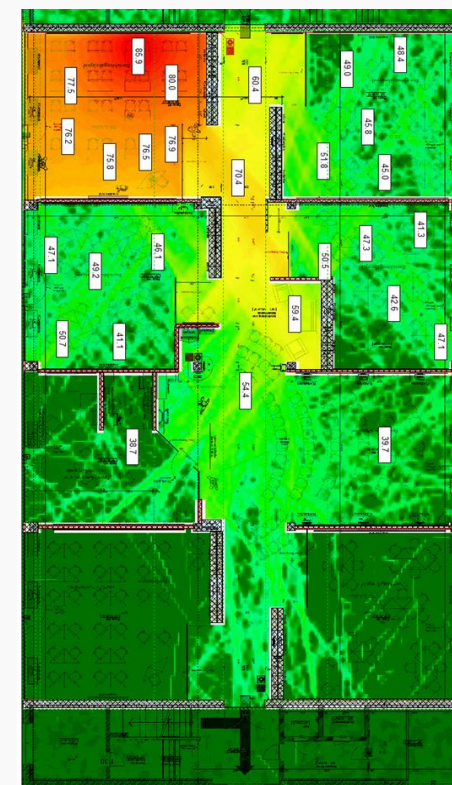
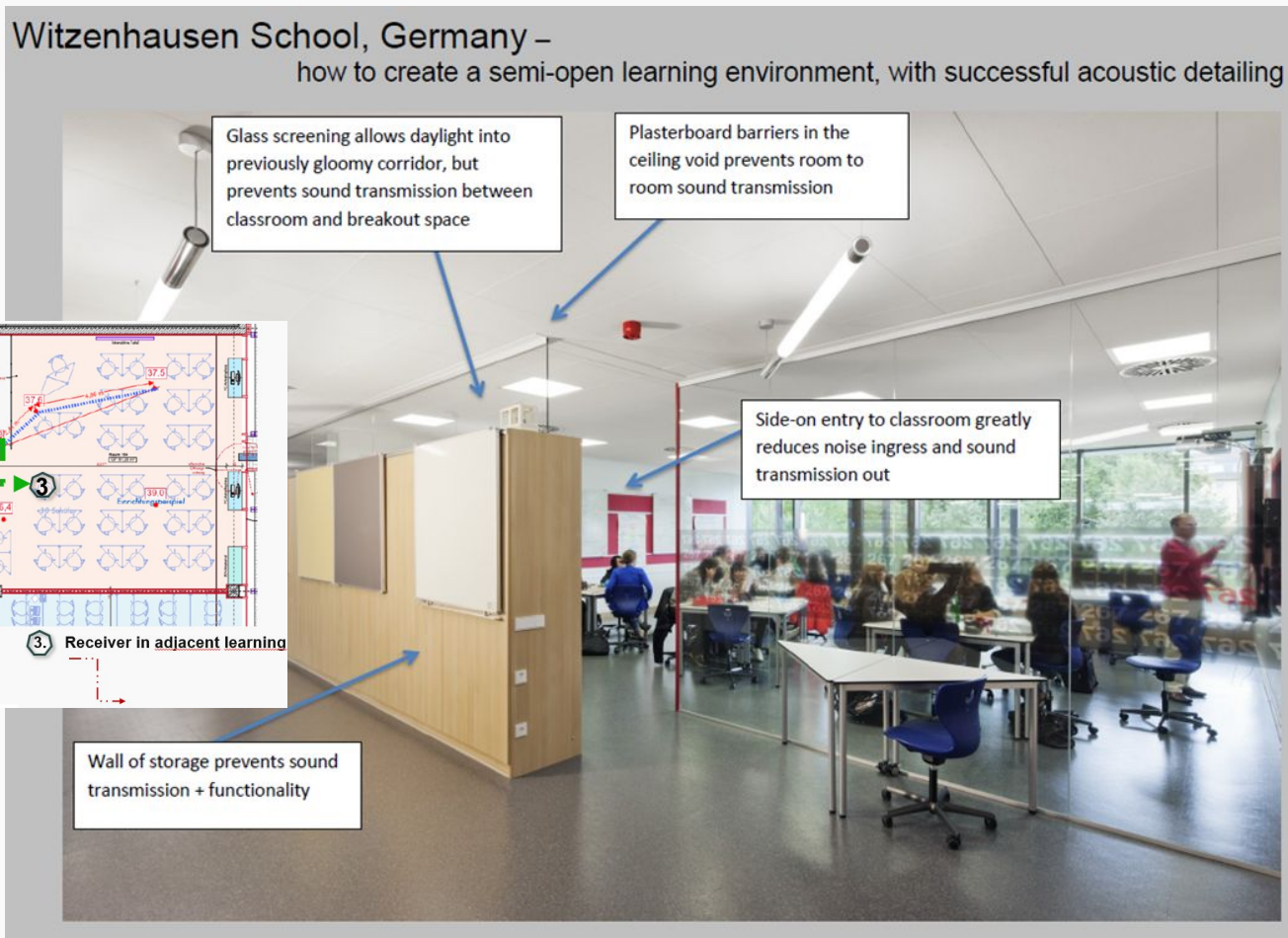
NEW POTENTIAL TO UNLOCK LEARNING SPACES



