

# Sound Solutions for Next-Generation Learning Spaces

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1. Why are acoustics important in terms of achieving desired learning outcomes?
2. What are the negative consequences of poor acoustics in schools, colleges, and so forth?
3. Educational facilities have changed dramatically over recent years and moved away from the 'traditional classroom'. Provide examples of these new types of learning spaces?
4. How have these learning spaces mentioned above altered acoustic considerations?
5. How have concepts like Building with Country, vertical schools, and open classrooms affected acoustic requirements?
6. What affect does the use of recycled materials, circularity, and so on have on acoustic design?

**At the end of this panel, attendees will be able to:**

- Explain the importance of acoustics for achieving desired educational outcomes
- Outline the ways that changes in educational facilities – and the inclusion of performing arts spaces, shared open spaces, and so on – have altered acoustic considerations
- Identify the ways new concepts, like Building with Country, vertical schools, and open classrooms have affected the creation of healthy learning environments
- Identify ways to incorporate environmental considerations into the design and construction of acoustically sound, functional learning environments

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