

BE A PART OF Design LAB 2018



BUILD AWARENESS. BUILD KNOWLEDGE. BUILD COMMUNITY.



"I had opportunities like this growing up and I enjoy being able to do the same for others."
- 2016 Design LAB volunteer



"It allows me to expand the minds of others and how they look at the space(s) in which they interact with everyday differently. I am also able to give back to my community."
- 2016 Design LAB volunteer



"I love teaching kids about careers in architecture and design and am always surprised and excited to see what they come up with."
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What Makes Design LAB Unique?

You!

We recruit professionals working in the built environment to assist teachers who are implementing Design LAB. It is the volunteers who make this program come to life for the students who look forward to their volunteer's visits. Professionals (including architects, contractors, designers, engineers, and more) help guide students through a real-world, themed design problem, emphasizing critical thinking, problem solving, visual and verbal communication, creative expression, and presentation skills.

Offered Free

It is because of our sponsors and talented volunteers that we are able to offer this project-based design education program to K-12 classes in the Cincinnati area at no cost to the school. In 2017, we reached 2200 students in 125 classrooms through 56 educators and 100 volunteers.

Annual Challenge

Design LAB isn't the same program each year, there is a different challenge annually. The theme for 2018 is **Food for Thought** - where we are challenging students to be forward thinkers about where our food comes from, where we buy it, and where it is consumed. Students will research, design, and build models of an innovative food space.

The Exhibit

The students' work is analyzed, critiqued, and celebrated during a week-long exhibit.

Why Volunteer?

We only require one visit each month, a total of only 4 visits.

Most volunteers end up doing more than that because they enjoy their time in the classroom so much. It is not necessary or expected, but you may find yourself spending more time than you signed up for, simply out of personal fulfillment.

Give back to your community.

There is no better way to give back to the community than by working with students. For some of these students, this program is the only opportunity they have to use their imagination or think past the situation they are in. We have two volunteers who were participants of this program when they were in school and are now working as professionals in the built environment. You could be the deciding factor for what impact your students make when they grow up or which profession they decide to pursue.

What's Expected of Volunteers?

Show up.

Volunteers are required to show up at their school when they have scheduled to be there and to participate in the entirety of the program. The students get very excited to see you, so it is incredibly important to hold true to that commitment.

Be engaged.

As a volunteer, it is expected that during your classroom visits you assist your teacher-- helping the students you are working with and giving them encouraging feedback.

Questions?

Contact Christen Lubbers at eddir@architecturecincy.org or 859.816.5858

2018 SCHEDULE

January 8
Program Kick Off

January 8- April 27
Research, Design, and Creation Period

April 28- May 5
Design LAB Exhibit Week

May TBD
Educator & Volunteer Appreciation Event

Register Online
www.architecturecincy.org/programs/design-lab/



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