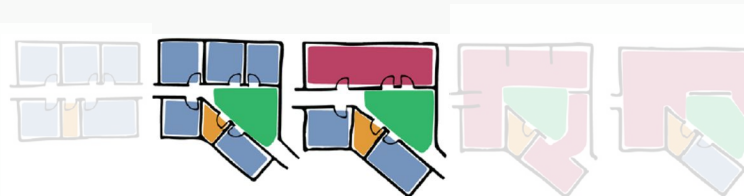
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WITZENHAUSEN SEMI-OPEN SCHOOL CASE STUDY



Educationally open and transparent but acoustically closed



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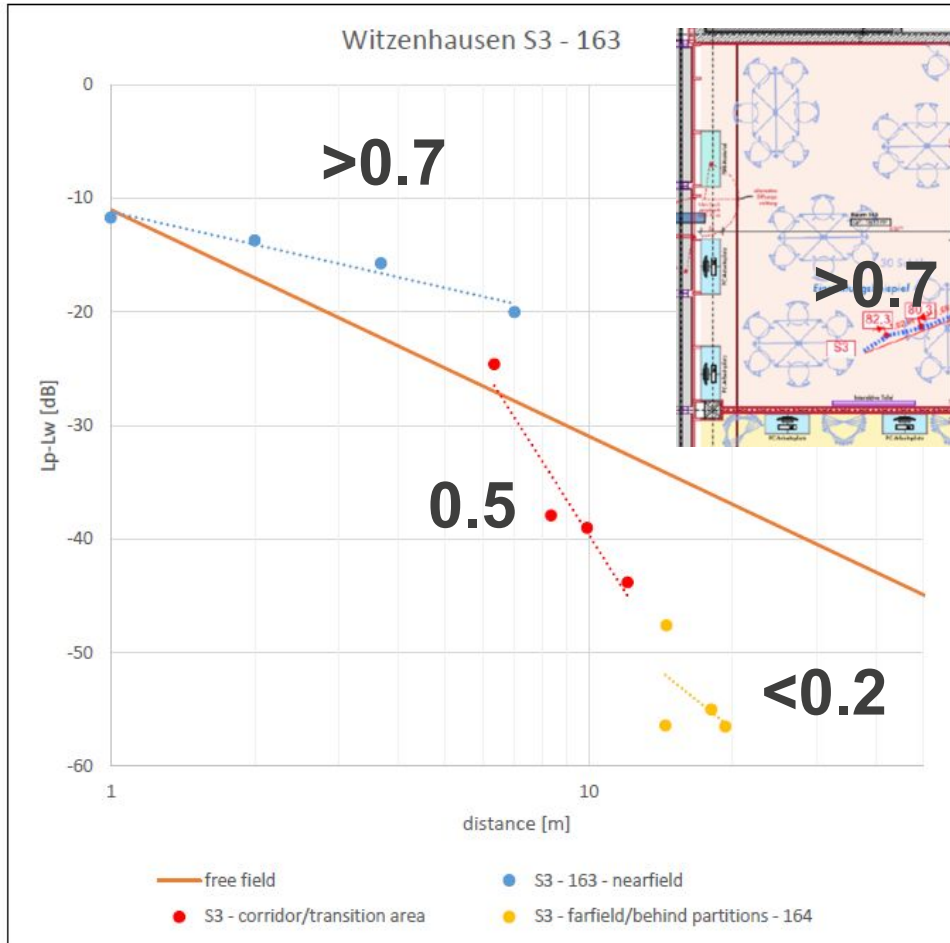
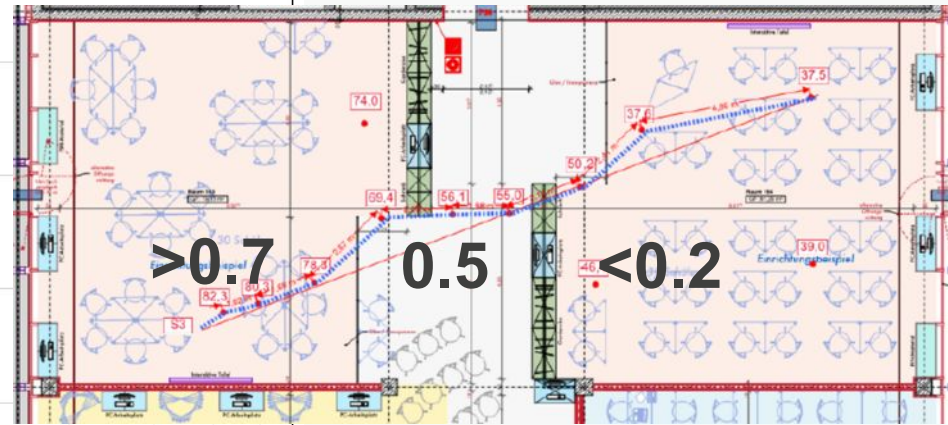


