

WELCOME HOME – DANISH ARCHITECTURE CENTER'S OPENING EXHIBITION AT BLOX

Danish Architecture Center (DAC) opens at BLOX in May with the exhibition 'Welcome Home'. The exhibition is a kaleidoscope of different angles on Danish homes and housing dreams – from the historical shifts that have shaped the way we live, via current challenges that raise questions about the way we live today, to artistic and technological visions for our future dwellings. On top of the exhibition, the summer is full of activities and events related to Welcome Home in and outside of DAC.

Architects design houses. People create homes. More than anywhere else, architecture is ever-present and essential in the buildings that provide the framework for our daily lives. Where, how, and with whom we live are all-important to our quality of life. For this very reason, the home serves as the focal point of the first exhibition at Danish Architecture Center's new home in BLOX.

The question of how we, as humans, inhabit this world is probably as old as our culture. Since the beginning of time, we as humans have been developing our way of living. First as a way to shield us from the raw nature and later as a frame for creating families, communities and advanced societies.

Welcome Home explores the homes of Danes through history, and the major waves – such as industrialisation and globalisation – that have shaped the way we live; it also examines how current challenges, such as demographics and evolving family structures, are inspiring more flexible homes, and presents an array of artistic and technological proposals for reprogramming the massive residential complexes of the 1960s and transforming them into attractive homes of the future.

"The housing of the future is already built. Looking 25-30 years into the future, the vast majority of the homes the Danes will live in, are already built. Therefore, it is interesting to ask how we can upgrade the existing housing stock to meet new demands for sustainability and to accommodate new family structures and dreams?" says Tanya Lindkvist, Head of LIFE Programme in DAC.

Olafur Eliasson interprets the feeling of home

The first element in the exhibition visitors will meet is an installation by the world-famous Danish-Icelandic artist Olafur Eliasson. In Multiple shadow house, visitors create and complete

the work. It is a sensoric experience of how we relate to spaces with our bodies, how spatiality only comes to live, when we inhabit it, how rooms create meetings and relationships - and how the physical framework affects our behaviour, our movements and our interaction. Multiple shadow house causes the viewer to re-examine even the most common familiarities, such as light, with renewed appreciation and wonder.

"We invited Olafur Eliasson to create this work here because it provides a direct experience of what happens when we enter a space and meet each other. We think that it will be a very good way to for our guests to tune into the exhibition and engage with the debate and discussion about what a home is and can be," says Kent Martinussen, CEO of Danish Architecture Center.

Program 2018

Welcome Home: May 7th – September 23rd 2018

Olafur Eliasson's Multiple shadow house: May 6th – 21st October 2018

Capture your City: Exhibition on the square in front of BLOX during the summer of 2018

OVE – Arup and the Philosophy of Total Design: October 12th – 17th February

Dreyers Architecture Gallery: October – December 2018

Utzon - Horizon: November 9th – March 2019

Danish Architecture Center

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