



UNIT 2 – Travel to Zurich, Switzerland

THE FUTURE OF OPEN BUILDING

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“How can we design ... without necessarily imposing uniformity ... where variety and adaptability over time are desirable?” (Habraken, 1967, 3)

Unit 2 will be participating in THE FUTURE OF OPEN BUILDING conference at ETH Zürich, Switzerland, during September 9-11, 2015. The conference asks participants to critically consider the notion of what ‘open building’ can offer today and for the future.

As part of the Unit 2 approach of engaging with a national and international network of thinkers and practitioners in the field of Open Building, Urbanism and Human Settlements, one student will be offered an opportunity to travel to Zurich, to the ETH Wohnforum – ETH CASE which will be hosting the Conference. This is a unique opportunity to link strongly with current international trends in thinking about the built environment and to pioneer Open Building thinking in South Africa and developing countries.

To be considered for selection, each student will write a 300 word blog post about the conference. It will be an explication of your thinking around the relevance of open building to you, how it can/will be explored and applied in your own design thinking, and should be accompanied by one leading image (from completed Unit 2 projects or a new image). This will double as a ‘motivation / application’ to assist with the selection for the conference and should be posted by Monday 30th March at 9am.

This is an exceptional opportunity from which you will no doubt benefit immeasurably. We look forward to your contributions.

Unit 2 coordinators
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