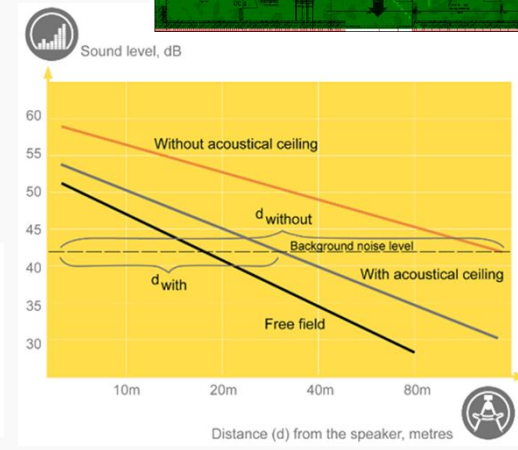
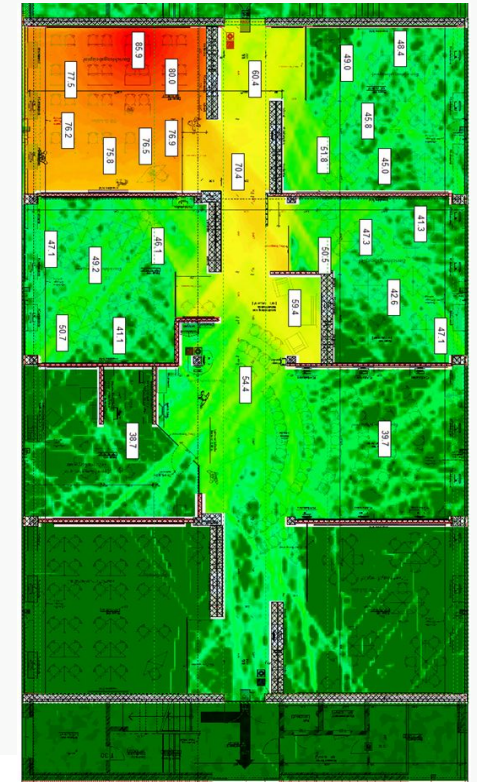
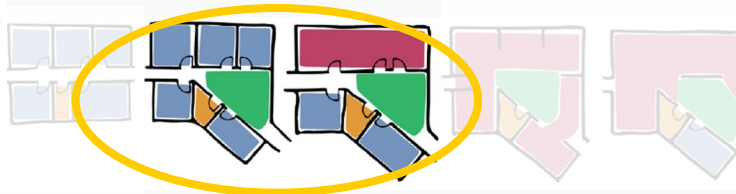
Figure 4.8
Sound propagation along measurement path S3.



