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Announcing the Universal Design Education Charter: A Framework for the Future

Singapore – Globally We Design (GloW-DESIGN) is pleased to announce the release of the **Universal Design Education Charter**.

This document is the immediate outcome of GloW-DESIGN's 2018 ReDesignEd Educators Forum which took place on 24-26 October in Singapore. A cross section of educators, representing all aspects of professional design education leadership from around the world, were assembled at LASALLE College of the Arts, the Forum's venue host. This group of 36 individuals from 23 countries and teaching at 22 institutions,

worked collaboratively and proactively to rethink the future of global design education. This Charter was prepared and accepted by those present, taking collective responsibility as designers to face the rapidly changing world. It recognizes that ***“design education is the process by which a person is inducted as a designer and becomes a member of the global design community.”***

The articles comprising the Universal Design Education Charter address the key issues of continuous culture change, knowledge and skills (education), sustainability, technology, acknowledgement (certification) and the betterment of all life as design's primary concern. Arrived at through a three-day, highly focused, structured, iterative and democratic process, its purpose is to serve as a global, collective and aspirational framework and filter through which design education and curricula are measured, valued and contextualized. Those present represented existing, evolving and emerging design disciplines and a range of nationalities, genders and generations. The Charter will be made available to the public on 29 November 2018.

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ReDesignEd is comprised of a curated group of design education leadership from institutions spanning six continents, working together to openly rethink design education, including its structure, content, approach and future drivers. This is done with the goal to identify the cutting-edge for future and excellent creative knowledge-building and teaching. Importantly, this network of diverse thinkers is convened under the autonomous umbrella of GloW-DESIGN, with the intentioned allowance of full freedom for open discourse and debate to foster new learning for all participants.

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GloW-DESIGN (Globally We Design) is a global, independent thought leadership platform generating and disseminating new design thinking, practice and processes to tackle the ever more pressing and contemporary problems facing humanity at large. Through collaboration with leaders in design and the creative industries across the world, GloW-DESIGN questions traditional notions of design's function and helps develop new knowledge and new models of collaborative and compassionate practice.

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LASALLE College of the Arts in Singapore is a leading tertiary institution in cutting-edge contemporary arts and design education and practice. The college offers more than 30 diploma, undergraduate and postgraduate programmes in fine arts, design communication, interior design, product design, film, animation, fashion, dance, music, theatre, arts management, arts pedagogy and practice, art therapy, Asian art histories, and creative writing. Its faculty is led by a community of award-winning artists, designers, educators and researchers, and their practice-led research sets LASALLE apart as an international centre of excellence.

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