

Architectural Week comes to St. John's

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Children on Saturday morning build structures with Lego blocks as a part of NL Architectural Week.

Some of St. John's finest young architects built everything from a motorboat, to the CN tower with Lego blocks on Saturday morning, to kick off St. John's first Architectural Week.



The children explain their Lego structures to Kelly Noseworthy, owner of Bricks 4 Kidz. "We're trying to train architects at the age of five," laughed Jessica Stanford.

Stanford and Michela Boschetti are intern architects with Lat 49 Architecture. They decided it was time for St. John's to put off a week full of architectural-related events.

"Most other cities have an architectural week, so we just sort of thought, why not?" said Stanford. "I think over the last number of years there's been a lot more interest in architecture in the city, which is great."

"At the Newfoundland and Labrador Architect Association, we were thinking about engaging people," said Boschetti. "We want to let the city know who we are, what we do, and maybe even how to become an architect."

The pair told The Telegram that the best way to get people engaged was to reach out. So for the first event of the week, they decided to call up Bricks 4 Kidz.

Bricks 4 Kidz teaches children concepts of science, math, engineering, architecture and technology using Legos.

"The best part of this program is that kids are having so much fun, they don't even realize they are learning," said owner of Bricks 4 Kidz, Kelly Noseworthy.

"We thought that with the younger kids, we'd let them do their own thing," said Noseworthy. "And they're doing great, you can see they are getting creative, some making structures and others making modes of transportation."

Events for NL Architecture Week will be ongoing until Oct. 6.

"I'm looking forward to the walking tours on Sunday," said Stanford. "There is one on modern architecture, and another on old laneways in St. John's."

"A lot of time we just walk past buildings, barely looking," said Stanford. "But the point of this tour is to showcase some of the beauty of these buildings, and to realize the value a lot of them have."