RT: 0.48s (Reverberance)
C50: 8dB (Speech clarity)
STI values >0.7 (Good – Excellent)
(Speech Transmission Index)

Corridor:
STI values around 0.5 (Poor – Fair)

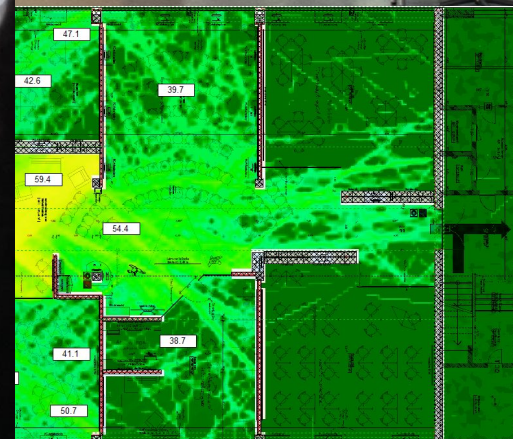
Adjacent / neighbouring classrooms:
STI values <0.2 (Bad)



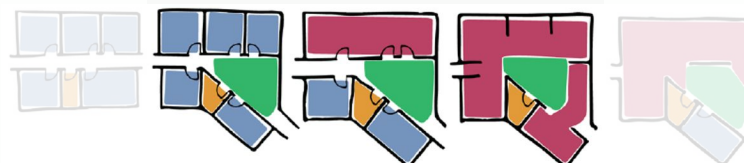
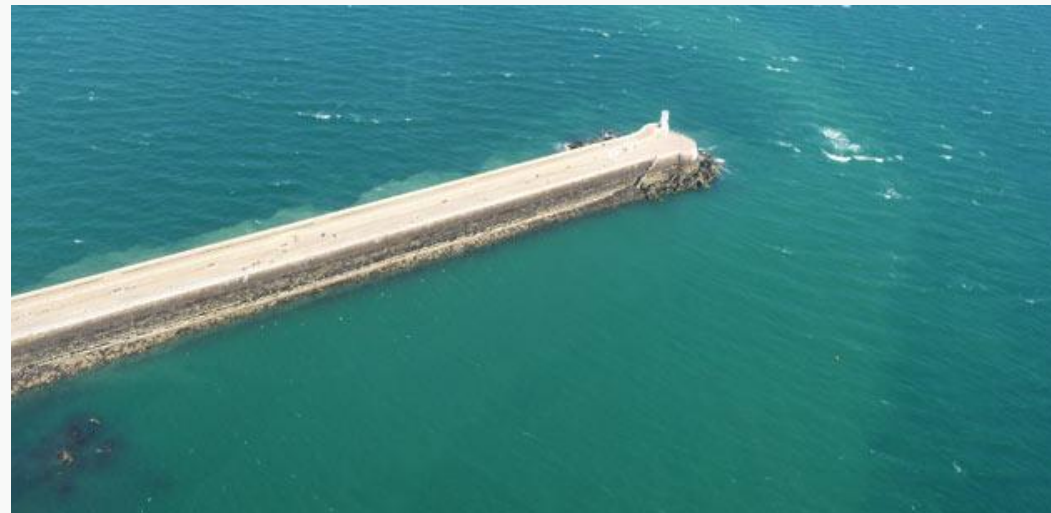
Storm Sven



Witzenhausen School, Germany –
how to create a semi-open learning environment, with successful acoustic detailing



