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“Rooms on View – Home and Design Exhibition”

Research Component

Research Background:

Ten invited project teams were convened including participants from the major interior design and architecture practices in Brisbane to each design and coordinate the construction of an environment responding to the topic of ‘meaningful place’. “Rooms on View” as the focal point of the annual “Home and Design Show” and viewed by some 70,000 people is a one-week event at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre.

A group-based project for third year interior design students provided, after selection, the one non-professional (student) entry to this exhibition.

Funding was raised by the student group who then coordinated with a professional shopfitter on every aspect of the construction of the space.

Research Contribution:

Interior environments are often displayed as static, unoccupied spaces disjointed from obvious links to a larger context and meaning. In this case, the successful student group, in collaboration with the Queensland Deaf Society designed and constructed a highly responsive sensory environment based on the expression of a sanctum for a hearing impaired client.

Research Significance:

The event received considerable exposure and was featured widely in the local media. At the conclusion of the event, the QUT student entry overwhelmingly won the “**Peoples Choice**” Award. The student group won the DIA **Emerging Designer** Award and were featured in the DIA Award publication.