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Wellington's chance to see Christchurch's Amazing Place

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The imaginative and innovative playground designs created by Canterbury's school children will be on show on Wellington's waterfront for the next four weeks.

The multi-media, interactive displays were created by Canterbury children of all ages last year, and are now housed in a colourful shipping container.

Students who took part in the BNZ Amazing Place competitions were asked to create their vision for the city as part of the Christchurch Central Development Unit's (CCDU) CBD redevelopment following the devastating earthquakes.

Younger children were asked to design what they thought should be in the 'world's best playground', an all ages playground which is being built in Christchurch's central city. Students from years 7 to 13 designed major projects that would bring vibrancy and investment back into the central city.

Over 7000 young people from throughout Canterbury took part in the competitions, sharing the nearly $80,000 of prize money between the teams and the schools or early childhood services.

The BNZ Amazing Place exhibition container will be a feature of the Wellington Festival of Education on Saturday March 29, being held in conjunction with the OECD International Symposium on the Teaching Profession being held in Wellington on March 28 and 29.

Following the Festival, the exhibition container will remain on the waterfront near Frank Kitts Park until April 24. Entry to the exhibition is free.

As well as the students' designs, visitors to the exhibition will have a guided digital fly-through of Christchurch's new city developments.

Detailed information about the redevelopment of Christchurch and updates on the city's new Anchor Projects can be found at www.ccdu.govt.nz and the newest version of the city's interactive progress map can be accessed here http://progressmap.ccdu.govt.nz

The progress map highlights where Anchor Projects and private developments sit within the city, and provides information and images where available.