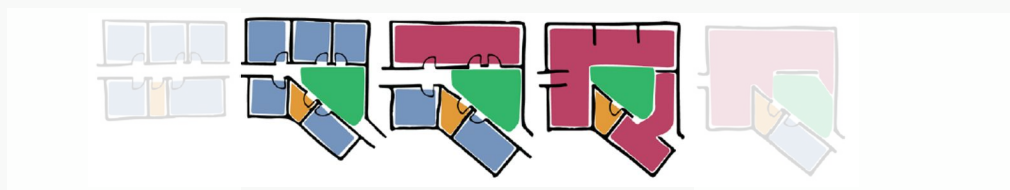
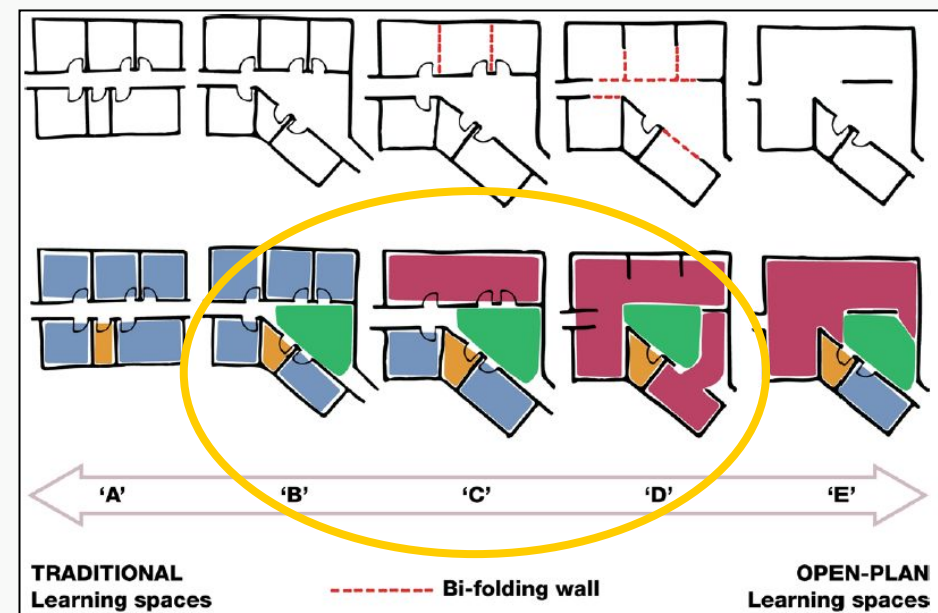
REDUCING SOUND ENERGY IS MUCH THE SAME AS WATER



OPTIMISING ACOUSTIC DESIGN

TO SUPPORT ALL LEARNING SPACES

- Starting with the educational vision and leadership.
- Health and wellbeing focus.
- Culture dependent – management & behaviour.
- Activity Based Acoustic Design approach
- Optimising acoustics and the indoor environment will support both positive teaching / learning activities and outcomes.
- Support inclusion of ASD & ADHD



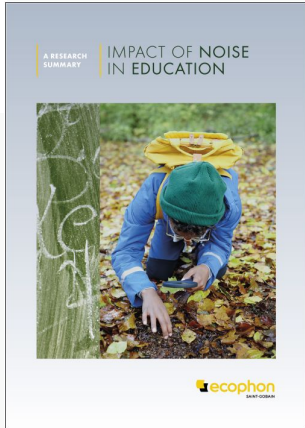
A sound effect on people



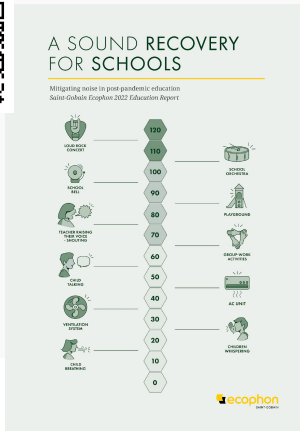
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RESEARCH DOCUMENTS, STUDIES AND A STUDY APP

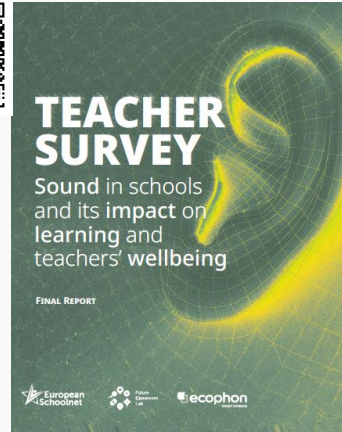
Research summary (2022)



Post-pandemic student survey (2022)



Teacher survey report (2023)

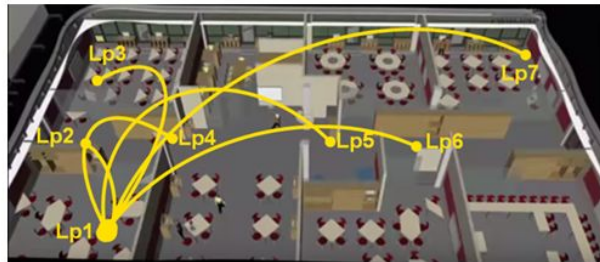


Study App



How open should a learning space be – acoustically? School Case Study 1

2017-09-20 by Colin Campbell



Sliding doors combined with good acoustics enable more student-centric learning – School Case Study 2

2018-06-27 by Colin Campbell



Do you know many open plan schools which really work acoustically? – School Case Study 3

2018-10-03 by Colin Campbell

